Exodus (The Way Out)

Exodus 17:8-18:27 "Leadership Lessons"

Every Christian is a leader. Leadership is about influence. Whether you are a CEO, teacher, parent, or friend you will lead (influence) others either directly or indirectly for good or bad (Matt5:13-16). If you want to influence people for the gospel, you must learn how to live a grace paced life in a burnout culture.

Leadership Lessons for a Grace Paced Life in a Burnout Culture: (Whether in Ministry, the Market Place or at Home)

- 1) Life is a <u>battle</u> you can't fight <u>alone</u>. Ex17:8-12; 1Tim6:12; Gal6:2
- 2) Life's battles are won or lost in the <u>place of prayer</u> (Awe & Intimacy with God). Ex17:12-16; James4:2, 5:16
- 3) Your family is always your 1st ministry. Ex18:1-7; 1Tim3:4-5, 5:8; Matt22:34-40
- 4) Work <u>from</u> your identity not <u>for</u> your identity. Ex18:3b-4; 2Cor5:17; Eph1:1-14
- 5) Let God's <u>glory</u> shine brightly through your <u>satisfaction</u> in Him. Ex18:8-12; 1Cor10:31; Col3:17
- 6) Establish good <u>boundaries</u> to maintain healthy <u>margin</u> in your life. Ex18:13-18; Acts6:1-4; Mark1:32-38

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7) Be <u>teachable</u> and open to <u>criticism</u> because you are a work in progress.

Ex18:24; Pro12:15, 19:20

- 8) Your greatest tools are <u>prayer</u> and <u>God's Word</u>. Ex18:19-20; Matt6:9-13; 2Tim3:16-17
- Leadership (influence) is about <u>equipping</u> and <u>empowering</u> others.
 Ex18:19-26; 2Tim2:2; Eph4:11-13; 1Pet2:9; 1Cor1:11-17
- 10) <u>Character</u> is more important than <u>charisma</u> (giftedness). Ex18:21; 1Tim3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1Pet5:1-4

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the introduction to this sermon. What are your thoughts and feelings? Do you believe that every Christian is called to leadership (influence/Matt5:13-16)? Explain. How would you define a grace paced life in our burnout culture?
- 2) Read Exodus 17:8-18:27. What leadership lessons stand out to you from this text? Take some time and review the ten statements and Biblical references of Leadership Lessons for a Grace Paced Life in a Burnout Culture. Which one(s) have you never thought about before? Which one(s) do you find most helpful? Which one(s) do you struggle with the most?
- 3) What is God speaking to you from this study? Do you live a graced paced life? Explain. What are your next steps in becoming a more influential Christian? Pray.