

FINDING YOUR PERSONAL VISION AS A LEADER

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A chance to color outside the lines of your experience and to declare a purpose worth living and working for. John Yokoyama and Joseph Michelli - When Fish Fly

- What opportunity does your position as leader offer you when it comes to making a positive impact on the world?
- Don't be limited by what you think is "reasonable" to accomplish. In the best possible world - what do you most desire to accomplish in your role as a leader
- Where is your passion - what makes your heart sing? Don't think just in terms of what activities you like to do - what characteristics and qualities are you exhibiting when your heart sings? How might that help form a vision for your leadership
- Think of the leaders you admire - what qualities do they have that you admire? What qualities do they have that you would like to cultivate in yourself
- What would you like to inspire others to be - not to do, but to be? What would your daily interactions with others look like if you were doing that?

What does it mean to be a leader when people are complaining? When you are tired? When you are frustrated? When things aren't going well? When things ARE going well?

- As Christians, we ask these questions under the guidance of scripture and prayer. God told Jeremaih

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer. 29:11).

Jesus also had a vision:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18)

What is God's vision for your leadership? How does God want you to grow, and how does God want to use you in your leadership position?

WRITE DOWN YOUR VISION

Put together all your answers, and you have your vision.

Now, how can you "be" your vision? Commit yourself to being who you say you are in your vision: act like, think like, look like, feel like, and speak like your vision. Be it!

Living a vision is not a function of planning and strategy but a matter of defining one's intention and responding to the world from that intention.

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