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Leadership is using your influence to rally others to achieve something you can't do alone.

Leadership is filled with _____ **challenges** _____ .

"I believe adaptive capacity or resilience is the single most important quality in a leader, or in anyone else for that matter who hopes to lead a healthy, meaningful life." Warren Bennis

1. _____ **Criticism** _____

"What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap - and charred ones at that?" *Nehemiah 4:2*

2. _____ **Conflict** _____ within the team

Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses because he had married a Cushite woman. They said, "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he spoken through us, too?" *Numbers 12:1-2*

3. Lack of _____ **motivation** _____

Then the people of Judah began to complain, "The workers are getting tired, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will **never** be able to build the wall by ourselves." *Nehemiah 4:10*

4. _____ **Crises** _____ and _____ **disasters** _____

5. _____ **Opposition** _____

So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me. *Nehemiah 6:2*

How can leaders stay the course?

Leaders must keep themselves _____ **fired** _____ **up** _____ .

And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David **strengthened himself** in the Lord his God. *1 Samuel 30:6*

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Leaders solve problems.

So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows. *Nehemiah 4:13*

Leaders keep their people motivated.

Then I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" *Nehemiah 4:14*

*"You're a leader. It's your **job** to keep your passion hot. Do whatever you have to do, read whatever you have to read, go wherever you have to go to stay **fired up**. And don't apologize to anybody."* Bill Hybels

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Acts 12:24 - 13:141a	MONDAY Acts 13:14b-41	TUESDAY Acts 13:42 - 14:7
this week	june 19	june 20	june 21
WEDNESDAY Acts 14:8-28	THURSDAY Acts 15:1-35	FRIDAY Acts 15:36 - 16:15	SATURDAY Acts 16:16-40
june 22	june 23	june 24	june 25
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE 1 Samuel 30:6			

go first.



For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

Last Week's Action Step

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

Introduction

Leadership is difficult. Leaders face criticism, conflict, low motivation, crises, disasters, and opposition. Because leadership is difficult, it is sometimes hard to stay the course. Successful leaders find ways to stay fired up. They do all they must do to have the energy required to meet reality's demands.

Discussion Questions

1. The "Go First" sermon series has been about using your influence to rally others to achieve something you can't do alone. What is one principle or truth that has impacted the way you lead or the way you understand leadership?
2. Read Nehemiah 4:1-6. Nehemiah faced challenges as he rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. In your area of leadership, what has been the most difficult challenge you have faced? How did you handle it? What could you have done better?
3. Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6. When David faced opposition as a leader he turned to God for his strength. Why is this so important for a leader? Using the scale below, rate your likelihood for turning to God when you are faced with a major challenge.

1	2	3	4	5
I rely on my own strength	God is my last resort	I still worry and stress out	I go to God for the "big stuff"	Full confidence in God's plan

Based on your evaluation, how can we get to the level of trust David displayed as a leader?

4. Pastor Bill Hybels wrote, "You're a leader. It's your job to keep your passion hot. Do whatever you have to do. Read whatever you have to read. Go wherever you have to go to say fired up. And don't apologize to anyone."

Small Group Questions Continued

What steps will you take this week to stay "fired up" as a leader? What will you do? What will you read? Where will you go? Who will you reach out to for help?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I'm praying for:

Outreach: Groups in Action

OUR CHURCH

Our children's ministry is in need of volunteers for the 11:15am service at all 3 campuses. We also need subs when our regular volunteers are gone or on vacation. Email Dallas Havens if you are interested or for more information at dhavens@eclife.org.

OUR COMMUNITY

In honor of those who have served to protect our freedom, and as we approach Independence Day, write a letter to a soldier who is currently serving or a veteran who has previously served. These letters could be delivered to a soldier or veteran you know, or can be dropped off at the Outreach or Information counters at each campus to be mailed together as a church.

OUR WORLD

Please commit to pray for the Emmanuel team that is traveling to Colombia. They left on June 18th and will be traveling back on June 25th. The team from Emmanuel is partnered with Exodo church, and will be serving alongside them to serve the community for the week. Please pray for safety, and that many will begin a relationship with Jesus.