

Bridging the Gap: Insight into Effective Leadership.



While doing the work of ministry I have always wondered how do we as leaders effectively lead people from where they are to where they need to be. There are many different excuses and reasons why we can't bridge the gap, and get more out of people.

This Blog is going to be a series of articles aimed at pulling out principles from this section of Exodus that we can use in our homes, at church, and in our various social contexts.

*Exodus 36² And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the Lord had put skill, **everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work.**³ And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. **They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning,**⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing,⁵ and said to Moses, **"The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do."**⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing,⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.*

As we begin our journey into this passage keep in mind the history building up into this point.

- The people have continued to waiver between doubt and belief
- Just two chapters earlier they built an Idol!
- They were in the wilderness, with no stability, and no economy.

(ref. Ex14:10,15:23,16:3,17:, 32)

But yet here are the Israelites giving all that they have from the least to greatest to this grand task of building the Holy tabernacle of God. They were generous to the point that they had to be constrained from giving any more. How was Moses able to stir their hearts in the right direction, when they were often filled with doubt and disbelief?

1. Leadership insight: great leaders are able to see and communicate a compelling vision of the bigger picture.

In chapter 19 Moses communicated of God's his ultimate purpose for them, which is to bring them into a unique and intimate relationship with himself . He reiterates this big idea by telling the Israelites that the purpose for building the tabernacle will be so that God can dwell in the midst of the people and be with him. (29:44). Moses was able to see how the intricate details of the tent, and the physical beauty, and laborious demands of the work interacted with the main goal; Which is the fact that supreme creator of the universe chose to dwell with them. Whats even greater is the fact that this vision stretched them outside of their comfort zone. For a brief moment the Israelites saw this , and were drawn to give to a cause greater than themselves.

It is up to us as leaders to give people a goal that is greater themselves, and to point them in the direction towards a purpose driven life.

Application :

- What are some ways that I as a leader focus more on the trees (details of what needs to be done), independent of the forest (the overall goal of where we need to be).
- What is Gods overall purpose for us as Christians?
- What are some things that should function as vehicles that drive us toward the goal?

-If they would have known what these words meant –

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