




Tri-District Retreat

New York Annual Conference

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Lessons in Leadership

- The ability to constantly learn & adapt
 - The willingness to grow and be held lovingly accountable.
 - Adaptive Leadership for the 21st Century
 - Jonathan Sacks, Lessons in Leadership
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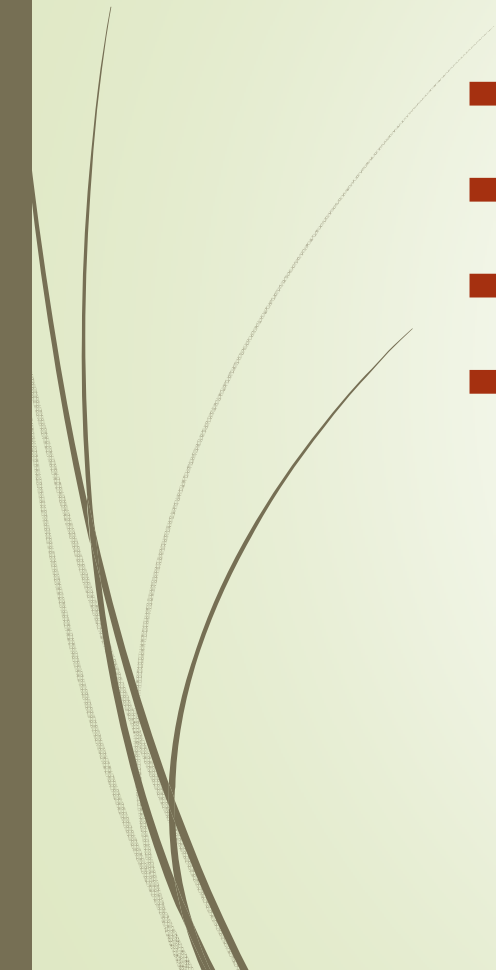
Lessons in Leadership

➤ Leadership is Service





Lesson One: *Leadership is Service*

- It's not about you & it's not about me.
 - A Servant of the Lord
 - Authority vs. Service
 - *Brother/Sister, let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*
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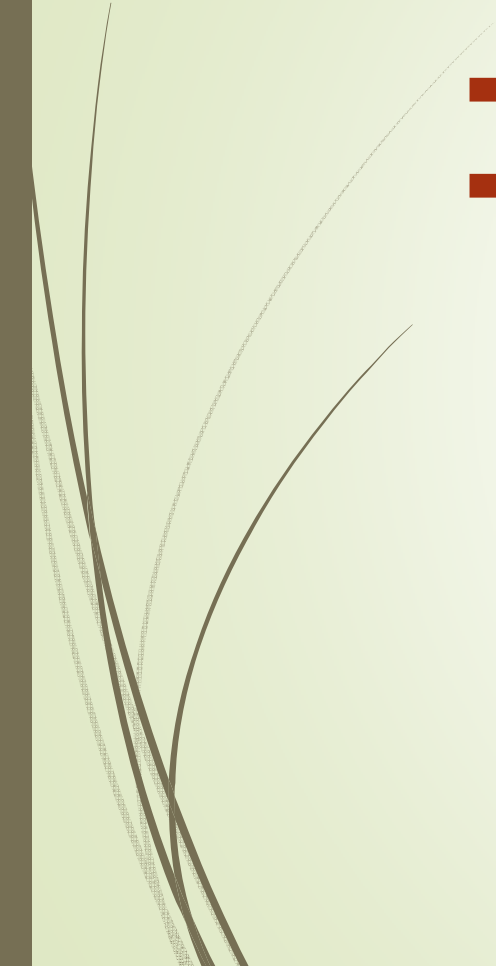
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➤ QUESTIONS

- *Where am I most tempted to want to be a technical rather than an adaptive leader?*
- *What are the challenges I am facing being a leader in today's church?*
- *How do you personally define/see yourself as a "servant leader?"*



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Lesson Two: *Leadership is Taking Responsibility*

➤ A Failure of Responsibility

- *Adam & Eve denied personal responsibility (Genesis 3:11b-13)*
- *Cain denied moral responsibility (Genesis 4:9)*



Lesson Two: *Leadership is Taking Responsibility*

▶ Acting Responsibly

- ▶ *A leader assumes responsibility*
- ▶ *Becoming active not passive*
- ▶ *A responsible life is one that responds*
- ▶ *Which voice will we listen to?*
- ▶ *The problem is not, . . .*




Lesson Two: *Leadership is Taking Responsibility*

▶ QUESTIONS

- ▶ *What are the obstacles in front of you that make it difficult for you as a leader to take responsibility?*
- ▶ *Where have you seen God at work in your life/calling that demonstrate God's presence in your life to help you take responsibility?*



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Lesson Two: *Righteousness/Being Good is not Leadership*

- **A look at Noah**
- *Noah was a good man in a bad age.*
- *Noah was a loner*
- *Noah was either afraid or discouraged by injustice and evil.*



Lesson Two: *Righteousness/Being Good is not Leadership*

- Learnings from Noah
- *Being righteous isn't good enough.*
- *We are called to act (Personal and Social Holiness)*
- *Taking responsibility*
- *Calling others to goodness.*



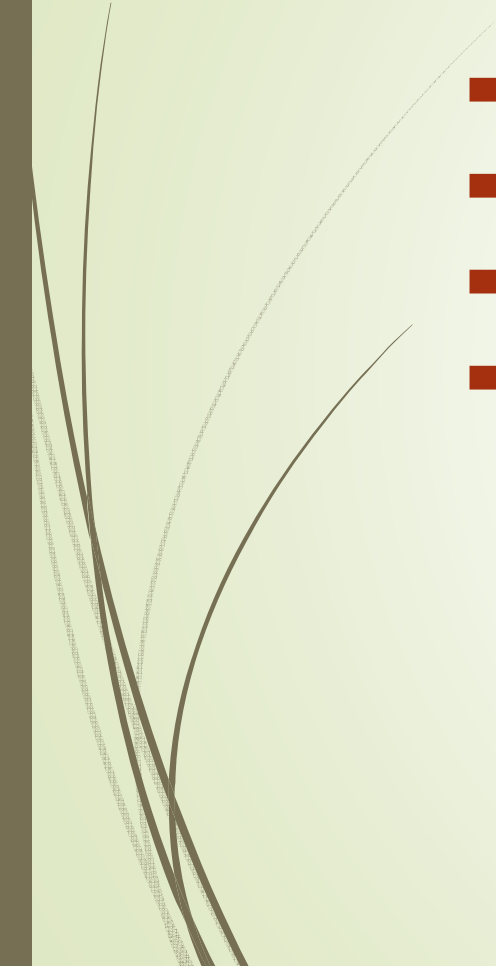
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▶ QUESTIONS

- ▶ *Where do you struggle with the balance between being good, doing good, and making yourself vulnerable in the community or context in which you serve.*
- ▶ *What is it that you need in order to become more courageous in living out your calling?*



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Lesson Three: *Leadership is Listening to the Inner Voice*

- **A look at Abraham**
- *Leaders do not do what others do just because others are doing it.*
- *Leaders follow an inner voice, a call.*
- *Leaders have a vision, not of what is, but of what might be.*
- *Leaders think outside the box and march to a different tune.*



Lesson Three: *Leadership is Listening to the Inner Voice*

- **A look at Abraham – the temptation to conform**
- *“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1)*
- *Leaving your land.*
- *Leaving your birthplace*
- *Leaving your household*



Lesson Three: *Leadership is Listening to the Inner Voice*

- **A look at Abraham – Leadership Challenges**
- *Leadership can be lonely*
- *Conventional wisdom is not always wise.*
- *Abraham challenges the idols of his age. Can we?*




Lesson Four: Leadership is Listening to the Inner Voice

► QUESTIONS

- *How do you see God and balance God as both a commandment provider and a permission giver?*
- *When is it hard for you to lead? Follow?*

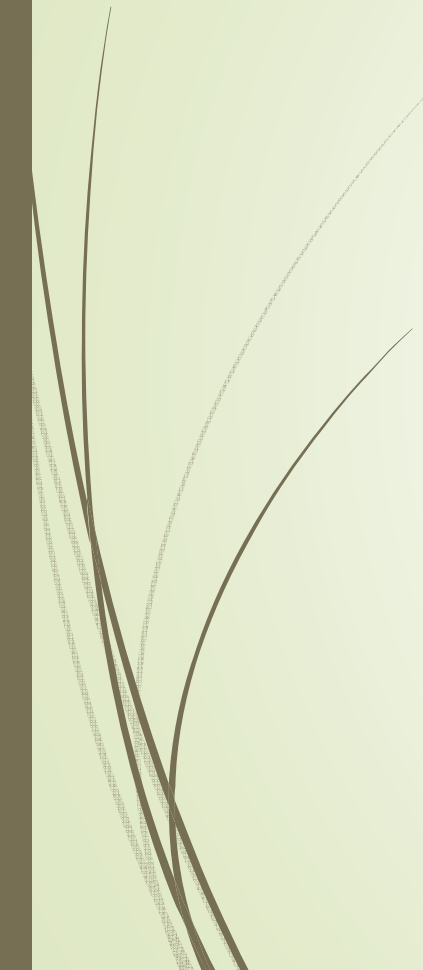


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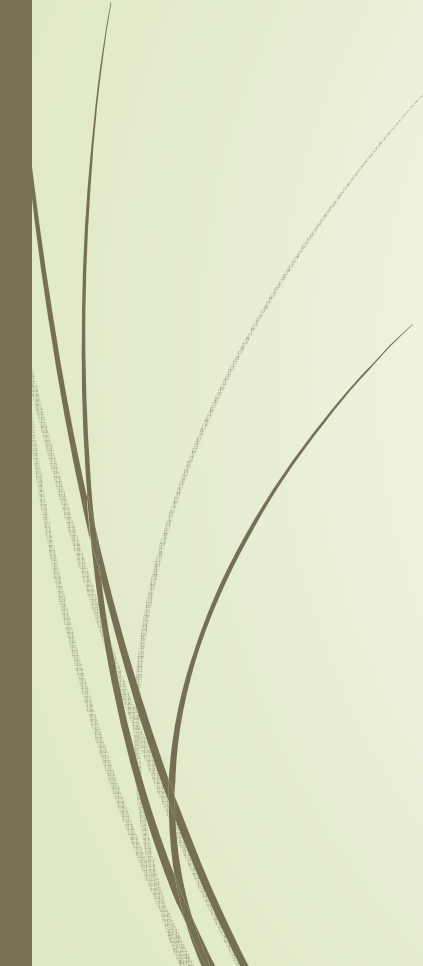


Lesson Five: *Leadership is Finding Light, and Yourself, in Dark Times*

- **A look at Jacob**
 - *His greatest visions came when he was alone at night, far from home, fleeing from danger*
 - *Escaping from Esau. (Genesis 28:12-17)*
 - *Flees from Laban (Genesis 32:28-31)*
 - *They happen in the "in between" time – where he is coming from and where he is going to.*
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Lesson Five: *Leadership is Finding Light, and Yourself, in Dark Times*

- **A look at Jacob**
 - *Leaders suffer crises.*
 - *Leadership is stressful*
 - *Does greatness lead to moments of despair or despair lead to greatness?*
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Lesson Five: *Leadership is Finding Light, and Yourself, in Dark Times*

- A look at Jacob
- *Jacob endured*
- *He encountered angels*
- *He kept on going.*



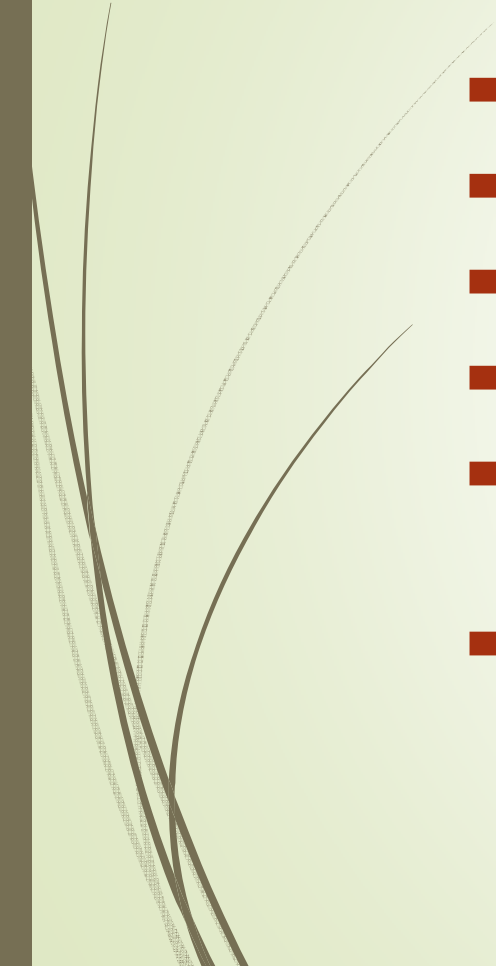
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▶ QUESTIONS

- ▶ *Where/how do you pull away to seek guidance and direction?*
- ▶ *How have “the dark days” of your life/ministry forged you/blessed you as a leader?*

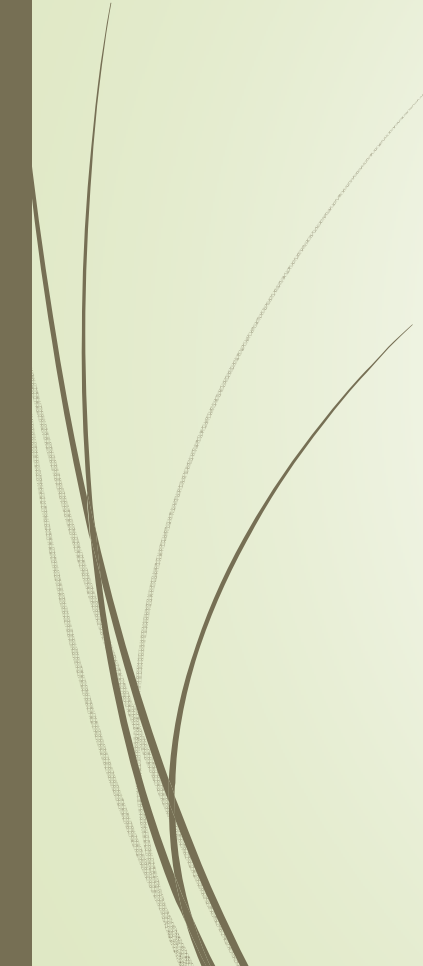


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Lesson Five: *Leadership is Being able to Dream Big Dreams*

- **A look at Joseph**
 - *He dreamed dreams*
 - *He interpreted dreams*
 - *He implemented dreams*
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Lesson Four: *Leadership is Being able to Dream Big Dreams*

▶ QUESTIONS

- ▶ How do you create space to dream and interpret dreams?
 - ▶ Who are the people/what are the mechanisms you have put in place to implement the dreams you possess?
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