



REBORN TO LEAD

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR REDEMPTION

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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

Never mind, let's begin...

THERE'S A NEW SONG IN TOWN THAT SINGS...

HE'S INTENTIONAL

Yeah, God has a purpose for every man; and the purpose of every man carries potentials to lift another man. This process began during creation; God made everything to produce after its kind. He doesn't expect us to only produce children after our kinds, but to also produce people after our purpose. After He created man, He told man to be "fruitful and multiply...". In other words, maximize your potentials and extend it to others.

It's okay if you say you were not born a leader; but the day you gave your life to Christ, you were *reborn to lead*.

REBORN TO LEAD, WHO?

Everyone, to Christ...

I once defined a leader as someone who serves the interest of others. When Jesus came into this world, He exercised His leadership potentials, and most people enjoyed His leadership. But later in scriptures, He made it clear that His assignment was to serve the world.

I believe "leader" is a title given to someone who knows how to serve well. Leadership is about doing good works for the benefit of others. Eph 2:10 tells us that ***we're created in Christ unto good works, which God had before ordained that we should walk in them.***

The gift in every man can be likened to the rod that God gave to Moses. And if we'd recall from scriptures, that rod played a major role in leading Israel out of Egypt. When he reached Egypt, he first used the rod to swallow the snakes of the magicians. And that gave the Israelites some level of conviction and liberty. The more he used his gift, the more they entrusted their lives to him. It wasn't long before he finally led them all out of Egypt.

Though no one is born without a natural gift or talent, but if you claim that you don't have a natural gift, then you'd certainly have a spiritual gift. Spiritual gifts were deposited inside us the day we gave our lives to Christ and received His Holy Spirit. Peter, scripturally known as the rock of the church, was a very timid person. He couldn't even defend his faith

before a little girl. He denied Jesus three consecutive times. But when he received the Spirit of God, he became bold enough to address thousands of people, including rulers at all levels. Someone who could not defend himself suddenly became the leader of Jesus' disciples.

Even in the old testament, Daniel and those 3 Hebrew boys operated with spiritual gifts. The bible tells us that "God gave them wisdom, knowledge and understanding in all learning". We later read how those gifts made them leaders. A gift well traded will definitely make you a leader.

YOU'D GIVE ACCOUNT...

We'd all give account for our leadership. Even Jesus did. In Jn 17:12, while He was praying, He

told God that "He didn't lose any of the people that God gave to Him, except the son of perdition". God is certainly going to ask us about the people He put under our leadership.

The parable of the talent has always motivated me. In Matt 25, we read how that a certain master called his servants and gave them talents according to their various abilities. Some he gave one, others two and five respectively. When it was time for them to give account, the ones he gave five and two talents came back with good reports, but the one that got one talent returned with a totally negative report. Let's read what he said;

Matthew 25:

24. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art

an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25. And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

28. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

30. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

That servant was declared "unprofitable", and was cast out into darkness, all because he refused to use his talent. Remember that we

defined a leader as someone who knows how to serve well. So if that servant was cast out, it means he didn't lead well. If you can find any gift in you at all, then it's a deposit that God has put in you to lead the world back to Him.

You may begin to wonder, "but those servants returned with profits, not people". Exactly, but who brought the profit to them? I know, people. Those people will know the master because they know his servants. It's more like saying we know God because we know Jesus. There are certain people who will never meet Jesus until they see the manifestation of the gift in you. When people begin to know Jesus just because they've familiarized themselves with your gift, then you've become a leader. Winning souls to Christ is not only about preaching the bible to people, it's more about demonstrating the gift of God in you. 1 Cor 2:4

tells us that ***"the gospel that we preach is not for enticement, but for the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit"***. If you want to see how fast a person can surrender, use the gift that God has put inside you. The first time Jesus sent out His 70 disciples, He gave them gifts. And when they returned, they all testified that even the devil was subject to the gift that He gave to them. If the devil was subjected, imagine what a human being would do. Of course, they'd surrender. With gift, you don't need to preach. If people say they don't believe in God, show them the gifts of God in you. Gift is proof that God is good.

The easiest way to lead a person to Christ is to lead him with the gift of God in you. When Jesus was preparing to ascend into heaven, He told His disciples to wait in the upper room until they received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

And as they did, three thousand people were led to Christ the same day they received that gift. It's good to go out for Evangelism, but go out to display gifts. No matter how much you preach, there are many "stubborn-heads" that will never yield. In fact, most of the places Jesus went to preach, He began by demonstrating gifts. Every time He performed a miracle, people followed Him to listen to Him. A wise man had said that "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care". If you want people to listen to what you know, then give them a gift that validates what you know. Oftentimes when I go out for Evangelism, I'd first tell my contacts something personal about them, something nobody else would know about. And while they wonder how I got to know, the preaching had already commenced. From experience, a large number of them surrender their lives to Jesus.

CAREFUL, SOMEONE'S WATCHING...

We lead in many different ways. People may just decide to follow you only because of your character; but the moment you change your character, you'd lose them. People may decide to follow you because of your gifts or calling. Some may decide to follow you because of your professional skills. Some may even follow you because of your money.

When you see people who commend your gifts or skills, then you've found your followers. From experience, people would follow you for two major reasons; first, because they benefit from what you have or do; and second, because they desire to replicate what you do or have. This is why you must not die with your gifts; someone out there can't wait to replicate what you carry. It is not your gift that makes

you a leader, it is using it to serve others that will. Develop your gifts, trade them, until the people who needs them begin to gather around you. A leader is like the carcass in Matt 24:28, eagles will always gather around it.

I gave my life to Christ in the year 2010. Before then, I liked singing and teaching. I even got a job as a teacher in different organizations. I had these gifts, except that I didn't know how to channel them into something more impactful. But after I gave my life to Christ, it was like I received power to maximize the gifts I had. I started teaching and writing the same year, but it only became part of my daily life two years after. As at that time, I didn't have followers; I was just a social media writer who wrote and acknowledged his write-ups by himself. I'd be the only one to "like" and make comments on my posts. But as I continued

using the gift, things began to change. My followers began to increase. Friend requests began to role in, people began to share my posts. I used to pray for friend requests; but now, I carefully scan through the requests I receive before I accept them. I'm not saying this to display pride; but rather, to explain that if you won't give up on your gifts, then you'd definitely lift up to the rift. And the moment you reach the rift, people will come to you from far and near. Jesus said ***"if I be lifted, I'd draw men unto Me"***.

HARVESTING YOUR FOLLOWERS...

If people will follow your gifts, they'd likely follow you to Christ. However, you're not going to have good followers until you become a good leader.

Everybody has a follower, even children. There's always someone out there who is looking up to you to take the lead. Imagine for a moment; car trackers started existing after cars were invented. There are many people who will never discover their potentials until they find someone walking in the path also destined for them. I believe this is why a mentor once said "***the wealthiest place on the earth is the graveyard***". Nobody could see me as a mentor when I started; but today, I've mentored countless number of writers who are also doing well. Using your gift will not only lead people to Christ, it would also keep people with Christ. I know a number of people who got saved by reading my write-ups, many of them are also writers today.

Let's live right. We can't leave this world the way it is. Remember that the daily heart cry of

the world is that God's people should manifest God's power on the earth. This also means that people are waiting for us to make a move, so that they can follow.

The volume of moves you make will ultimately determine the number of followers you'd get. If your followers are small, less productive or negatively influenced, then check your moves. And if nobody is following you, then you probably haven't made any move. Salvation has made us leaders; let's lead the people whose destinies are attached to ours.

I'M NOT AFRAID OF HEIGHTS...

I just haven't stayed long enough on a high plain. Ask the dead if they were ever afraid of graveyards, their response would probably be "only when we were alive, because we've

stayed here for too long to be scared of the grave".

Every excuse you give for your inabilities excludes you from great possibilities. I used to be afraid of leading a certain group of people, only because they were people with great potentials and caliber. It wasn't low self-esteem; I just wasn't ready to put so much effort in leading a group like that. But I took the challenge anyway, I became their leader. And the longer I maintained that office, the better I became. Things really changed in that group, and every committed member had a testimony.

If you're afraid of heights, then there's probably something up there that needs your attention. Don't move away from your fears, move towards them. Surprisingly, the things

you are afraid of are also afraid that you will gain access to the opportunities behind them. It's okay to be afraid, but even in your fear, go ahead and do it. There are only two possible results to "trying"; it's either success or failure; and failure is only a map that shows you how to succeed. So no matter how many times you fail, you'd still succeed.

LET ME CONCLUDE WITH THIS...

Use your gift; it's the leadership potential that God has put in you. Remember that we are trees of righteousness, and a tree that bears fruit will naturally attract people. If God made us trees, then it's because He wants us to attract people to Him. John 15:16 says ***"ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."***. Of course, if a tree always has

fruits, people will always come back to it. That's the kind of life that God wants us to live; but that is only possible by using the gift He has deposited inside of us.

I pray that the gifts in you will not be wasted. You will trade your gifts until multitudes are led back to Christ, in the name of Jesus!

God bless you, I love you, and keep leading!

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