

# LEADERSHIP GOD USES

## MESSAGE NOTES ~ April 13, 2008

"... with honest, sensible leaders, there is stability ." Proverbs 28.2 (Living Bible)

### 1. LAWS OF LEADERSHIP

❖ Nothing happens until \_\_\_\_\_ provides leadership for it.

"Every man did what was right in his own eyes. There was no king in Israel." Judges 21.25

❖ Leadership is \_\_\_\_\_.

"As a young man, be an example in leadership." 1 Timothy 4.2

A "LEADER" is someone with God-given \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ a group of God's people to accomplish God's \_\_\_\_\_ for that group.

❖ The test of leadership: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

"Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ" 1 Corinthians 11.1

❖ The foundation of leadership is \_\_\_\_\_ not charisma

"Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7-8

Good Leaders have:

- ♦ a \_\_\_\_\_ worth remembering
- ♦ a \_\_\_\_\_ worth considering
- ♦ a \_\_\_\_\_ worth imitating

### 2. BACKGROUND TO NEHEMIAH'S STORY

586 BC	Jerusalem destroyed Jews deported to Babylon
537 BC	First group of Jews allowed to return
516 BC	The Temple was rebuilt
458 BC	Ezra led a second group back to Jerusalem
445 BC	Nehemiah asks permission to return to Jerusalem with a third group to rebuild the city walls.

### 3. WHY DID GOD CHOOSE NEHEMIAH AS A LEADER?

❖ God uses people \_\_\_\_\_.

"I was a cupbearer to the king." Nehemiah 1.11

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"They said to me, 'Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.' When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."  
Nehemiah 1.3-4

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