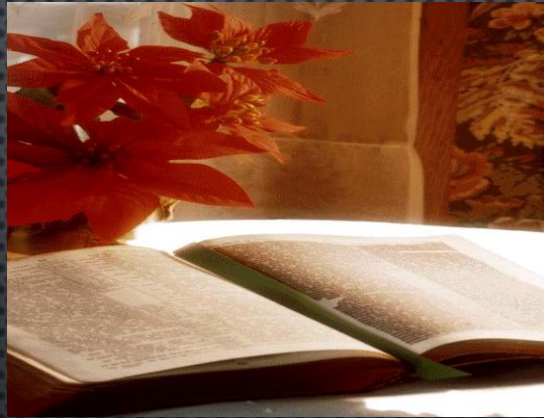


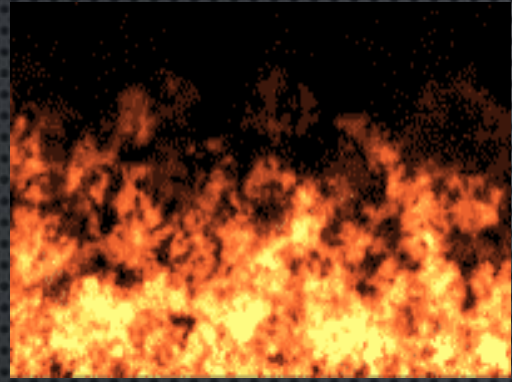
# LEADERSHIP PROFILES FROM GOD'S WORD



## ABSALOM: A TRAGIC CASE OF LEADERSHIP GONE BAD

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# OVERALL PURPOSE OF THIS SERIES ON LEADERSHIP PROFILES

TO UNDERSTAND AND LEARN FROM VARIOUS LEADERSHIP PROFILES SO THAT YOU CAN:

- BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND ANOINTED IN YOUR AREA OF INFLUENCE
- ADAPT AND BENCHMARK YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE AND PRACTICES ON SOME OF THE BEST LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES DISCUSSED IN THIS SERIES.
- USE THESE MATERIAL TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF EVANGELISM AND END GOSPEL POVERTY.

# OBJECTIVES



- **1. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE CONCEPT OF THE COST AND EXPECTATIONS OF LEADERSHIP**
- **2. PARTICIPANTS WILL EVALUATE THEIR LIVES AND MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES BASED ON THE CHALLENGES AND LEARNING POINTS IN THIS PRESENTATION.**



# **COMMITMENT**

**TO TEACH THESE MATERIALS TO, AT LEAST, 15  
OTHER PEOPLE.**



# PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE

PSALM 86:9-12

TEACH ME YOUR WAY O LORD, AND I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART, THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME. I WILL PRAISE YOU O LORD MY GOD WITH ALL MY HEART; I WILL GLORIFY YOUR NAME FOREVER.



# OBJECTIVES



- **1. PARTICIPANTS WILL UNDERSTAND THE INNER CIRCLE OF LEADERS.**
- **2. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE DANGERS OF ABUSING POSITIONAL POWER.**
- **3. PARTICIPANTS WILL BECOME AWARE OF THE ROLE OF FATHER FIGURES IN THEIR LIVES.**



# **ABSALOM: 2 SAMUEL 16: 1-18:18**

- **HE GREW UP AS A CHILD OF PRIVILEGE IN THE ROYAL PALACE.**
- **HE WAS CHARISMATIC, ATTRACTIVE AND VERY POWERFUL.**
- **HE USED HIS PERSONAL MAGNETISM AND ABILITIES TO DISPLACE DAVID, GOD'S ANOINTED.**

**DAVID FAILED AS FATHER AND  
NEVER HELPED ABSALOM  
ACQUIRE A HEART OF GOD.**



**ABSALOM'S INNER CIRCLE OF  
ADVISORS GREATLY  
INFLUENCED HIS TREACHERY BY  
GIVING HIM WICKED COUNSEL.**







## **COUNSEL FROM INNER CIRCLE**

- **ABSALOM CHOOSES TO LISTEN TO THEIR EVIL VOICES.**
- **ABSALOM MISPLACED PASSION TO ACQUIRE THE THRONE.**
- **THOSE WHO SURROUND ABSALOM WERE EVIL THEMSELVES  
AND PERSONS WHO RECOGNISED OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
PERSONAL GAIN.**

# ABSALOM ABUSED POSITIONAL POWER

HE INFLICTED ENORMOUS PAIN ON  
MANY.





# **ABSALOM ABUSED POSITIONAL POWER**

**HIS LACK OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY, COMBINED FOR A  
LACK OF RESPECT FOR GOD, LED TO CHAOS IN THE  
KINGDOM.**





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**ONE CANNOT WONDER WHAT  
MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED HAD  
DAVID SHED HIS TEARS FOR  
ABSALOM AS THE BOY GREW UP  
UNDER HIS ROOF, RATHER THAN  
AT HIS FUNERAL. 2 SAM. 18:33**



# CLOSING COMMENTS

## TRUST THAT YOU NOW UNDERSTAND

- 1. THE INNER CIRCLE OF LEADERS.
- 2. THE DANGERS OF ABUSING POSITIONAL POWER.
- 3. THE ROLE OF FATHER FIGURES IN THEIR LIVES.



# **WE'RE GONNA WORSHIP THE KING**

**We're Gonna Worship The King  
We're Gonna Praise His Name  
We're Gonna Lift Up Holy Hands  
We're Gonna Worship The King**

**We're Gonna Praise Him In The Morning  
Praise Him In The Night  
Praise Him All Day Long  
We're Gonna Lift Up The Mighty Name Of Jesus  
Hear Me Singing This Song**



**The  
fool  
hath said  
in his heart,  
there is no  
God**

**Psalms 14:1**





**Eat** as if you have just had a heart attack.  
**Work** as if your job description is under consideration.

**Talk** as if you can overhear what you say.

**Live** as if you are going to have a face-to-face with your Creator any moment.”

*Stephen Covey*



A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The ground is covered in vibrant red autumn leaves. The trees are mostly bare, and the atmosphere is misty and blue-toned. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

***Trust is...  
not knowing where  
God is leading you  
but following anyway.***

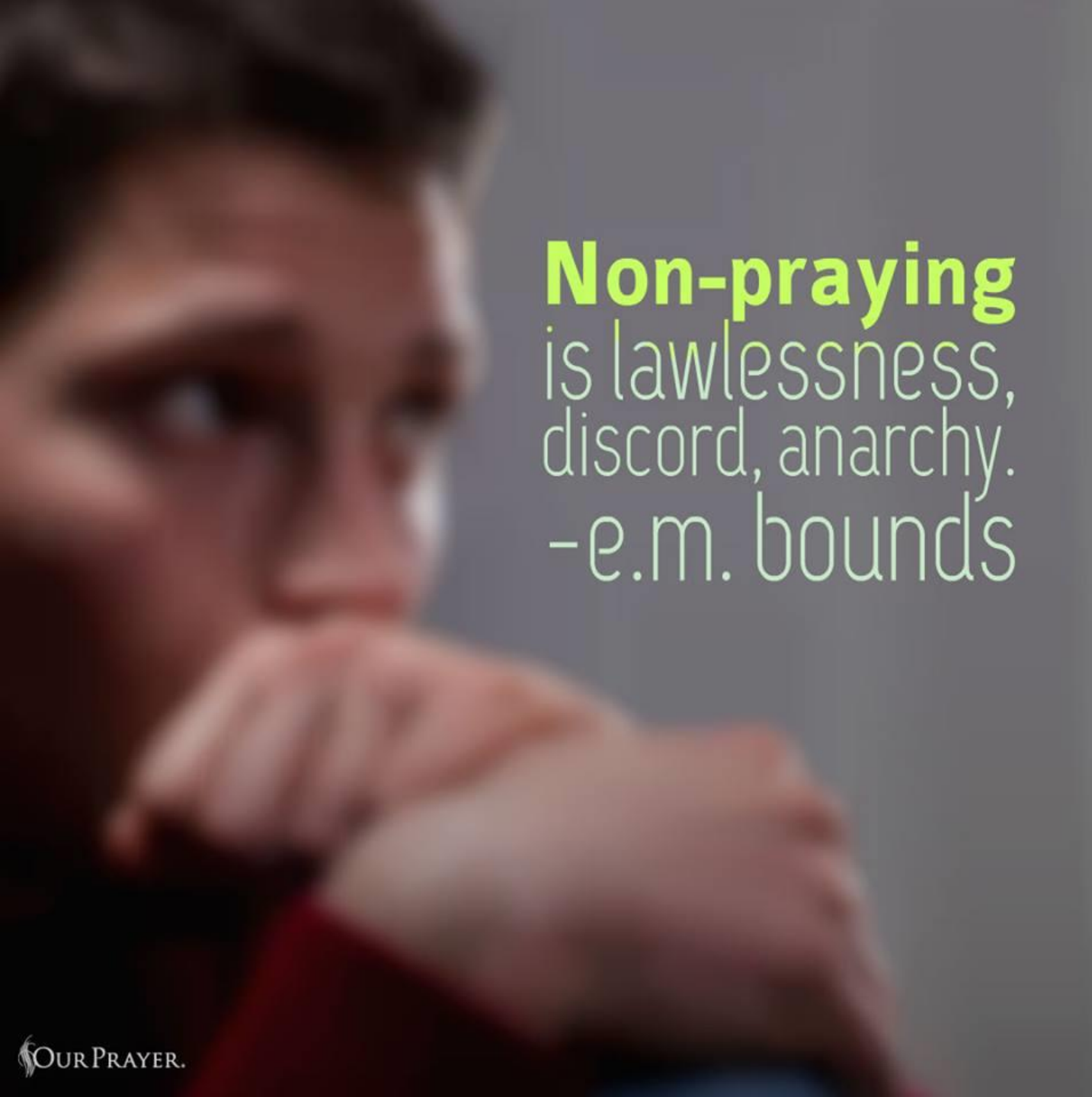
**I ASK CLARIFYING  
QUESTIONS.**



You're not on your own anymore.  
You're a member of the Body of Christ.

**WHO WAS THE LAST  
PERSON WHO  
ASKED YOU FOR  
HELP, AND HOW  
DID YOU HELP HIM?**





**Non-praying**  
is lawlessness,  
discord, anarchy.  
-e.m. bounds

**WHEN YOU SEE A  
DISABLED PERSON,  
DO YOU PROVIDE  
HELP?**



“This day is holy  
to our Lord.  
Do not grieve,  
for the joy of  
the Lord is your  
strength.”

NEHEMIAH 8:10

ARE YOU  
MOVED TO  
COMPASSION  
WHEN YOU SEE  
A GROUP OF  
PEOPLE IN NEED  
OF CHRIST?





*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,  
but against principalities, against powers,  
against the rulers of the darkness of this world,  
against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*Ephesians 6,12*

*Manuel  
Zunode  
10.02.15*



# PRAYER FOCUS

- **FATHER, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO WALK IN THE WORD. YOUR WORD LIVING IN ME PRODUCES THE LIFE IN THIS WORLD.**
- **THE WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH. IT MAKES MY WAY PLAIN BEFORE ME.**
- **I BOLDLY AND CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT MY HEART IS FIXED AND ESTABLISHED ON THE SOLID FOUNDATION – THE LIVING WORD OF GOD! AMEN**





# ACTION PLAN

- **WHAT DID YOU HEAR?** WHAT DID GOD SAY TO YOU AS YOU READ THE DEVOTIONS FOR THE DAY?
- **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU, HOW DOES IT APPLY TO YOUR LIFE, AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO YOU?
- **WHAT WILL YOU DO?** WHAT ACTION STEP WILL YOU TAKE? HOW WILL YOU THINK DIFFERENTLY? HOW WILL YOU LIVE DIFFERENTLY?
- **NOW YOU PRAY.** THIS IS WHERE YOU PUT YOUR THOUGHTS INTO PRAYER. IT COULD BE A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE OR PRAISE. IT COULD BE A PRAYER OF CONFESSION OR A REQUEST FOR GOD'S HELP. IT'S UP TO YOU. BUT TAKE A MINUTE EACH DAY TO WRITE A PRAYER RESPONSE TO WHAT YOU READ IN THE DEVOTION.



**Jesus said: Take what I have given  
you and change the world!**





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