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PART 1: LEADING WITH COURAGE

“A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, ‘You are mad; you are not like us.’” -St. Anthony The Great

_____ IS _____ WHEN NO ONE
WANTS TO

“Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.” -1 Samuel 17:8-11

“For forty days the Philistine (Goliath) came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.” -1 Samuel 17:16

**FEAR LEADS TO _____ BUT COURAGE
INSPIRES _____**

“Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. As he was talking with them, Goliath...stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear. Now the Israelites had been saying, “Do you see how this man keeps coming out?....

He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel.” David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” ... David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.” Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” -1 Samuel 17:20-33

THE _____ ALWAYS PROCEEDS _____

“...You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” 1 Samuel 17:45

“For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

DON'T MISS _____ OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF GOD'S _____

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

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PART 2: COACHING

LEVEL UP MEANS IT IS TIME TO GO TO A HIGHER LEVEL SO WE CAN BE A BIGGER PART OF CHANGE AROUND US.

TODAY WE NEED TO LEVEL UP:

COACHING:

THE ART OF LISTENING AND LEARNING FROM OTHERS

A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel. Proverbs 1:5

WE CAN GO FARTHER AND FASTER WITH SOMEONE COACHING ME THAN I CAN ON MY OWN.

 **COACH SHOULD NOT WEAR MANY HATS:**

- NOT NECESSARILY A COUNSELOR
- NOT CONSULTANT
- MORE LIKE A MENTOR

 **BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO HAVING A COACH IS ME:**

- AM I TEACHABLE?
- AM I COACHABLE?

GREAT LEADERS ARE GREAT LEARNERS.

THE KING WHO WOULDN'T LISTEN:

But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 1 Kings 12:8

WHAT CAN A COACH REALLY DO FOR ME?

A good coach can change a game, a great coach can change a life. - John Wooden

- 1 - GOOD COACH OBSERVES ME
- 2 - GOOD COACH INSTRUCTS ME
- 3 - GOOD COACH INSPIRES ME

Each person holds so much power within themselves that needs to be let out. Sometimes they just need a little nudge, a little direction, a little support, a little coaching, and the greatest things can happen - Coach Pete Carroll. [Seattle Seahawks]

HOW DO I GET A GOOD COACH?

1. PRAY FOR A COACH
2. PUT YOURSELF IN GROUPS
3. ASK QUESTIONS OF GOOD LEADERS AROUND YOU
4. BE INTENTIONAL AND PERSISTENT TO MEET WITH OTHER LEADERS AND ELDERS
5. BE WILLING TO LISTEN AND LEARN
6. BE A GOOD COACH FOR OTHERS [Can learn from this experience]

A good coach will make his players see what they can be rather than what they are. - Coach Ara Parseghian



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PART 3: LEADING WITH CHARACTER

_____ IS THE WILLINGNESS TO DO
WHAT'S _____ REGARDLESS OF THE _____

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” Mark 8:36-37

_____ IS WHAT MAKES YOU A
LEADER WORTH _____

“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it...Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king’s descendants and some of the nobles, young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king’s palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king’s delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.” Daniel 1:1-8

CHARACTER IS A DISPLAY OF OUR

Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the...

...gold image which I have set up? Now if you are ready...and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." Daniel 3:13-18

WHY WOULD I _____ GOD'S COMMANDS TO _____ HIS BLESSINGS?

"Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace...The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"... "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire...They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." Daniel 3:19-29

OUR _____ WILL ULTIMATELY DETERMINE OUR _____

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize...They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

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