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Monday April 8th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR TODAY: A Kingdom of Priests: Sacrifice

Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV) Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

God told Israel that they were to be a kingdom of priest and a holy nation. These two titles are extremely important for understanding Israel's calling. A priest has two responsibilities: 1. To represent a holy God to a sinful people, and to represent a sinful people to a holy God. Israel was meant to represent their God to the nations around them. God meant Israel to represent these nations to Himself. They were to pray on the behalf of the people around them, asking God to bless them. This is the Christian call today. Jesus' death on the cross paid for our sins and allowed us to have a relationship with God. Jesus' death was the culmination of a larger story of sin that developed in the old testament, matured in the new testament, and fulfills in the resurrection. Jesus was resurrected to let us know that we don't have to stay in the shape we are in. We must be the Kingdom of Priest and the Living Sacrifice.

REFLECTION QUESTION: As a kingdom of priest and a holy nation, what is your responsibility to the nations around you?

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Thursday, January 17th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR TODAY: It All Comes Down to Love. Count up the Cost.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like ...it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Loving and Living as a Disciple Maker

It all comes down to love. Peter expressed it 1 Peter 1:8. Following Christ is not about keeping a set of rules, but it is about loving God and enjoying Him. But lest we think we can love God and live any way we want to, Jesus taught clearly, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The love of God in the first commandment is made practical in the love for our neighbors in the second commandment. John told us that that if we don't love people that we can see around us, then we don't love God, whom we can't see. True love is all about sacrifice for the sake of the ones you love.

Consider what it means to follow Jesus. Apply what you are hearing in the word do faith and

count up the cost. (Luke 14:25-33)

REFLECTION QUESTION: As you look at your life, how would you say that your love for God is shown in your actions? If you choose to obey Jesus's call to follow, what might it cost you?

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Wednesday, January 16th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Saved by Grace

By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leading and Living as a Disciple Maker: The Lord of Grace

Salvation comes through the grace of God as we place faith in Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ means believing that He is Lord. Lord means: master, owner. Do you really believe that Jesus is your master? Do you really believe that He owns you? 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 teaches us "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body". The Lord by His grace has set us free from sin and death now owns us.

If Jesus is Lord: He sets the agenda, your life belongs to Him, He has a plan and calling for you. You don't get to tell Him what you will be doing today or for the rest of your life.

REFLECTION QUESTION: Evaluate your approach to following Jesus. Would you say that you view Jesus as your Lord, Master, and Owner? Why or why not?

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THURSDAY, January 10th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR TODAY: A Leader's legacy: your toughest job, your deepest joy.

I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things. John 14:12

The Final Leg of the Journey

Many leaders who leave a legacy never get the privilege of seeing it carried forward in their lifetime. God has been very gracious to John Maxwell. After serving for twenty-six years in pastoral leadership Maxwell have had the privilege of glimpsing something that he worked hard to hand off to a successor. After much sacrifice John has instructed, demonstrated, lead in the experience, and assessed the leadership law of legacy. When a leader wants to create a lasting legacy, a lot of things needs to go right. That was the case at Skyline Church as John passed the baton to Jim and the vision continued. Not only did John stand at the mountain top to see the promised land, but he got an opportunity to walk in with his successor. Fulfilling a calling to leave a legacy is an incredible joy. If God has given you a vision for something that will outlive you, be willing to pay the price for it. A legacy is a dream that changes not only your life but also the lives of all the people it touches. Handing off the baton is never easy: 1.) A leader has to find the right leaders. 2.) A leader has to take them through an effective development process. 3.) A leader needs the buy-in of the people. 4.) A leader needs the favor of God. 5.) A leader then has to let go and get out of the way.

REFLECTION QUESTION: Can you imagine what your legacy will look like?

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WEDNESDAY, January 9th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Leaders deposit their legacy in people.

He went up on the the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might se...nd them out to preach. Mark 3:13-14

If you want to change the lives of people a hundred years from now, how would you go about it? What would you do? How about two thousand years from now? Would you create a time capsule? Would you build a library? Would you found a university? How would you touch the lives of people one hundred generations after your death? That was the task Jesus faced--and accomplished. He did it without writing books, building any schools, or founding any institutions. It is one of the greatest ironies that Jesus chose people as the instruments through which He

would reach the world. We should learn to use His method and practice to leave/further the Legacy) Look at Jesus's I.D.E.A. for working in the lives of people: 1.) Instruction 2.) Demonstration 3.) Experience 4.) Assessment.

REFLECTION QUESTION: Who will carry your legacy?

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TUESDAY, January 8th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Legacies are not left by accident?
"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and... remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:9-12 (NIV)

Preparing the Way

How do you want to be remembered? No one leaves a legacy by accident. We cannot hope for the best. Every positive legacy ever created by a leader was planned and pursued with purpose. If you desire to leave a legacy, you need to be strategic and intentional. These guidelines can help you get started: 1.) Decide ahead what you are willing to give up. 2.) Take the initiative to start the process. 3.) Know your goals with each person. 4.) Prepare to pass the baton well.

Reflection Question: What are You Doing Today to Leave your Legacy Tomorrow?

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MONDAY, January 7th 2013

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT FOR TODAY: More important than leaving an inheritance is leaving a legacy.

Read: Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16; 9:1-6, 10-20; 9:57-10:12

Jesus and the Leadership Law of Legacy: Left Behind

When most people think about Jesus, the ...first thing that come to their minds are miracles He performed, His crucifixion, surely His resurrection but little attention is focused on the way Jesus strategically created a legacy. Jesus spent most of His time with His twelve disciples. Jesus strategically prepared them to carry on His ministry after He would depart. The gospel was His message, but legacy was His method. Deep down, all people would like to leave something behind that will live on after them. That desire is stronger for leaders. People are most likely to leave three kinds of things as they finish the most productive period of their lives: 1.) Souvenirs, 2.) Trophies, 3.) Legacies

Reflection Question: What are you leaving behind?

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