

THE  
LEADER

*God*

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“And now in one hour’s time, I will be out there again. I will raise my eyes and look down that corridor; 4 feet wide, with 10 lonely seconds to justify my existence.” --Harold Abrahams



“I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure.” --Eric Liddell

# Two Types of Leaders

- Leaders who are seeking justification
  - Image-centered
- Leaders who are secure in their justification
  - Identity-centered

# Distinguishing the Two Types of Leaders

- Talent, knowledge, skill, or dedication
- The ability to catalyze commitment, or get others to pursue a vision
- Success, the scoreboard, the balance sheet, or a winning record

# Case Study #1

**Read 1 Samuel 15:1-24 and 2 Samuel 12:1-13**

**How do these two leaders differ in how they handle their mistakes?**

And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the Lord. I have performed the commandment of the Lord.” And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?” <sup>15</sup> Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.”

- 1 Samuel 15:13-15

And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup> And the Lord sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ <sup>19</sup> Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?” <sup>20</sup> And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. <sup>21</sup> But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

- 1 Samuel 15:17-21



<sup>24</sup> Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the Lord.” <sup>26</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.” <sup>27</sup> As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. <sup>28</sup> And Samuel said to him, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. <sup>29</sup> And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.” <sup>30</sup> Then he said, “I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the Lord your God.” <sup>31</sup> So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the Lord.

- 1 Samuel 15:24-31

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

- 2 Sam 12:13

## Case Study #2

**Read 1 Samuel 17:55-58, 1 Samuel 18:1-4, 6-11,17, and 2 Samuel 23:8-12,18-23**

**How do these three leaders differ in their response to new talent?**

<sup>55</sup> As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, “Abner, whose son is this youth?” And Abner said, “As your soul lives, O king, I do not know.” <sup>56</sup> And the king said, “Inquire whose son the boy is.” <sup>57</sup> And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. <sup>58</sup> And Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

- 1 Sam 17:55-58

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup> And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

- 1 Sam 18:1-4

<sup>6</sup> As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.<sup>7</sup> And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

“Saul has struck down his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands.”

<sup>8</sup> And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?” <sup>9</sup> And Saul eyed David from that day on. <sup>10</sup> The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. <sup>11</sup> And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David evaded him twice.

- 1 Sam 18:6-11

These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite; he was chief of the three.<sup>[e]</sup> He wielded his spear<sup>[f]</sup> against eight hundred whom he killed at one time.

<sup>9</sup> And next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar the son of Dodo, son of Ahohi. He was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel withdrew. <sup>10</sup> He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the Lord brought about a great victory that day, and the men returned after him only to strip the slain.

<sup>11</sup> And next to him was Shammah, the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines gathered together at Lehi,<sup>[g]</sup> where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the men fled from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup> But he took his stand in the midst of the plot and defended it and struck down the Philistines, and the Lord worked a great victory.

- 2 Sam 23:8-12

## Case Study #3

Read 1 Samuel 22:6-8 and 2 Samuel 23:13-18

How do these leaders differ in how they view those under them?



<sup>6</sup> Now Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men who were with him. Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. <sup>7</sup> And Saul said to his servants who stood about him, “Hear now, people of Benjamin; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, <sup>8</sup> that all of you have conspired against me? No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day.”

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<sup>13</sup> And three of the thirty chief men went down and came about harvest time to David at the cave of Adullam, when a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. <sup>14</sup> David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. <sup>15</sup> And David said longingly, “Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!” <sup>16</sup> Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and carried and brought it to David. But he would not drink of it. He poured it out to the Lord <sup>17</sup> and said, “Far be it from me, O Lord, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives?” Therefore he would not drink it.

- 2 Sam 23:13-17

## Case Study #4

Read 1 Samuel 20:30-33, 1 Samuel 24:1-7, and 2 Samuel 15:13-26

How do these leaders differ in their relationship to power?

Image-Centered Leaders	Identity-Centered Leaders
Insecure	Secure
Needy	Content
Get/Take	Give/Develop
People are there for them	They are there for people
Concerned with people's opinions	Concerned with God's opinions

Look to leadership to give us significance, recognition, acclaim, and notoriety. Not only for person leading a company, but also the parent. Not just the CEO driven to succeed. Parent who pushes there child to excel in violin, latin club, and pushes their kid to be on the travel team, b/c that parent loves to post pictures on FB of all the things their child excels in.