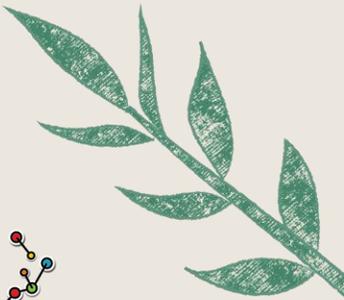


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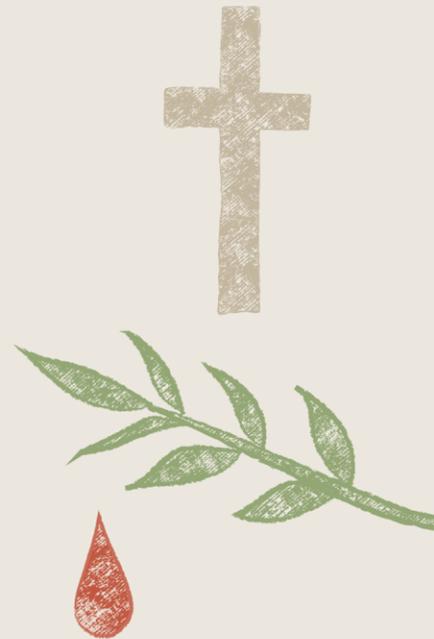
Can the Cross inspire transformational leadership?

Exploring sacrifice, humility, and service in Christian leadership

The call to Christian leadership

- Christian leadership is rooted in the Cross, requiring sacrifice, humility, and service.
- Can the Cross be more than just a *symbol* of salvation, but also a potential leadership model?

KEY QUESTION: How can the Cross shape our leadership to reflect love, integrity, and accountability?



“Emptiness is produced when love is absent from ministry”



SERVANT

- Blameless
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate/gentle
- Sober minded
- Good behavior
- Hospitable
- Able to teach
- Not greedy or quarrelsome
- Rule own house in God's will



LOVE IS

- Action
- Patient
- Generous
- Gracious
- Devoted to truth
- Endures/hopes/ believes

LOVE IS NOT:

- Envious
- Brag/rude
- Arrogant/ overbearing
- Wanting own way
- Take personal offence
- Find pleasure in sin (others)



*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...
‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31*

The foundation of Cross-centered leadership

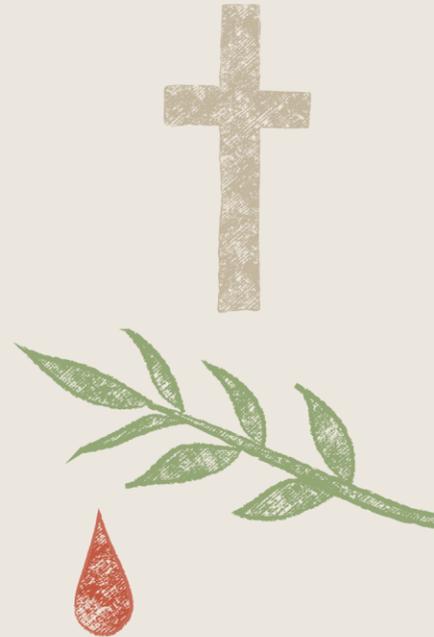
LEADERSHIP MODELLED ON THE CROSS

SACRIFICE: Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the Cross sets the standard for selfless leadership.

HUMILITY: Philippians 2:5-8 – Christ's humility as a servant leader.

SERVICE: Mark 10:45 – "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

Reflect on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, are we leading with this same sacrificial love?



Uncomfortable truths about servant leadership

CHALLENGES OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

ACCOUNTABILITY: Are we genuinely transparent in our leadership, or are we offering superficial gestures?

DUPLICITY: Do our church policies reflect the love, grace and justice of the Cross, or do they expose worldly standards?

MODERN CHALLENGES: How do we balance God's Word with Government mandates and societal pressures?

Are we enhancing Christian governance or compromising it?



Scripture as a guide for leadership

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

LOVE: 1 Corinthians 13 – Leading with love as the highest virtue.

INTEGRITY: Proverbs 11:3 – The integrity of the upright guides them.

JUSTICE: Micah 6:8 – Acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.

How can we apply these principles in our leadership roles?



Modern challenges in Christian leadership

NAVIGATING CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

GOVERNMENT MANDATES VS. FAITH: How do we respond when laws conflict with our beliefs?

CULTURAL SHIFTS: How can we address societal changes while staying true to biblical values?

CHURCH POLICIES: How do we ensure our policies reflect the love, grace and justice of the Cross?

Are we leading with courage and conviction?



Practical steps for Cross-Centered leadership

TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE CROSS

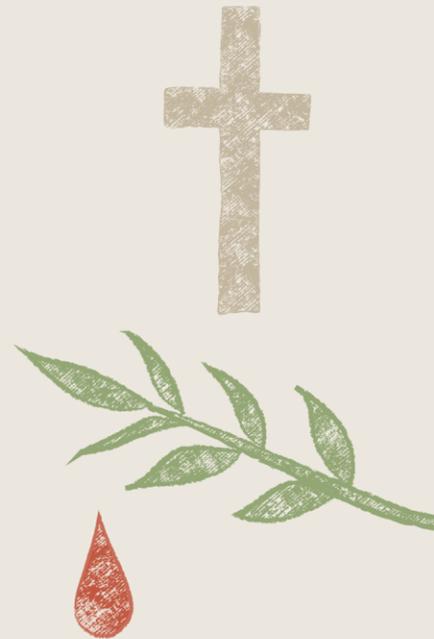
SELF-EXAMINATION: Regularly assess your motives and methods.

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY: Foster transparency and trust within your team and congregation.

SERVICE-ORIENTED ACTIONS: Prioritise serving others over personal gain.

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE: Ground decisions in prayer and biblical wisdom.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING: Seek resources that continuously renew our thinking and align it with Christ's desires for us.



Reflection and discussion

ARE WE LEADING LIKE CHRIST?

- How can we embody sacrifice, humility, and service in our leadership?
- What steps can we take to ensure our policies/procedures and guidelines reflect the love, grace and justice of the Cross?
- How do we navigate modern challenges without compromising our faith?

Commit to one actionable step to improve your leadership

Closing - A leader that loves

The Cross is not just a symbol of our faith but a blueprint for transformational leadership.

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”

1 Cor 13:4-7

"Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant."

Mark 10:43



Show kindness

Don't boast

Not just your way

Rejoice in truth

Bears all things in hope

Endure

Lead like Christ!