Title: Visionaries II – raising up leaders that shapes the world

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Biblical visionary leader: "Somebody that has <u>supernatural foresight</u> and <u>imagination</u> that enables them to shape the world around them." All of this comes from God the Holy Spirit.

The Mission of the Church?

Matthew 28:18–20 (The Message) ¹⁸ Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: ¹⁹ Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

*Two types of people: trainers and trainees.

Trainers: (1) See people (2) See where they are at (3) Encourage them to take the next step.

See people

Luke 7:36–39 (NLT) ³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. ³⁷ When a certain <u>immoral woman</u> from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar <u>filled with expensive perfume</u>. ³⁸ Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

- The sinful woman "saw" Jesus.
- The Pharisee didn't see her value as a person. The Pharisee despised her. **We easily do the same.
- ** You have no right to lead people if you don't like them.

Luke 7:44–47 (ESV) ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

The key for raising up leaders is first to see Jesus. That transforms our hearts. Secondly to see people.

See where they are at – the 4Ps of empowerment

Chinese church discipleship moto: If you have read one verse more than somebody else, then you can train them.

The 4Ps of empowering people – four areas of growth!

- 1. **People (horizontal)** Helping people to connect with people.
- 2. **Peace (vertical)** Helping people to connect with God.
- 3. **Power (inflow)** Helping people to move deeper into the Spirit of God.
- 4. **Purpose (outflow)** Helping people to find purpose for their lives [exponential blessing!]

Finding out where you are at?

Proverbs 15:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ Whoever abandons the right path will be severely disciplined; whoever hates correction will die.

Ask for it! **Is there an area that you feel I should work at? / What do you think? Is this the right way?

Encourage them to take the next step – everybody needs encouragement! **Next step?**

**Well known founder of large company and also a Christian said,"Do you know how I identify someone who needs encouragement? If the <u>person is breathing</u> they need a pat on the back!"

Trainers: Become the chief encourager of your team or friends. Give them courage! As a leader, you have great power to lift people up.

Mother Theresa said, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless."

Conclusion

Matthew 28:20 (The Message)...I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

John 17:20–23 (ESV) ²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.