



Servant Leadership: Do Those Two Words Go Together?

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There are many examples of leadership in our world. There are military leaders who make the tough decisions on which place to send American troops. Of course, there is the president and congress who give leadership to the country by writing and passing laws, "trying" to represent their constituents. Also, we can't forget those brave individuals who provide leadership to children as teachers and administrators in our nation's schools. While there are, of course, many other examples of leadership in our world, all of these examples share a common denominator. They are authority-based. These individuals have the influence they do because of election, appointment, hierarchy, climbing the leadership ladder, or because others naturally follow.

However, when it comes to the Christ-follower and how one with the gift of leadership lives out Jesus' teaching, the leadership examples the world provides are found wanting. When Jesus taught on the subject of leadership, he brought a new paradigm. This new paradigm of leadership wasn't based on authority but rather service.

In Mark 9:33-34 Jesus' disciples begin arguing about who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus' response to this arguing was "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). Gilbert Bilezikian in *Community 101* writes:

"Jesus did not condemn as wrong the desire to be first. Leaders are needed, and the desire to use one's gift of leadership is legitimate. But Jesus transformed the concept of leadership by redefining its style and the motivation for doing it. The style demands that roles of leadership be fulfilled not with the pride of one who comes first, not with the self-glory of one who wins a competition, but with the humility of one who comes in last. The motivations should not be the desire to rule, control, or command, but to support

and assist others, just as a servant does." (p. 131)

Servant based leadership as introduced by Jesus in Mark 9 is to be our way of living, but it's not easy. It requires us to be willing to swallow our pride and to put the needs of the down-and-out before our own. It requires complete sacrifice in order to ensure those less fortunate are not forgotten and to remind those yearning to lead to embrace servant-mindedness as a way of life as demonstrated by our Lord. When we are leading our groups as servant leaders we will then be acting as and leading others to be salt and light in the world, essentially modeling what Jesus lived out during His time on earth.

Each Christmas I get an opportunity to see many of the leaders in our church at their best. Our benevolence ministry, Promises Community Ministries, provides a full scale Christmas dinner, provides presents for the children, and puts on a musical as entertainment. I believe God smiles down on our small groups because the majority of them participate in set-up, tear-down, serving food, sorting presents, sending out invitations, check-in, childcare, table hosting, singing in the musical and so on. They are, in that moment, doing what Jesus would have done in the first century. They are being a model for the unengaged to follow.

So how will Jesus' teaching in Mark 9 impact the way you live? What is your motivation and style for leading? Is it to finally get things the way you want, or to seek retribution from a previous hurt? If so, you are not in line with what Jesus' standard for leadership was, is, and will always be until Jesus returns. Whether you are a teacher, small group leader, or politician, your motives and style can change. What would that look like in your life? Do you need to make any changes?

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Life group prayer and praise

- My sister, **Dot** lost her dog **Buddy** and needs prayer.
- Please pray for **Sara Lynn**, my daughter. ~ **Mouse**
- **John and Linda Royer** need prayer for a ride to and from Ross Point Camp.
- Please pray for **Elna's mom**, who has had two strokes and is not doing well. Pray for her to either rally or peacefully to meet Jesus. ~ **Elna**
- **Ron Newman's mom** has an infection in her blood and her kidneys are barely working, please pray for her.
- Please pray for **Sara Mae Zell**, she has a compression fracture and is recovering in Mt. Vernon at her friends home.

- Please continue to pray for the pain in my lower back. My son, **Nathan** still needs a fulltime job, please pray that his part-time job can turn into that. ~ **Carolyn Kelly**
- **Rose Toscano** asks that you would please pray for her and her family.
- I have two different infections, (one was cured!), pray that they don't become on going because if they do, surgery would have to be done. ~ **Linda Royer**
- Please remember to pray for our son-in-law **Al Carter** who had a stroke on 3/29/09 and is totally paralyzed. ~ **Lysle and Lois Pickard**

National Day of Prayer 24 hour Clock

"Prayer is not preparation for the battle. Prayer is the battle." (*Oswald Chambers*) "Prayer itself is an art which only the Holy Spirit can teach us. Pray for prayer. Pray until you can really pray!" (C.H. Spurgeon) If you would like to sign up to pray, please contact Pastor Brian at 425.259.9166 or bharpell@fbc-everett.org. National Day of Prayer is May 6th at 12:00 noon at the Everett County Courthouse. (30 min. of prayer for our Nation)

12:00 noon First Baptist Church, Margaret Bacon	6:00 First Baptist Church, Eva La Strange	Mullen	6:30 Lost & Found Ministries
12:15 Trinity Episcopal	6:15 Pierre Fuller Bethel Baptist	12:15 _____	6:45 _____
12:30 Bethel Baptist Church - Theresa Schaudies	6:30 Bethel Baptist Church Shirley Whitkanack & Theresa Schaudies	12:30 _____	7:00 Trinity Lutheran
12:45 Gail Dow Family, Bethel Baptist	6:45 Lynda Krestinski, Bethel Baptist	12:45 _____	7:15 _____
1:00 Soteria Church	7:00 Word of Truth/Soteria Church	1:00 Lost & Found Ministries	7:30 Lost & Found Ministries
1:15 Zion Lutheran	7:15 Word of Truth	1:15 Tony Tysseling	7:45 _____
1:30 Lost & Found Ministries	7:30 Word of Truth	1:30 _____	8:00 Soteria Church
1:45 Trinity Lutheran	7:45 Word of Truth	1:45 _____	8:15 _____
2:00 Bethel Baptist Church Theresa Schaudies	8:00 Word of Truth	2:00 Soteria Church	8:30 Bethel Baptist Church - Theresa Schaudies & Glenna Skegrud
2:15 Sarah Pennington, Bethel Baptist	8:15 Word of Truth	2:15 _____	8:45 Margaret Steen, Bethel Baptist
2:30 Brandy Serl, Bethel Baptist	8:30 Lost & Found Ministries	2:30 Theresa Schaudies, Bethel Baptist	9:00 First Baptist Church, Pam Elkins
2:45 _____	8:45 Trinity Episcopal	2:45 _____	9:15 Trinity Episcopal
3:00 First Baptist Church, Carol Kelly	9:00 First Baptist Church, Donna Wirt	3:00 First Baptist Church, Jeanne Iversen	9:30 Bethel Baptist Church Dan McKernan & Theresa Schaudies
3:15 _____	9:15 Helen Mock, Bethel Baptist	3:15 _____	9:45 Zion Lutheran/Trinity Lutheran
3:30 Trinity Lutheran	9:30 Bethel Baptist Church - Rebecca Woods	3:30 _____	10:00 Lost & Found Ministries
3:45 _____	9:45 Jana Bendewald, Bethel Baptist	3:45 _____	10:15 First Presbyterian Church of Everett
4:00 Lost & Found Ministries	10:00 Soteria Church	4:00 _____	10:30 Bethel Baptist Church Freda McKernan
4:15 Trinity Episcopal	10:15 Ed Baines & Mary Hoppa, Bethel Baptist	4:15 Nelda Smith	10:45 Sarah Pennington, Bethel Baptist
4:30 Bethel Baptist Church - Mike Bendewald	10:30 Lost & Found Ministries	4:30 _____	11:00 Soteria Church
4:45 Les Lewis & Arna Stolz Bethel Baptist	10:45 Zion Lutheran/Trinity Lutheran	4:45 Cheryl Roth	11:15 First Presbyterian Church
5:00 Soteria Church	11:00 _____	5:00 Soteria Church	11:30 First Presbyterian Church
5:15 _____	11:15 _____	5:15 Trinity Lutheran	11:45 Jake Krestinski, Bethel Baptist
5:30 Chris Roth	11:30 _____	5:30 Lost & Found Ministries	12:00 PRAYER at the COURTHOUSE
5:45 _____	11:45 _____	5:45 Trinity Episcopal	
	12:00 (midnight) First Baptist Church, Kit	6:00 First Baptist Church Bobbi Backstrom	
		6:15 _____	

Pray for our Military

- Jonathan Michaels Estrella— son of Sharon Boswell.
- Jason Bjazevich—Megan Owenby's husband— Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.
- Joel Ellis—son of John & Midge —Serving in Iraq.
- Scott Harpell—son of Brian & Lynne— Stationed at Fort Carson, CO.
- Aaron Weston—nephew of Ken and Kathy— Stationed in San Diego.
- Eric Schmidt — son of Gene and Pat Schmidt — Camp Fallujah, Iraq.
- Benjamin Lagonia—dear friend of the Naylor family—stationed in Manitoba.
- David Coyle—son of Karen Mark—residing in Seattle, member of the National Guard.
- Adam Flynn—a young Marine safely home and out of military.
- Brett Love—grandson of Wilma—Army National Guard-Serving at home.
- Robin Swartz - Serving in the military - currently home in Everett.
- Christian Chmielewski—nephew of JoAnn Couturie' - in the Marines.
- ENS Andrew E. Timpner (fiancé to Christin Suthard) on deployment with USS Momsen.
- Devin Abbitt—nephew of Paul Abbitt - Marine, stateside.
- Duane Neyens—brother to Kathy Chapman— Nat. Grd. Afghanistan.
- Philip Ankney-LCPL Afghanistan Cousin of Mary-Ann Peterson.
- Jeffrey Lillard—son of Barbara Lillard — Srg. In Army, Stationed in Afghanistan.
- Aaron Chmielewski—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie
- Shawn Berland—deploying for 6 months

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Life Group Happenings

All in the Family

by Florence Miller

Eleanor Peterson's memorial service will be Thursday, May 6th at 2:00 pm. Baked cookies for the reception would be very much appreciated. Label the cookies and leave them in the kitchen off the Pacific Room. For more information contact Karen Mark

Welcome back to **Pat and Lou Alvarez!** Pat sends the following message: " Lou and I returned home last night - (Sunday, May 2nd) - safe and sound. We're SO thankful to all of you for praying for us and to those of you who connected with us via e-mail and Facebook! Thank you! Everything is fine with our house, dog, grandchildren and children. We were also glad God held off the wind storm we had today - a tree went down in our side yard that could have done some damage. He protected us AGAIN!

We're again amazed at how beautiful the Pacific NW is - GREEN and COLD (I love it!!!) Love to all of you. Pat

Referring to our recent wind storm, **Arlene Olson** experienced it in an unpleasant way when she heard a loud crash and discovered that the gale was ripping off the roof shingles from her mobile home. It happened as she was just getting ready to leave for the SAM board meeting on Monday afternoon.. Needless to say she has been busy looking for the necessary papers in order to get in touch with the roofers who installed it. Another pang in her continuing bereavement of **Lorren**.

The SAM board had its (almost) full compliment of members as it met this past Monday and welcomed back **Tom and Bernice Willadsen** . **Tom Warren** was absent because of his continuing painful back problems

Don't forget **NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER** this Thursday, May 6th at 12 noon at the Everett County Court House courtyard, this is a 30 minute gathering of local churches to pray for our nation.

Warm Beach Men's Chorus, led by John Sinkevitch, will host a concert at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2727 Lake Ave., Snohomish on Sunday May 16th at 6:00 pm.

The last ABMW for this season will be Thursday, May 20th with a noon lunch and our special guest speaker will be **Chris Frizzell**. You'll want to get the latest news on our Friday Night Ministries straight from her. We need your reservation by the 17th so that **Mary Beth**, who will be catering the luncheon, can prepare. Please call the church office or **Faith**. If you can come earlier (anytime after 10:00 am) we will be trimming soup labels for Kodiak. See you there!

This note from Bryan Blair "I want to express to you my appreciation and thanks for you generous financial gift during *FBC For Christ Offering*. It is truly amazing to have a church freely support the ministry of Young Life and the value you place on readying young people for Christ is truly amazing! What a privilege I have to team with you all. You are loved, Bryan."

Now is the time to register for Ross Point camp. Mark your vacation calendars etc. Questions, feel free to email **Steve Dittoe** at stevedittoe@verizon.net. The cabins and lodges are all full, but you can still take your RV and/or tent. Dates for Ross Point are July 25th thru the 31st.

"I promise you, based on the authority of God himself and centuries of witnesses to his faithfulness, if you will place your trust in him - he will always -make sure that in the end you will look upon your foes in triumph. No illness, loss, rejection, or betrayal will ever get the last word. You will stand to your feet stronger than ever. And oh, may your unseen enemy regret the day he set the crosshairs of his weapon upon your forehead."

-- Beth Moore, *So Long, Insecurity: You've Been a Bad Friend*, (Tyndale House Publishers, 2010)

A Memorial Bench in remembrance of your loved one is being placed at First Baptist Church. Cost for each name is \$40.00 and is available on a first come, first served basis. Please call Debbie Benedetto, or Oma Kiniry, for more information. Please make your check out to Debbie/Memorial Bench, you can pick up an application in the Office.

Join us for VBS...As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will learn about God's amazing love and His Word, the Bible! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks— all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children.

Where: FBC Campus When: June 28th-July 2nd

Time: 9am-12:00

Who: Kindergarten-5th Grade

Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

USHER CAPTAIN 2010:

May— Craig Reisen
Ron & Kay Olson
June—Darrell Olson
Lucky Elkins

COFFEE HOUR 2010

May 9th
Tom Warren
Men of Integrity
May 16th
Deanna Baird
Life Issues
May 23rd
Lars Linder
Marriage Builders
May 30th
Alex Tarin
20-30 Something
June 6
Sherra Ellis
North Everett Life Group

Greeters needed

Greeters needed: Carol Kelly is looking for a few good people! We have a need for more greeters during the services on Sunday morning. If you would like to help out.



May 5th Teresa McKee
Lysle Pickard
May 7th Romola Edwards
Omar Rodriguez
May 8th Devan McCormick
May 11th Delores Carr
Christopher Johnson

Happy Birthday

Update

May 2nd, 2010

Adult attendance: 300

Children: 9 am: 40 + 13 10:30 am 58 + 19

Youth Small Group: 11 + 4 Middle School: 15 + 5

S.A.M. Happenings

Have you signed up for the bus trip to see the Snohomish Vaudeville show? The bus will be leaving our parking lot at 1:30 this coming Saturday, May 8th. There may still be a few seats left. You can call Wilma Love or Shirley Schapler. The cost is \$8.00.

The Senior Adult Missions (SAM) is anticipating June's program with a special recognition table for those age 90 or over (The Nifty Nineties); installation of new officers and the semi-annual used book sale. Dave Miller is in charge of the sale and he says there are some current, hardback novels by popular novelists plus plenty of good paper backs, all going for \$1.00 or 6 books for \$5.00. It is suggested that on that day, June 4th, an 11 a.m. arrival time will give everyone a chance to browse before lunch is served.

New officers to be elected at the May meeting and installed at the June luncheon are; Presidents - Lyle and Gloria Gordon

Vice Presidents - Karen and Pete Kaess; Secretary - Shirley Schapler; Treasurer - Sara Naylor; Assistant Treasurers - David Miller and Jeanne Gillman; Members-at-Large - Eva LaStrange, Bernice Dye, Bill Deller, Laura Oversvee

****Don't forget that dues are now due. Only \$10.00!!

V.B.S. Supply List

Here is a list of the supplies that are needed for VBS this year. If you could help in any way, please bring your things into the Office, we will update this list as needed. Thanks!!

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| • White Poster board (20 pieces) | • Construction Paper (Various colors) | Size (100) |
| • Crepe paper (5) various color | • Paper Plates (700) | • Five Gallon Buckets (3) |
| • Bag of white Rice (10 Bags) small ind. | • Paper Cups (700) | • Tarps (3) any size |
| • Paper towel tubes (100) | • White T-shirts (Various Kid's sizes) | • Skewers (125) - bamboo |
| • Ball of twine (2) thin | • Rubber bands (400) | • Various gift cards to Winco or Wal-Mart |
| • Elmer's glue—small school size | • Brown Paper Grocery Bags-Standard | |

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