

Push & Pull: Embracing the Tensions of Our Faith

Week Two: The Rhythm of FOLLOWING & LEADING
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The best leaders on the planet, those that God can use mightily, are not first of all *leaders*.... they're *followers*. God's man recognizes that he can never lead someone to places he's never been, and so God's man must learn to follow Jesus **in order to lead**. As we follow Jesus, however, we will quickly recognize our calling to lead others. To ensure the next generation has what it takes to stand tall for Christ. How do we balance this tension? To lead *and* to follow? In Part 2 of our series *Push & Pull*, we will unpack the core truths needed to be men humble enough to follow, and brave enough to lead.

We cannot lead people into _____.

In order to _____, we must first be willing to _____.

The term "follower" is so often used in a derogatory sense in our culture. It denotes a lack of originality, courage, ability or opportunity. Why?

Because our culture worships _____ . The most celebrated of all success is to

_____.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, DO NOT DEPEND on your own understanding...."

Jeremiah 17:9 "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"

This type of "self confidence", the kind which is unwilling to follow....displays both

_____ and _____.

Psalms 11:105 "Your word, is a LAMP unto my feet and a LIGHT to my path."

Galatians 5:16 "Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Genesis 2:18 "It is not good for man to be alone..." and Ecclesiastes 4:10 "Pity the one who falls and has no one there to lift him up...."

Matthew 4:19 "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Follow ME and I WILL MAKE YOU....

We are no longer _____ men....we become _____ men!

**See Ezekiel 36:26 for What God Makes New in Us!!!! (Heart, Spirit, Obedience)*

True leaders recognize that the work is too big for them. **We must intentionally replicate**

_____ who can then _____ the Kingdom effort!

The primary job of the current generation is to _____.

John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the SAME WORKS I have done, and EVEN GREATER WORKS....."

The true Legacy of God's Men, is really the _____.

So, how do I step into this God-sized calling to LEAD?

1. I recognize I cant _____ what _____.
2. In HUMILITY & TRUST in God's provision, I recognize _____.
3. I recognize WHO God has placed _____.
4. I recognize that _____ not _____ is the key.
5. Lastly, like I said above, I recognize that leadership is a _____.

For Discussion:

1. What mentors has God placed in your life? What impact have they had?
2. Who is God calling you to "lead"? What practical steps will you take today to step into humble leadership?
3. Where are you most tempted to "trust in your own understanding"? What have been the implications and fallout of this decision?
4. What fears, doubts, or insecurities most often creep up as you think about leading or mentoring another man? How can you press into that fear, in faith and obedience?