

Do you wanna be a leader?

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS LEADERSHIP COURSE?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ISN'T THERE ANYONE WE COULD ASK?

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Not every leader is a leader!

- Leading others is a responsibility, so many times people were lead to destruction following a seemingly “good leader” e.g. followers of Adolf Hitler were driven to destroy and be destroyed.
- So we have to be careful when we lead or follow a leader, we always should ask ourselves, where are we going?

Leadership factory!

- *“Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.” —Jack Welch*
- So, to become a leader, I have to go through a *learning* process, I grow in my understanding, values and knowledge.
- I need to learn the art of leadership from true examples.
- As I’m growing, others around me will grow in the same way. If I’m lacking growth in my life then I will be a disastrous leader!

Once upon the time!

- There was a man that had to lead over TWO MILLION people, men, women, children, their luggage and animals through a fast flowing river.
- The men, he led were not really trained soldiers by any mean. They just carried their personal weapons of these days, knives, small swords, etc.
- The task was to fight SEVEN nations on the other side of the river, overcome their organized armies and cease all their fortified cities.

Mission impossible!

- After all these, supposing surviving the wars, the next task was to divide every single piece of land amongst all the people fairly.
- Then the task would be completed by handing over the authority to others, constructing a governing system.
- Let alone, the quality of these two million people. In general, they were stubborn, non obedient, wingers and hard to satisfy. Sounds easy!

Joshua

- The great leader who succeeded the great prophet, Moses to complete a journey of over 80 years, moving millions of the Israelites from Egypt to the promise land.
- Joshua who went through a learning process, growing in leadership to accomplish such a near impossible task.



“He who has never learned to obey, cannot be a good commander.” Aristotle

- “Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹ And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek.” Exodus 17
- **Obedience** to Moses was the main quality that paved the way for Joshua’s victory over Amalek. He did not argue how could he win a war with “some men”! The only guarantee he had was Moses ‘ promise to pray for him while fighting.

A disciple or a leader!

- *Discipleship* is the way to true leadership. Joshua grew in his leadership training being a disciple of Moses, the greatest prophet. He observed and absorbed the art of leadership. This requires *humility* too.
- “¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”¹³ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you.” Exodus

Leader or a follower!

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Leader or a follower!

- *“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus” Martin Luther king.*
- A true leader doesn't search of what people like and do it so they like him/her, but a true leader changes what people think and act to the better. He/she leads the people rather than being lead by them. A leader of that sort will make a difference to his followers, can change them to the better.

Joshua the leader

- Joshua saw over the years how the Israelites betrayed the Lord many times and how they raged against Moses himself and about to stone him! However, Joshua did not even think of making them happy on the expense of his loyalty to the Lord. See what he told them;
- **“¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**” Joshua 24**

A Leader or a follower!

- A lot of the times we want to be leaders, in doing that we will try to look and behave cool.
- To do so, without us feeling, we start imitating what is the society likes and considers cool. In doing that we became followers not leaders. We lock ourselves into what the others like.
- We think then that we are leaders but we are nothing but followers!
- See how the Israelites responded to Joshua's strong talk! It reflects how much they respected him.

²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD!”

²² So Joshua said to the people, “You *are* witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him.”

And they said, “*We are* witnesses!”

²³ “Now therefore,” *he said*, “put away the foreign gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel.”

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!”

²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.” Joshua 24

What kind of a leader am I?

Am I leading my friends to their good or to their hurt?

Am I giving a good example or going with the flow with no thinking where I am going?



- There are a lot of stories about this courageous man, JOSHUA, so read his book, the 6th book in old testament.
- His faithfulness made him to deserve talking to the Lord few times and get His promises,
- “⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1

Joshua, the name means “Savior”, like “Yasso3” or “Jesus” in his leadership!

- Joshua lead the people into the promise land.
- Joshua circumcised the Israelites before entering promise land.
- Joshua saved Rahab the harlot, even she was not a Jew.
- Jesus lead the Church to everlasting life.
- Jesus baptize the Church before entering the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Jesus saved the Samaritan woman and other Gentiles even they were not Jew.

Remember the qualities of a leader

- *learning*
- *Obedience*
- *Discipleship*
- *Humility*
- *Faithfulness*
- *Leader not a follower*, regardless of the general consensus
- *Leading people to their good not to their hurt*