

## Next Steps Part 3: Develop Your Leadership

*"God has given **each of you a gift** from His great variety of spiritual gifts. **Use them well to serve one another.**" 1 Peter 4:10 NLT*

Leadership is **influence**.

Leadership is about influencing others in a **worthwhile cause**.

*"But Moses said to God, '**Who am I**, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'" Exodus 3:11-12 NIV*

### 1. "Who am I?" **Insecurity**

### 2. "What if they?" **Fear**

### 3. "When have I ever?" **Inadequacy**

### 4. "Could you use someone else?" **Reluctance**

*"But you are a **chosen** generation, a **royal** priesthood, a **holy** nation, His own **special** people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV*

*"It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. Now Daniel so **distinguished himself** among the administrators and the satraps by his **exceptional qualities** that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." Daniel 6:1-3 NIV*

### 1. We love **God**.

*"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men **had been with Jesus.**" Acts 4:13 NIV*

### 2. We love **people**.

*"So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your **servant**, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the **slave** of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to **give his life** as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45 NLT*

### 3. We pursue **excellence**.

*"People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done **everything well**,' they said." Mark 7:37 NIV*

#### 4. We choose joy.

"Sorrowful, yet always **rejoicing**; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything." 2 Corinthians 6:10 NIV

"Do not be grieved, for the **joy** of the LORD is your **strength**." Nehemiah 8:10 NASB1995

"Jesus called his twelve **disciples** to him and gave them **authority** to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve... Jesus **sent out** with the following instructions... **As you go**, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." Matthew 10:1-2, 6-8 NIV

- ✓ Proclaim Jesus
- ✓ Heal the sick
- ✓ Raise the dead
- ✓ Cleanse body & soul
- ✓ Drive out demons
- ✓ Give freely

We lead the way because **Jesus asked us to** and because **heaven and hell are realities**.

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as **shrewd** as snakes and as **innocent** as doves." Matthew 10:16 NIV

Vs 9-10 – What if I don't have money?

Vs 11-13 – What if I don't have a place to stay?

Vs 14-15 – What if they don't listen?

Vs 17-20 – What if I get arrested?

Vs 21-23 – What if they hate me, persecute me, beat me, and imprison me?

"Do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. **"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.** But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword... Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and **whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.**" Matthew 10:26-39 NIV