

THE WEIGHT OF LEADERSHIP

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Mathew 11:28

The weight of leadership is a heavy burden and a daunting task. The weight that a leader carries is the responsibility of **ALWAYS GOING FIRST!** Going first is a double edged sword. It brings privileged rewards yet extensive pain.

Leaders do not have the privilege of learning from the pain of another. They are the poster child for what to do and what not to do. They pave the way when there is no way. Real leaders are humbled enough to accept the praise of success and strong enough to bear the weight of criticism.

GOING FIRST

Leaders are the **FIRST** one's to inspire change. They are the **FIRST** one's to change circumstances. They are the

FIRST person people depend on. They are the **FIRST** person to do something different.

They are the **FIRST** person to get attacked. They are the **FIRST** person to be criticized. They are the **FIRST** person to experience pain. They are the **FIRST** person to get it wrong. They are the **FIRST** person to be held responsible. They are the **FIRST** person to be held accountable.

This is the **JOURNEY** of leadership! Most people see the results of leadership while ignoring the journey. When you think of great leaders, they are admired for the journey they traveled **MORE** than the results they created.

Dr. King is remembered because of the journey he traveled rather than the results he created. Michael Jordan is honored as the greatest basketball player because of the journey he took to get there. Nelson Mandela is revered because of the journey he took more than the results he produced.

Anyone who follows you can produce similar results as you. However, they will **NEVER** be able to duplicate the journey you traveled. A Leader's journey is unique to their own greatness.

Thurgood Marshall did not go through the pain of Harriet Tubman. Barry Bonds did not go through the pain of Jackie Robinson. This generation will never go through the pain of the civil rights era.

THE GREATEST LEADER

Out of all of the great leaders we have read, seen and heard about there is no one greater than King Jesus. When we think of King Jesus we think about the results He created when He saved us from sin and death. Equivalent to that, we marvel at His **JOURNEY**.

We are amazed at how He came to the earth by coming from glory and wrapping Himself in flesh according to John 1:14. We praise how He healed the sick, raised the

dead, performed miracles and spoke to the masses in the New Testament. We honor what He went through for the sake of humanity. We admire how He handled the persecution He endured.

In totality, we honor the **JOURNEY** of King Jesus. In so many ways, He carried the burden of **GOING FIRST**, yet handling it with grace.

Unfortunately, a leader's weight is not lightened. Their shoulders **ADJUST** to the weight. Their minds learn to **ACCOMMODATE** the weight. Their spirit becomes **NURTURED** to handle the weight.

Mathew 11:28 says, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" When the weight of leadership becomes too heavy, come to King Jesus. Leaders get tired because of the **DEMAND** on their life.

The demand to **BE**, the demand to **DO**, the demand to **GO**, the demand to **COMPLETE** weighs on the spirit of a

leader. If a leader comes to Jesus for relief He will give them rest.

The type of rest King Jesus will give to you is **REFRESHMENT!** The Lord will refresh every leader who comes to Him drained by giving them peace, sleep, tranquility and composure. The Lord knows that the weight a leader carries is a daunting task. However, He has provided a way of escape.

Leaders are not exempt from carrying strenuous weight. They are **REFRESHED** to keep carrying it. King Jesus did not stop carrying the sins of the world on His shoulders. He was refreshed by His Heavenly Father to keep carrying it until His death.

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AND A LEGACY YOU CREATE!**

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