



THE PRESENCE
OF
GOD
IN THE LIFE OF A
LEADER



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God has called us

“I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.”

Isaiah 41:9

God promises us His presence

*“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your
God. I will strengthen you and help
you; I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.”*

Isaiah 41:10

***Moses lived obsessed
with being in the
Presence of God***

“The Lord replied, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’”

Exodus 33:14

*“Then Moses said to him,
‘If your Presence does
not go with us, do not
send us up from here.’”*

Exodus 33:15

*Results of the
Presence of God in
the life of the church*



The Presence of God in the life of the disciples



“One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.



*He saw at the water's edge
two boats, left there by the
fishermen, who were
washing their nets.*



*He got into one of the boats,
the one belonging to Simon,
and asked him to put out a
little from shore. Then he sat
down and taught the people
from the boat.*



When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'



*Simon answered, 'Master,
we've worked hard all night
and haven't caught anything.
But because you say so, I will
let down the nets.'*



When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.



So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.”

Luke 5:1-7





***What does the
Presence of God do in
the work of a leader?***



***1- The Presence of God: Puts
an end to simple routine
and negative conformity
in a leader***

*“He saw at the water’s
edge two boats, left
there by the fishermen,
who were washing their
nets.”*

Vs. 2

Conformity in a leader says:

- *We are a poor church and we can never achieve great things.*
- *My district is difficult; therefore, we cannot expect great results.*
- *The thing is that this is just how I am and I cannot change because this is my genetic makeup.*

Nonetheless...

- *Saul of Tarsus was transformed as soon as he found himself in the presence of God.*
- *Even Moses' face was transformed because of the presence of God in his life.*



- *Isaiah was purified and transformed by the coal from the altar.*
- *Of the disciples it was said: "Truly they have walked with Christ Jesus."*
- *The son of thunder [John] became the loved disciple due to the presence of God in his life.*

Leader:

Do not wash your net too soon, without first experiencing the presence of God in your life and your work.





2- The Presence of God: Propels the leader to work harder

“When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.’”

Vs. 4

- *Paul was cast down to the ground.*
- *The three Hebrew youths were placed in a fiery furnace.*
- *Moses had to go up the mountain.*
- *Peter had to go out to sea.*
- *You and I, What is it that we have to do?*





***3- The Presence of God:
Motivates the leader to
work in the Name of God
and for His glory and honor***

“Simon answered, ‘Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.’”

Vs. 5

*“And Simon answering said unto him, ‘Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word I will let down the net.**’”*

(Vs. 5, KJV)

*“For from him and
through him and for him
are all things. To him be
the glory forever!
Amen.”*

Romans 11:36



***4- The Presence of God:
Ends all lack of
productivity and
guarantees for the leader
an abundant harvest***

*“When they had done so,
they caught such a large
number of fish that their
nets began to break.”*

Vs. 6



***5- The Presence of God:
Destroys selfishness and
promotes in the leader
concern for others***

“So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.”

Vs. 7



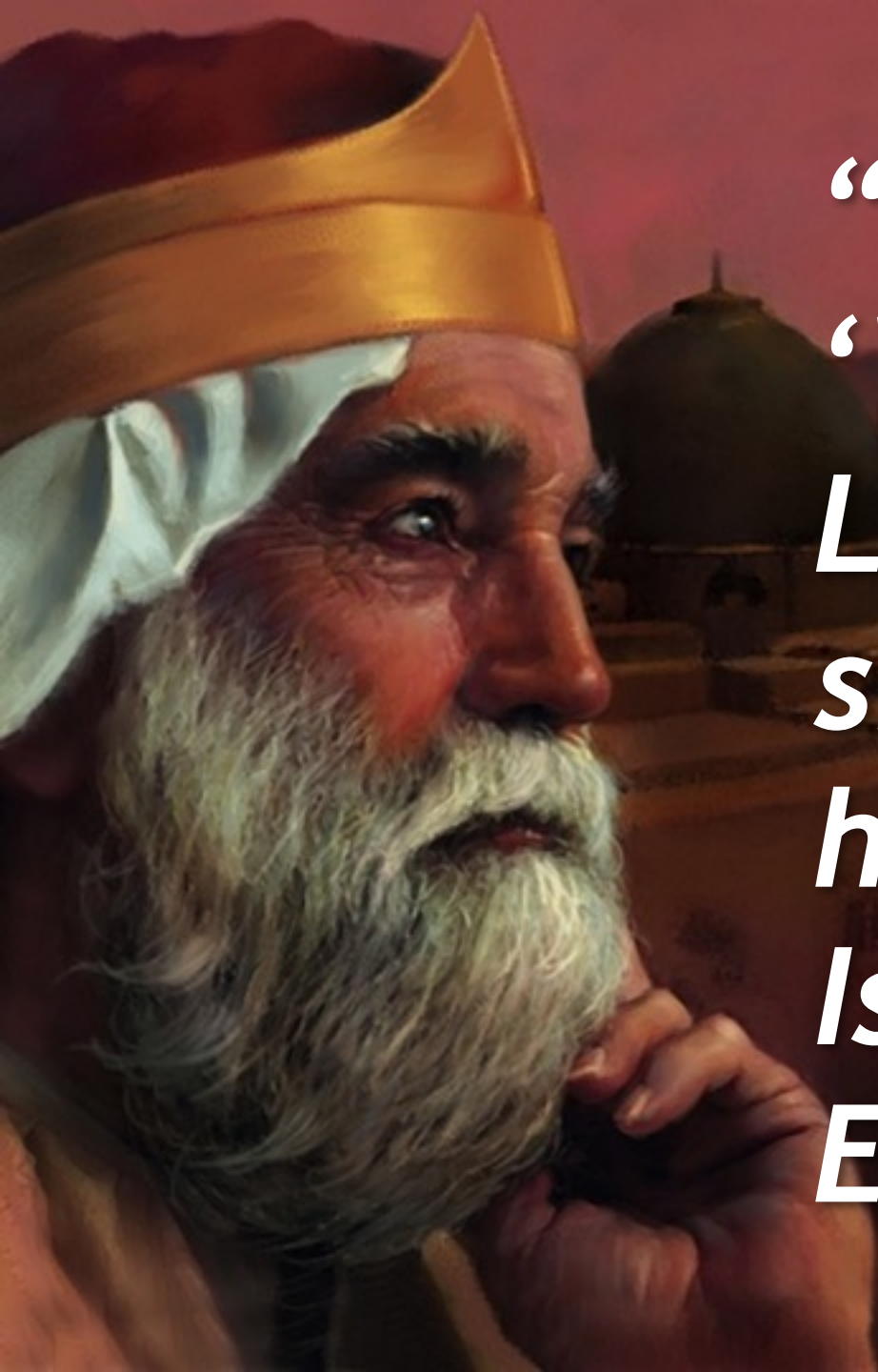
***6- The Presence of God:
Humbles the leader and
allows him to recognize
his condition***

*“When Simon Peter saw this,
he fell at Jesus’ knees and
said, ‘Go away from me,
Lord; I am a sinful man!’”*

Vs. 8

***“But Moses said to God,
Who am I that I should go
to Pharaoh and bring the
Israelites out of Egypt?”***

Exodus 3:11

A close-up, profile view of an elderly man with a long, white, flowing beard and mustache. He is wearing a golden crown with a red band. His expression is serious and contemplative, with his hand resting near his chin. The background is a blurred, warm-toned scene of ancient Egyptian architecture, including domes and columns, under a sunset or sunrise sky.

*“Pharaoh said,
‘Who is the
Lord, that I
should obey
him and let
Israel go?’”
Exodus 5:2*

“‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined? For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.’”

Isaiah 6:5



***7- Only the Presence of God
can transform a laborer
into a positive leader***

*“...Then Jesus said to Simon,
‘Don’t be afraid; from now
you will fish for people.’
So they... left everything
and followed him.”*

Vs. 10-11

To Saul of Tarsus: “Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.”

Acts 26:16

*To Moses: “Now go; I will
help you speak and will
teach you what to say.”
Exodus 4:12*



Isaiah: *“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ He said, ‘Go and tell this people...’”*

Isaiah 6:8-9

Reflections

“The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the graces of the Holy Spirit... It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ. When Christ reigns in the soul, there is purity, freedom from sin.”

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“An indwelling Saviour makes His power our property. The truth becomes our stock in trade. No unrighteousness is seen in the life. We are able to speak words in season to those who know not the truth. Christ’s presence in the heart is a vitalizing power, strengthening the entire being.”

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“Christ made full provision for the prosecution of the work entrusted to the disciples, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail... Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe, but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you.”

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