

# TRAP OF OFFENSE - LEADERSHIP EDITION

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- EVENING LEADERS, WE'RE GOING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE TEACHING FOR TODAY
- TOPIC FOR TODAY: **TRAP OF OFFENSE - LEADERSHIP EDITION.**
  - MANY ARE WONDERED OFF THE TRACK OF FAITH BECAUSE OF **GETTING OFFENDED.**
  - THAT'S WHY I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS SUBJECT.
  - BECAUSE THIS WEEK WE'VE GOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO **EXPOSE THIS TRICK OF THE ENEMY THAT CAUSED SO MANY LEADERS, BELIEVERS, DISCIPLES GOT TRAPPED BY OFFENSE.**
- **BUT THIS WEEK, WE WILL SEE THIS SUBJECT FROM THE LENS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH.**
  - MANY OF US FELL INTO THIS TRAP BECAUSE IT IS VERY CONFUSING.
  - PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP ARE NATURALLY BEING PUT IN A HIGHER PEDESTAL/HIGHER STANDARD.
  - BUT PEOPLE IN **CHURCH LEADERSHIP** ARE ALWAYS BEING PUT IN AN **EVEN HIGHER PEDESTAL.**
    - "HOW COULD A PASTOR HURT ME LIKE THAT???"
    - "O M G I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.....HOW COULD A CONNECT LEADER ACT LIKE THAT??? THEY SHOULD KNOW BETTER!!! IM LEAVING THE CHURCH!"
    - "O M G I GOT HURT BY HER, HOW CAN A DEPARTMENT LEADER BE SOOOOO RUDE LIKE THAT. IM NOT GOING TO SERVE GOD ANYMORE"
    - HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS IN YOUR JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP?
    - GOOD! BECAUSE THAT MAKES TWO OF US!
- **TODAY**
  - IF YOU ARE UNDER SOMEONE'S LEADERSHIP
    - **"HOW CAN WE SUBMIT TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH OF A PERFECT GOD THAT IS BEING LED BY IMPERFECT PEOPLE?"**
  - OR....
  - IF YOU ARE BEING TRUSTED BY GOD TO LEAD SOMEONE
    - **"HOW CAN WE LEAD IMPERFECT PEOPLE WHEN THEY EXPECT YOU TO BE PERFECT?"**

## 1. THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN BEING COVERED BY GOOD LEADERS AND HAVING SPIRITUAL FATHER.

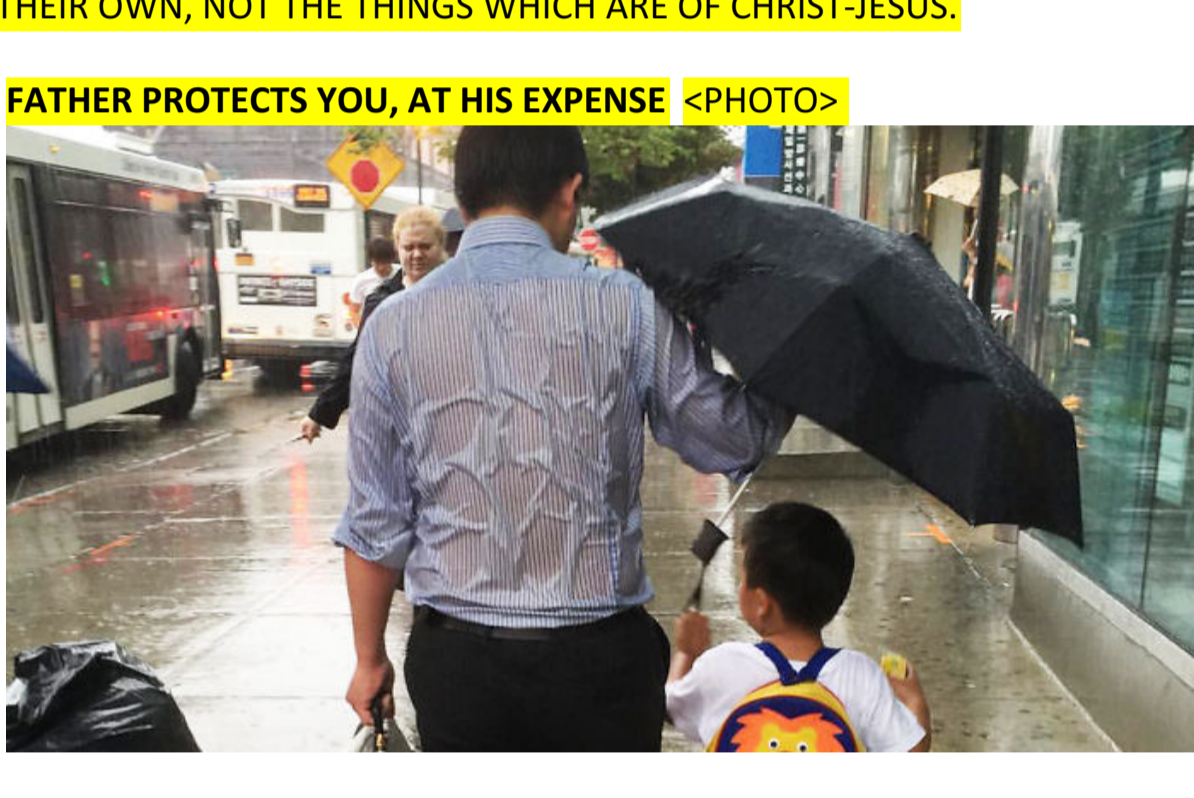
- **1 TIM 1:2 TO TIMOTHY, A TRUE SON IN THE FAITH: GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD**
  - "DEAR MY TIMOTHY, MY SON..."
  - THAT'S THE WAY PAUL SEE TIMOTHY....
- **1 CORINTHIANS 4:15 "FOR THOUGH YOU MIGHT HAVE TEN THOUSANDS INSTRUCTORS IN CHRIST, YET YOU DO NOT HAVE MANY FATHERS; FOR IN CHRIST JESUS I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU THROUGH THE GOSPEL"**
  - ITS GOOD TO HAVE 10,000 INSTRUCTORS
  - IT MAKES YOU SMARTER, IT MAKES YOU MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE
  - BUT IM NOT JUST YOUR INSTRUCTOR, **I AM YOUR FATHER.**
    - INSTRUCTOR SAYS "GO", FATHER SAYS "LETS GO"
    - INSTRUCTOR IS A PAID PROFESSIONAL, FATHER SACRIFICES FOR THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS..
    - INSTRUCTOR INSTRUCTS, FATHER IMPARTS THEIR LIFE.
    - INSTRUCTOR STOPS WHEN THE SALARY FINISHES, FATHER STOPS AT NOTHING IN LOVING THEIR CHILDREN
  - I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP IS GEARED TOWARDS FATHERHOOD RATHER THAN INSTRUCTORS.
    - YOUR COACHES DIDN'T GET PAID.
    - YOUR CONNECT PASTORS ARE AS HUMAN AS YOU ARE
      - ◆ WITH THE SAME BROKEN PAST AS YOU
      - ◆ BATTILING THE SAME INSECURITIES AS YOU.
      - ◆ FACING THE SAME STRUGGLE WITH THEIR CHILDREN LIKE YOU.
    - BUT THEY CHOOSE TO SAY YES TO GOD'S CALLING TO SERVE YOU!
      - ◆ THEY KNEW THAT THEY WILL BE PUT AND EXPECTED ON THE HIGHER STANDARD.
      - ◆ THEY KNEW THAT THEY WILL BE TALKED ABOUT BY OTHERS, REJECTED BY OTHERS, BUT STILL THEY CHOOSE TO SAY YES TO FATHER YOU.
      - ◆ CMOOON LETS GROW UP AND HONOUR THE SPIRITUAL FATHER AND MOTHER THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE.
- **THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN BEING COVERED BY GOOD LEADERSHIP AND SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD.**

### ▪ **BEING COVERED BY GOOD LEADERSHIP BRINGS SECURITY, WISDOM, INSTRUCTION, COUNSEL, AND CORRECTION**

- **1 TIM 1:18 THIS CHARGE I COMMIT TO YOU, SON TIMOTHY, ACCORDING TO THE PROPHECIES PREVIOUSLY MADE CONCERNING YOU, THAT BY THEM YOU MAY WAGE THE GOOD WARFARE.**
  - THEY CONFIRMED YOUR CALLING.
  - THEY ARE CHEERING YOU ON FROM THE SIDELINE AS YOU FULLFILL GOD'S CALLING IN YOUR LIFE.
  - EVEN IF THERE IS NO BENEFIT FROM THEM.
  - BUT THEY DO THAT BECAUSE THEY ARE PROUD OF YOU.

- **PHIL 2:19-21 BUT I TRUST IN THE LORD JESUS TO SEND TIMOTHY TO YOU SHORTLY, THAT I ALSO MAY BE ENCOURAGED WHEN I KNOW YOUR STATE. FOR I No. ONE LIKE-MINDED, WHO WILL SINCERELY CARE FOR YOUR STATE. FOR ALL SEEK THEIR OWN, NOT THE THINGS WHICH ARE OF CHRIST-JESUS.**

### □ **FATHER PROTECTS YOU, AT HIS EXPENSE <PHOTO>**



### □ **FATHER ALWAYS CHEERS YOU ON YOUR CALLING <PHOTO>**



BUT UNFORTUNATELY, SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH SEASONS WHEN WE ARE BEING LED BY INSECURE LEADERS.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO....HOW SHOULD WE ACT WHEN....

## 2. BEING LED BY AN INSECURE LEADER

- GOD CHOSE SAUL TO BE THE FIRST KING OVER ISRAEL AND HE REIGNED ABOUT 40 YEARS AND SERVED AS A SPIRITUAL FATHER IN DAVID'S LIFE.
- INITIALLY SAUL ADMIREDA DAVID, BUT WHEN DAVID RECEIVED GREATER PRAISE FROM THE PEOPLE THAN HE HAD, SAUL'S ADMIRATION TURNED UP TO DEEP HATRED.
- **1 SAM 18:5-8 SO DAVID WENT OUT WHEREVER SAUL SENT HIM, AND BEHAVE WISELY. AND SAUL SENT HIM OVER THE MEN OF WAR, AND HE WAS ACCEPTED IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE PEOPLE AND ALSO IN THE SIGHT OF SAUL'S SERVANTS. NOW IT HAD HAPPENED AS THEY WERE COMING HOME, WHEN DAVID WAS RETURNING FROM THE SLAUGHTER OF THE PHILISTINE, THAT THE WOMEN HAD COME OUT OF ALL THE CITIES OF ISRAEL, SINGING AND DANCING, TO MEET KING SAUL, WITH TAMBOURINES, WITH JOY, AND WITH MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. SO THE WOMEN SANG AS THEY DANCED, AND SAID: "SAUL HAS SLAIN HIS THOUSANDS, AND DAVID HIS TEN THOUSANDS. THEN SAUL WAS VERY ANGRY, AND THEY SAYING DISPLEASED HIM; AND HE SAID, "THEY HAVE ASCRIBED TO DAVID TEN THOUSANDS, AND TO ME THEY HAVE ASCRIBED ONLY THOUSANDS. NOW WHAT MORE CAN HE HAVE BUT THE KINGDOM? SO SAUL EYED DAVID FROM THAT DAY FORWARD.**
- LEADERS **WE MUST NEVER ALLOW THE ROOT OF INSECURITY IN OUR HEARTS, IT ONLY PROHIBITS THE MOVE OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE.**
- SAUL MADE MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS TO KILL DAVID. HE WAS A PICTURE OF A MAN WHO WAS ENRAGED, IRRATIONAL, AND OUT OF CONTROL ALL BECAUSE OF INSECURITY.
- BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IS
  - **HOW DID DAVID ACT AND REACT UNDER THIS LEADERSHIP?**
  - **THEY ARE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE WAY DAVID ACTED ONLY BROUGHT HIM TO THE PALACE.**
- **1 CHRONICLES 16:22 SAYING, "DO NOT TOUCH MY ANOINTEED ONES, AND DO MY PROPHETS No. HARM"**
  - DAVID, HAD BEEN ANOINTEED AND APPOINTED BY GOD THROUGH THE PROPHET SAMUEL TO BE THE NEXT KING.
    - DAVID KNEW HE WILL BE THE NEXT KING.
    - DAVID KNEW THAT GOD HAS CALLED HIM FOR IT.
    - DAVID KNEW SAUL WAS SICK IN THE HEAD.
    - HE KNEW SAUL TREATED HIM UNFAIRLY.
    - HE KNEW SAUL WANTED TO KILL HIM.
  - BUT YET, **HE NEVER FORCED HIS PROMOTION, HE TRUSTED ON GOD'S TIMING.**
- DAVID WAS NOT TO HARM KING SAUL, **EVEN IF HE COULD, HE UNDERSTOOD HOW TO HONOUR GOD'S AUTHORITY.**
  - **WHETHER YOUR IN A PLACE OF LEADERSHIP OR AN APPRENTICE, LOVE AND RESPECT SHOULD BE THE CULTURE BETWEEN THE TWO BECAUSE THE LEADER AND THE STUDENT BOTH HAVE MANY THINGS TO LEARN FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES AND THEY ARE BOTH CHILDREN OF GOD.**
  - **ROMANS 12:19 "DEAR FRIENDS, NEVER AVENGE YOURSELVES. LEAVE THAT TO GOD, FOR HE HAS SAID THAT HE WILL REPAY THOSE WHO DESERVE IT. (DON'T TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS)."**
  - BECAUSE **DISHONOUR ONLY REVEALS WHATS IN THE INSIDE OF THE GIVER.**
    - **WHEN YOU DISHONOUR YOUR COACHES, ALWAYS TALK BAD BEHIND HIM, NEVER TRUSTING, IT ONLY REVEALS THE INSECURITY THAT IS IN THE INSIDE OF YOU.**
    - YOU'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH IT ASAP BECAUSE ITS ONLY PROHIBITS THE MOVE OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE.

## 3. HOW YOU ACT UNDER LEADERSHIP PREPARES YOU FOR YOUR PROMOTION.

- **PSALM 75:6-7 FOR PROMOTION COMETH NEITHER FROM THE EAST, NOR FROM THE WEST, NOR FROM THE SOUTH. BUT GOD IS THE JUDGE; HE PUTTETH DOWN ONE AND SETTETH UP ANOTHER.**
  - OUR PROMOTION COMES FROM GOD.
    - OUR ULTIMATE TRUST SHOULD BE IN THE HEAVENLY FATHER, AND WE TRUST HIM THAT
      - ◆ HE WILL LEAD OUR PASTORS AND LEADERS AS WELL.
      - ◆ HE KNOWS THE RIGHT TIME
      - ◆ HE HAS THE BEST INTENTION AT HIS HEART.
    - GOD DOESN'T NEED OUR HELP.
      - ◆ YOU CANT SPEED UP YOUR PROMOTION.
      - ◆ GOD WILL GIVE YOU YOUR PROMOTION WHEN YOU ARE READY.
  - IN A WORLD OF FATHERLESS, MANY PEOP9LE DON'T KNOW HOW TO RELATE TO A ROLE OF A SPIRITUAL FATHER ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH AN ORPHAN HEART.
    - WE CANNOT RUN FROM LEADERS BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAVE BEEN THROUGH IN THE PAST.
    - SO MANY PEOPLE KEPT USING THE SAME EXCUSES 'OH I HAVE BEEN HURT BEFORE BY MY PREVIOUS LEADERS'
    - WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT THAT SAME EXCUSES ARE THE VERY CHAIN THAT HOLDS YOU FROM GETTING YOUR PROMOTION.
    - WHEN YOU DECIDE TO BREAK FREE FROM THAT HURT AND MOVE ON.
    - THAT'S WHEN GOD IS READY TO GIVE YOU THAT PROMOTION.
    - SO IM GOING TO ASK YOU THIS QUESTION **"WHEN DO YOU WANT TO BE PROMOTED?"**
  - GOD IS THE ONE THAT HAS PUT YOUR LEADER OVER YOUR LIFE.
    - YOU ARE EXACTLY WHERE GOD WANTS YOU TO BE.
    - AND IT IS **YOUR DECISION TO TRUST GOD AND SUBMIT TO YOUR LEADERS IS THE VERY KEY TO YOUR PROMOTION.**
  - BUT WHAT IF THEY ARE NOT PERFECT?
    - SPIRITUAL FATHER AND LEADERS ARE NEVER PERFECT
    - SO BE PATIENT WITH THEM **AS THEY ARE PATIENT WITH YOUUU....**
    - BECAUSE WHY?
    - BECAUSE ONE DAY YOU WILL BE IN THEIR SAME SHOES DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION WHILE YOU'RE NOT PERFECT EITHER.

SO WHAT IF YOU ARE THE ONE THAT ARE IN THE LEADERSHIP POSITION?

- "HOW CAN WE LEAD PEOPLE WHEN THEY EXPECT YOU TO BE PERFECT?"
- JUST BE WHO YOU ARE....JUST BE REAL.
- BECAUSE PS CRAIG GROESCHEL SAID QUOTE:
  - **"PEOPLE WOULD RATHER FOLLOW LEADERS WHO ARE ALWAYS REAL, THAN LEADERS WHO'RE ALWAYS RIGHT. PS CRAIG GROESCHEL**
  - **HEBREW 13:7 OBEY THOSE WHO RULE OVER YOU, AND BE SUBMISSIVE, FOR THEY WATCH OUT FOR YOUR SOULS, AS THOSE WHO MUST GIVE ACCOUNT. LET THEM DO SO WITH JOY AND NOT WITH GRIEF, FOR THAT WOULD BE UNPROFITABLE FOR YOU.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **SUMMARY:**
  1. THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN BEING COVERED IN GODLY LEADERSHIP AND HAVING SPIRITUAL FATHER.
  2. DAVID NEVER DISHONOUR HIS LEADERS EVEN IF THEY ARE UNGODLY.
    - HE TRUSTED GOD'S TIMING.
    - HE TRUSTED GOD'S ABILITY.
    - HE TRUSTED GOD'S AUTHORITY.
  3. HOW YOU ACT UNDER UNGODLY LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY TOWARDS YOUR PROMOTION
- **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
  1. DO YOU HAVE A SPIRITUAL FATHER?
  2. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN LED BY UNWISDOM LEADERS/PARENTS IN YOUR LIFE?
    - DO YOU FIND IT EASY/HARD TO TRUST AND OBEY THE LEADERS/PARENTS THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?
    - DO YOU STILL HAVE ANY UNRESOLVED DISAPPOINTMENT/BROKEN TRUST/FORGIVENESS ISSUE WITH YOUR LEADERS/PARENTS.
- **YOU ARE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**
  - KNOW THAT REVEALING YOUR FEELING IS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR HEALING.
  - KNOW THAT WHEN YOU DECIDE TO BREAK FREE FROM UNFORGIVENESS, BEGIN TO TRUST GOD IN THE PROCESS, YOU ARE STEPPING INTO YOUR PROMOTION
  - SHARE WITH YOUR COACH AND OTHERS AND LET HEALING BEGINS!