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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

In a Church, leaders are indispensable to a ministry's ability to achieve its Mission. Every Church has a slightly different leadership paradigm and terms for describing those leaders, however, the rudimentary traits of Church leaders should be the same. We know all too well the common good leadership qualities capable Church leaders possess, including strong communication skills, being unafraid for others and being a big picture thinker. But, there are some *overlooked* basics of impactful Church leaders. whether we're talking about small group leaders or ministry team leaders or a pastor, that often go overlooked. Here are some lesser-known characteristics that positively affect impactful leadership.

1. Impactful leaders can independently solve problems. Leadership is essentially decision-making and decision-implementing, but being able to solve problems, with sometimes complex or difficult issues, without constantly needing input or guidance from the Pastor, is a prime leadership trait. When they're at the top of their ministry department, they'll need to solve problems on their own, daily, without hand-holding from the Pastor.

Let's face it, there are persons who simply shouldn't be at the helm of anything. Too often they're legends in their own mind.

2. Impactful leaders don't let 5. Impactful leaders are selfthings get personal. While it is impossible to separate our emotions entirely from our decision-making, a common problem in Churches is to make decisions purely by emotions. Loyalty trumps logic. Relationships misrepresent reality. Sentiment prevails over obvious practical needs.

The result is you find yourself being pressured to compromise the best interests of your Church or the ministry you lead in order to keep people happy. Don't allow Let's talk some more next month. yourself to get sucked in emotionally. Keep what's best for your Church or ministry in front of Greater St. Stephen First Church FtW, you, so that you can make objec- a seminary adjunct professor, and a should always take leadership se- conducts leadership seminars and riously. It demands our best, and conferences across the country.



we should give it. Every day. But to succeed, embracing change, to take it too personally creates a roller coaster that ripples out all over the place. When you take leadership seriously, everyone wins. When you take it personally, almost everyone loses. When things get personal, they get ugly.

3. Impactful leaders know when

to ask for help. While it's great to have leaders who can independently solve problems, you don't want anyone whose hubris (toxic pride) will not allow them to ask for help. Leaders who tend to silo themselves often get into trouble, create friction between ministry areas, and burn out eventually. There are appropriate times to ask for help as a leader. Remember, this isn't about you!

4. Impactful leaders constantly evaluate methodologies. These leaders are not program-driven, building-driven, or procedure-driven. They are constantly asking how they and their Church, who hold leadership positions ministry or small group can do better. They don't do things the way they've always done them. They constantly and persistently evaluate everything.

> aware. Another good leadership quality that is often overlooked is self-awareness. Being self-aware is an important element in determining a leader's relationship with those who work directly with him or her. Being self-aware allow leaders to evaluate their own strengths and weaknesses and to manage those who work with or under their direction in a way that takes those factors into account.

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You're invited to join us at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church for our Women's Annual Day, July 12th at 3pm; We fellowship with Deliverance Baptist Church in Dallas, Tx for their Mission Annual Day, July 26th at 3:30pm. We encourage you to join us and stay safe and trust God during these uncertain times. He's always there to comfort and keep us.

"Speak Life Thought" with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

"A Life of Peace"

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

Before enduring the pain and suffering at Calvary's Cross, our precious Savior wanted to make sure the Father's children were prepared to receive appropriate gifts to sustain them. These gifts cannot be purchased with money, created in a scientist's laboratory, nor bestowed by man. Rather, these gifts are life altering and life lasting. One of these precious gifts is peace. Jesus knew that after His Ascension, the Father's children would experience struggle, heartaches, disappointments, hurt, disease, including COVID-19, and pain that cannot be easily fixed. He therefore left us with the gift of peace, not the fragile peace the world has to offer, but His perfect peace so that we would be able to endure to victory.

The Greek word "peace" is "eirene." It is a holistic word that pertains to the whole person being provided such a peace with all sufficiency where nothing is lacking or missing. This

peace can calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge you must face. This peace is rest that the body needs to function in a healthy manner. This peace is quietness in atmosphere that everyone needs especially after a long day. This peace is tranquility that can be established in family, home, city, state, or a nation. This peace gives release (freedom) from rage and havoc of war.

This peace brings harmony between individuals through forgiveness and reconciliation. This peace brings security and understanding in how to be a good steward. This peace is the Messiah's peace that we need everyday in our lives. No matter what foolishness breaks out in our life, the Messiah's peace breaks out and calms the situation. This peace is the way that leads to our salvation and reconciliation with our Heavenly Father. This peace is the blessed assurance of our Christianity giving us an assurance in our soul that we are saved. This peace will also give us our final resting place with the Father.

In distributing this gift, Jesus gives one condition: "do not fear and do not vield vour heart to trouble." Fear and peace and



cannot coexist. A troubled heart is a barrier to perfect peace ruling in your life. The world we are living in is up against a tremendous amount of fear, stress, and tension with the breakout of the Coronavirus. It is in happenings like these that Jesus said, you must allow peace to overwhelm you and govern your life. By doing this, your mind is free and open to stand in faith and watch God move on your behalf.

So dear hearts, amid disaster, disease and destruction, our Father has already made provision for you to walk in peace and realize that He has everything under control. Be determined and receive His peace.

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"A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Rev. Robbie Slaughter"

Services were held, Saturday June 27, 2020 at 1:P.M. at the Inspiring Temple of Praise, Hosted by Bishop Reginald Jordan, Eulogizing Pastor Reginald Houston, Officiating Pastor Phea Shelton Kennedy

A servant in the A.M.E. Church, Rev. Slaughter was Pastor of seven churches in north Texas; Bethel A.M.E., Gainesville (1968-1971), St. Stephens A.M.E., Fort Worth (1971-1977), Armstrong A.M.E., Arlington (1977-79), St. James A.M.E., Denton (1979-1990), St. James A.M.E., Fort Worth (1990-1999), Anderson Chapel A.M.E., Wichita Falls (1999-2002) and Evening Chapel A.M.E., Grand Prairie (2002-2005). A troubleshooter, a planner and business minded. To her credit, four church mortgages were "BURNED" and the congregations were left with "money in the bank.

Rev. Robbie Slaughter is the first woman pastor to hold the title of CHAPLAIN for the Fort Worth County jail. Her pastoral assign-



ments span 31 years. Her work in the ministry total 44 years.

More impressively, she was a retired Minister & Pastor, recipient of Fort Worth Certificate of Recognition, and the founder of the STOP SIX International Brotherhood, with over 50 Ministers today. On November 10, 2009, Rev. Shaw received recognition for service on the Community Action Partner Council from December 14, 2006 through July 5, 2009.

We celebrate and mourn the lost of this great God Servant and continue to pray for her family.

catastrophe, maybe your motivation to sing and dance likewise dawdled. Possibly your income ceased, bills continued, sheltering in meant solitude, loved ones passed or your own health was challenged. Watching the overseas reports of the Corona Virus in February was one thing, but by March it had suddenly reached the U.S.. Texas and the DFW. Words like 'pandemic', 'social distancing', 'exposure', symptoms and 'regular hand washing' were common and used by all levels of government. This was no laughing matter and it certainly wasn't time to miss any updates from the authorities. But thanks be to God. He gave us resources, ideas and technology that has kept us connected, informed, motivated and safe.

Zoom Video Communications took video conferencing to another level. It has been utilized by all media broadcasts, major corporations, school districts, CHURCHES, governments, organizations and my family for visual chats and check-ins. But nowhere has it been more utilized to keep an industry active and viable than within the gospel music industry. Zoom and other video enterprises have not only taken us 'inside the music' but inside many artists' homes and lifestyle domains. In these past months I watched John P. Kee and Hezekiah Walker pitch their 30+ year discography in a 'battle' of greatest hits. Ernest Pugh, Bryan C. Wilson and Tasha C Leonard have given us live Worship services. Tedd Winn, Jekalyn Carr and all the Clark Sisters have hosted everything from bible to cooking lessons. I've been in virtual or teleconference praver sessions with Judith C. McAlister, Marvin Sapp, Karen Clark Sheard and Smokie Norful. Recently Kirk Franklin and Fred Hammond encouraged us with their wonderful music while protestors marched all over the world after the murder of George Floyd. Sigh!

To help us not forget the Zion songs we all need right now. consider registering for the virtual events of the COGIC- Aim Convention July 1-3, the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fel-

lowship July 9-10 and the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses Aug 10-15. Judicious historians will undoubtedly label the strange land/times/year of 2020 as a multi-pandemic world changing period. We who are called by His name, will continue to sing and say "He's got the whole world in His hands".

May Peace Be Your Journey judyneal@comcast.net holla!



INSIDE THE MUSIC

with Elder Judy Neal

"SINGING ZION SONGS IN A STRANGE LAND"

ed by their captors to 'sing a little something' during their dismal situation, they lamented with this well-known biblical line in Psalm 137. They initially couldn't imagine singing their usual songs of joy and worship while feeling so sad and discouraged. During these last 4 months of witnessing, experiencing and enduring a worldwide health

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The Gospel Corner with Proclaimer of the Word...

Rev. J.R. Brumfield

Where Do We Go from Here? 2 Chronicles 7:14

1. Introduction

One might say that this is an age-old question that has been consistently asked throughout the annuals of time. Throughout biblical history, we find that God has cursing for His chosen people if they do not obey Him. On the contrary, we find that God has blessings in store for His chosen people if they obey Him. In Deuteronomy 28, we find the if-then covenant. If God's people obey the Lord and carefully follow all His commands. then the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. In this passage, we see that the Lord God states that Israel shall be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. These blessing are public blessings. Additional speaking when we read Deuteronomy 28:4-5, we find that the Lord God has some personal blessings in store for His chosen people. The Lord God tells His chosen people that He would bless the fruit of their bodies and the produce of the land. How wonderful would it be for God's people to know victory, prosperity, purity, respect, abundance, and dominance? This is a comprehensive blessing that comes with the if-then covenant.

Is this the biblical heritage America wishes to claim for itself (as encouraged by some well-intentioned people)? I think not since we will (and have) failed dismally to keep the if-then covenant. As we navigate through God's Word, we find that in the book of Hebrews, God has a better covenant found in Jesus Christ. Jesus was sent to keep the ifthen covenant because human beings cannot. The fault is within us (Heb. 8: 8) and that applies to America just as it applied to Israel. Therefore, Jesus' ministry is a more excellent ministry and the new covenant is much more excellent than the old covenant. The Word of God tells us that Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture. Jesus gives us what we cannot do for ourselves. It is no longer an if-then covenant by law, but we have Jesus involved in the if-then covenant relationship with the Lord God! As believers, we have a new covenant. This new covenant is found in the blood of Jesus that helps us meet the requirements of the if-then covenant relationship with the Lord God.

As we approach the text, we will find that this scripture gives illumination to a national blessing. This scripture is one of the best expressions of God's requirement for a national blessing in the bible. If we expect to experience healing from police brutality, protests across all the major cities in this country, and the coronavirus, we must execute justice in the land. If we want a national blessing, then we must experience a national repentance in our land. We must tell the Lord that we are godly sorrowful for our sins in the land. We must love each other as the Lord requires!

2. Possibilities of God's People, v.14a In this verse, we see the words, "if my people which are called." These words are most familiar to the people of God. When I think about the word "if",



I understand it to be a promise with a condition." If is a "stipulation" and it depends on a "condition." This is a contractual relationship. The Lord God has entered a covenant relationship with all His people. If we obey God, then the Lord God will bless us despite the current environment of sin and shame.

I am reminded of a famous poem by Rudyard Kipling. "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you." I suggest to the believer that we can only keep our heads if the Lord strengthens us in the process. There is another stanza of this great poem that I love. "If you can wait and not be tired of waiting." How many of us can wait until our change comes? Once you make your requests known unto God, can you wait on His answer? The poem goes on to state, "Or being hated, but don't give way to hating." How many of God's people have been hated and despised but did not allow the bitter spirit of hate to sour their spirit? In this day and time, we are challenged to keep our heads above the current climate of bigotry and hate. We are challenged to not give way to hate but keep love on the kingdom agenda. We are challenged to dream in an environment that seems sometimes hopeless and desperate. I say to the graduates of 2020 that they should dare to dream and dream of those things that seem impossible.

There is another word group that is closely associated with the word "if" and those words are "if my people which are called by my name". It is quite apparent here that the Lord God was not talking to the whole world, but He is talking to His children. During my childhood, I am reminded of a situation that occurred at home. I reiterated to my father that the other children are going to the party tonight and "why must I stay at home." My father answered my question with an astounding reply. I am your father and not theirs. Therefore, my son, you cannot have it your way. We are not friends of this world. I believe the Lord God is providing helpful hints to the body of Christ. Since we are the sheep of His pasture, then the Lord has a certain code of conduct for us. We are bought with a price and we are not our own. We must carry ourselves through this world with a faith walk.

If we as believers will do it God's way, then we will reap the benefits of a blessed life. Our God will allow us to rise above the dark dismal cloud of despair and see our deliverance on the other side. However, if we conduct ourselves like the world then, there are some consequences of our choices.

3. Privilege of Prayer, v. 14b In these verses, we find that the people

of God have an obligation to humble themselves. Before we can receive the blessings from the Lord, we must experience a spirit of humility. As believers, we must submit to Jesus Christ in our lives. In James 4:6, we learn that God gives more grace. Therefore, it says "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." In Luke 14:11, we see that everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. In Proverbs 22:4, we find that the reward for humility and the fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. In 1 Peter 5:6, we should humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time, he may exalt us.

It is a blessed privilege that once we have humbled ourselves then we can properly enter into effective communication with our Lord. If we humble ourselves and pray and seek the Lord, there is a blessing in the waiting room for us. How many of God's people are willing to seek the Lord diligently until He can be found? Do you have the patience to go back to God several times and seek Him for guidance? Do you have faith to turn your face to the wall and pray when situations seem dire? I am reminded of how Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed. Didn't God work it out? Our God has a way of working out things for our good if we pray. Nevertheless, we must not only pray but turn from our wicked ways. Are you ready to make some changes in your life so that God can heal your situation? Are you ready to be a part of the change so that the Lord God can heal our land?

4. Power for the People, v. 14c In these verses, we find that the Lord gives a promise to His people. The Lord God says, "if my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. As we conclude this bible topic, we will find that sin is our country's problem. Sin chokes off our blessings and provokes God from giving us our blessings.

I asked the Lord, "what did he do with my sins." In Psalms 85:2, I read, "you have forgiven the iniquity of your people." In Psalms 103:12, I read, "the Lord works righteousness and justice for the oppressed. Thanks be to God for working it out for His people! The Lord does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our sins, as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. The old preacher would say, "He died on an old rugged cross!" But early, Sunday morning, He got up and when He got up, we got up! Thanks be to God that we serve a Risen Savior and that is power to the people!

Yours in Christ. Rev. J.R. Brumfield 214-533-1819

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Look forward to his monthly articles covering Sunday School and Bible Lessons each month. Please direct all comments to Rev. Brumfield at his contact information listed above.



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