

Servant Leadership

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LESSON 2

Servant Leadership

is a **non-traditional leadership philosophy**, embedded in a set of behaviors and practices that place a primary emphasis on the well-being of those being served. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

- Greenleaf For Servant Leadership
- <https://www.greenleaf.org/what-is-servant-leadership/>

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Influence (John Maxwell)

- “True leadership cannot be awarded, appointed, or assigned. It comes only from influence, and that cannot be mandated. It must be earned. The only thing a title can buy is a little time-either to increase your level of influence with others or to undermine it.”
- Leadership is influence. Just because someone has a title, doesn't mean that person is a leader.



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Why are we looking at Joseph and Daniel?

From a glance at both, one could diminish the leadership position held by these two men.

Joseph – Second in command to Pharaoh himself, over the ancient Egyptian Empire.

Daniel – promoted to high authority under Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) then to Assyria (Darius).



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Joseph – Influencer

Governor of Egypt

He immediately appointed Joseph to be the governor of Egypt, second only to the king. Joseph was dressed in royal apparel, and the king gave him the royal authentication ring and a golden chain as tokens of his position. In the royal chariot,

(Hebrew Study on <http://chabad.org>)

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Joseph – Influencer

Royal Ruler – 2nd in Command to Pharaoh

Joseph, now given an Egyptian name, Tzophenath Paneach, was led through the land, accompanied by a royal suite and messengers, who hailed the new governor and proclaimed his authority. The entire country paid homage to Tzophenath Paneach, and he soon became very popular among the people of Egypt.

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Joseph – Influencer

- **Acts 7:9** And the patriarchs, moved with envy, **sold Joseph into Egypt:** but God was with him,
- **Acts 7:10** And delivered him out of all his afflictions and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

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Joseph – Influencer

- **Gen 39:1** And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.
- **2** And the LORD was with Joseph, and **he was a prosperous man**; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
- **3** And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the **LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.**

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Joseph – Influencer

Character – Loyal and Faithful

Gen 39:6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

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Joseph – Influencer

Bro Wheeler – “if you want to really know a man’s character, it will come out when he is given power and his true character is what he portrays to his subordinates.”

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Influence - Character

Loyalty and Conviction to God

Notice that even with the success and position of being the highest authority in Potiphar's house, Joseph's loyalty to and conviction to God was not diminished.

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Influence - Character

The greatest in the house still feared God

Gen 39:9 *There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?*

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Influence - Character

Respect is earned not demanded

This is true in both leadership and parenting. The largest asset we have in earning respect is character. Who we are is more important than who we say we are. Our character determines respect of others, not what we say.



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David's Kindness to Mephibosheth

- [2 Samuel 9:1](#) And David said, *Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul*, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?
- Authority with proper attitude and honoring God will flow down to bless many people.

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- **Gen 39:20** And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.
- **21** But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.
- **22** And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.
- **23** The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

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Joseph – Character Building

- Israel (Jacob)'s Favorite Son (coat of many Colors)
- Thrown into a pit by his own brothers
- Sold by Ishmaelites into slavery
- Shown Favor and given highest position to Potiphar
- Lied on by Potiphar's wife thrown into Prison
- Keeper of the prisoners trusted to have all affairs
- Forgotten by Pharoah's Butler (after he interpreted dream)
- Governor of Egypt under Pharoah most powerful king in the known world

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Character Building in Joseph and his Brethren

- **Gen 37:26** And **Judah** said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

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Character Building in Joseph and his Brethren

Genesis 38:24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told **Judah**, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And **Judah** said, **Bring her forth, and let her be burnt**.

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Character Building in Joseph and his Brethren

Gen 44:18 Then **Judah** came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.

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Character Building in JUDAH

- **Gen 44:31** It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is not with us*, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.
- **32** For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.
- **33** Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a **bondman** to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

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Character Building in JUDAH

- [Gen 45:1](#) Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.
- [Gen 45:2](#) And [he wept aloud](#): and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

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Character Building in JUDAH

- **Genesis 45:3** And Joseph said unto his brethren, *I am* Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.
- **4** And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, *I am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.
- **5** Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: **for God did send me before you to preserve life.**
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Character Building in JUDAH

- **Gen 45:7** And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and **to save your lives by a great deliverance.**
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Character Building in Joseph

- [Gen 45:17](#) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;
- [Gen 45:18](#) And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and [I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.](#)

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Character Building in Joseph

- [Gen 45:19](#) Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.
- [Gen 45:20](#) Also regard not your stuff; **for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.**
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Can God trust us to feed his sheep?

- [Joh 21:15](#) So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs**.
- [16](#) He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**.
- [17](#) He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**.

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