

LEADERSHIP: THE JESUS STYLE Part 1 By Jarrod Davidoff February 7, 2021

I have to categorically declare and decree that Jesus was the greatest leader the world has ever seen.

While some leaders conquered lands and territories with force and then ultimately lost most of it, Jesus continues to conquer the world with His love.

Generals and leaders have led their armies into perilous situations where death has ensued. Many times when faced with overwhelming odds of death and destruction the retreat signal would be given to them to flee for their lives.

Yet many of Jesus' followers are willing to be martyred for their faith in Him, even at the willingness of their captors to free them if they deny Him, but most refuse.

Some of the world's most immoral people have inflicted either unspeakable physical, moral or psychological pain on many. YET THEY HAVE MIRACULOUSLY TURNED into amazing people at the meeting of Jesus.

What is it about Jesus that makes people totally change and turn their lives around and many to build great ministries for Him.

I believe that we need to look at Jesus and study Him and His leadership style and if we emulate it we can possibly get many of His great results.

1. GREAT LEADERS OFTEN FACE OPPOSITION AND GREAT PERSECUTION

Born in a manger

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

If you were born into a poor family, you are in good company. But note that the blessing of the Lord makes one rich. Jesus had His Father's blessing on Him and it wasn't long before the wise men came with great wealth to bless His family.

Parents never showed you love.

Maybe your dad left you when you were young.

You may have encountered abuse growing up.

I tell the kids in our Africa school campaigns, maybe your great grandfather, grandfather and father lived in a tin shack. And you are living in a tin shack, but today when Jesus comes into your life, He will break and destroy that curse the devil put on your family. You will be blessed by the Lord, He will bless you with wisdom and you will get great grades and become a success in life and be the first in your family to live in a brick home.

Jesus can take you from the manger to a mansion,

From poverty to prosperity.

From death to life.

And you can teach your family, friends and other shows to get out of that poverty.

Refuge in Egypt & ethnic cleansing

Matthew 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, **15** and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise

men. **17** Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping *for* her children,
Refusing to be comforted,
Because they are no more."

The evil fake king of Israel, heard that the king of the Jews was born. But instead of rejoicing and embracing Him, he tried to destroy Him and killed all boys 3 years and younger in Bethlehem. That same evil spirit is still trying to abort innocent children. We must fight against it.

As an adult they tried to kill Him- yet it was not Him time

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. **17** And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to *the* poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to *the* captives
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

20 Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." **22** So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’ ” **24** Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. **25** But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; **26** but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region* of Sidon, to a woman *who was* a widow. **27** And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, **29** and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. **30** Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

2. LEADERS SERVE

Too many movies have shown leaders to be arrogant, rough and tough. Sure this may work at times yet it's not sustainable. Anything built on a wrong foundation will fall. It may look like some things will never fall BUT the bible says **Mark 9:49** “For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

Mark 9:35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” **36** Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, **37** “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me

Washed disciples feet

John 13:12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? **13** You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. **14** If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. **15** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. **16** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **17** If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

What does this practically mean? Help the people around you get better. Be helpful, be thoughtful.

3. LEADERS HAVE COMPASSION

Jesus had great compassion on people. To get to the top and fulfill your destiny can be done by raising people up around you and then you stand on each other's shoulders.

Don’t be quick to judge as you never know what people are going through. Maybe your boss is having challenges in their marriage, your colleagues having financial stress and kid issues so be patient with people.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD *is* a God of justice; Blessed *are* all those who wait for Him.

Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. **37** Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. **38** Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Mary and Martha when Lazarus died He wept

John 11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. **34** And He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

35 Jesus wept. **36** Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

4. LEADERS HAVE CONVICTION

Jesus was a man of conviction.

People that have a mission have a conviction to get it done.

I want to encourage you to have that drive within you to get the job done that the Lord has commissioned you to do and the area where He has called you to serve.

Let's be honest, it's sometimes hard, you don't feel like it, you have a bad hair day, everything's going wrong. YOUR LIFE IS PLAYING LIKE A BAD COUNTRY SONG.

But that's the time when you have to dig deep and say Lord, one more Lord, give me one more

Movie Hacksaw Ridge where Desmond Doss in the hellfire of war crawled through the battlefield so save 75 men as a conscientious objector. His conviction motivated him-he kept saying One more Lord, help me save one more.

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

John 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day

John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.(KJV)