

The Challenge to which You Must Respond

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Leaders.....

- Know the way
- Go the way
- Show the way

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John 14:6

To Know the Way

- What must we do?
 - Kill the Giants
- You have been shown the Problems and Answers
- Also :
 - Preach the good news to the poor
 - Set the prisoners free
 - Help the blind to see
 - Release for the oppressed
 - Proclaim

The Challenge

- Have Purpose
 - Vision
 - Passion
- Change the World
- Be a Leader
- Overcome FEAR
- Have relationships
 - Upward with God
 - With the Church
 - Beyond the Church

Where we are – Where should we be

- In the wilderness looking across at what could be.
- Overawed by the giants
- The vision : A vision of the promised land
A land where all are free of need and of fear. Where each citizen can become all that they are able to become. A beautiful country with a sustained environment. A friendly nation that is just, loves mercy, and is humble. A Godly nation that leads through example and service; A generous nation sharing a wealth of resources, experience and expertise with others. A growing nation that empowers, enables, and encourages its citizens and others to greatness

Nelson Mandela - "The Church is the strongest force in our nation."

Dream What Is Possible If We Work Together

"Some people see things the way they are and ask why; I see things the way they could be and ask why not?"

John F. Kennedy

To Go the Way

- Action
- Momentum
- Responsibility and accountability
- Perseverance
- Character
- Integrity

Work/Labour Endurance

1 Thessalonians 1:3

We continually remember before our God and Father your

- work produced by faith...
- your labour prompted by love
- your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ

Jubilee

The Race

Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.....

Hebrews 12:1

To Walk

The bipedal march of humanity through history has been circuitous and sometimes wayward as we deal with our own innermost inadequacies and perceptions.

The three dynamics of our walk

- I am LOVED
- I am ABLE
- I am COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE

To be LOVED

- God Loves us
- We have to love each other
- We must know that we are loved

To be ABLE

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me - Phil 4:13

Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. - 2 Cor 3:4,5

To be COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE

Why have vision and purpose?

Keep Walking – Perseverance

CALLED TO CHARACTER, NOT COMFORT

He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions. - Deut 32:10,11

What is Character???????

Character is the strength with which we hold on to the truth

How do we get Character?

➤ In other words, how do we get strong enough to hold on to the truth?

- We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance *character*; and *character* hope

➤ Rom 5:3

To Show the Way

➤ The leadership imperative – what will they follow?

➤ Leaders must lead

- Build the foundations
- Ask the questions

The Leadership Questions

Having determined your purpose,

1. Do you and your followers want it?
2. Do you and your followers believe you can get it?
3. Do you and your followers have the internal power to do it?
4. Do you and your followers have the external power to do it?

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Luis Palau -

“Timid measures will not change a nation.”

Our Future : Our Hope

Is 40:30-31 - Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

Responsibility

➤ **“To responde’ to stimulus”**

➤ **What challenge does God want me to respond to?**

➤ **Who does God want me to be accountable to?**

➤ **What do I need to get the job done?**

Commission

➤ **Will you seek to know the purpose for your life and those that you lead, responding to the challenges that face us?**

➤ **Will you seek to go in the way that God wants you to in integrity, commitment, perseverance and character?**

➤ **Will you seek to show others and lead them in their best interests to the greater purpose God has for us all in this nation?**