

DAY 29

The Highest Calling!

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Leadership Affirmation

My authority to lead rests in my assignment as a personal representative of the King of kings.

We have a mandate to represent our Sovereign Lord Jesus to others, investing our lives in the people around us. This great and high calling is a commission given to every follower of Jesus: To lead others to know Christ.

The word translated “ambassador” in 2 Corinthians 5:20 is a verb. It is not a noun that defines what we are. It is an action word that describes what we do. As our Sovereign, the Lord has commissioned us to *do* what ambassadors *do*. We carry His terms of peace to those who are estranged from God.

God has brought forth reconciliation through Jesus’ atonement. The mission of reconciliation takes place through making disciples (Matthew 28:19). We “ambassadorize” by conveying this singular message from God, serving under His authority, speaking on His behalf, explaining His terms of reconciliation over and over. As people are being disciplined, they are converted. Evangelism and discipleship are not linear concepts. One does not follow the other. One does not “get saved” and then become a disciple.

We intuitively understand this when leading our children. We invest in our children long before they make a public profession of faith, don’t we? The moment my boys were born, we started reading them Bible stories at bedtime every night. We started teaching them how to think and act in godly ways. We brought them to church. We disciplined them before they were saved. One day, during this disciple-making process, they responded to the Lord with faith and obedience to His effectual call, followed by believer’s baptism. We continue to teach them to observe all that Jesus commanded us in this ongoing disciple-making process.

Your leadership mission is to invest your life in people, to come alongside them, to convey God’s reconciling word to them. God did not call us to make decisions. He called us to make disciples. This is the highest calling of leadership. Not everyone can be or will be a public speaker. But every Christ-follower can be positionally available and personally surrendered, willing to do what God wants you to do.

Prayer for Protection

Lord, I confess my leadership potential is limited when I refuse to subject my desires to Your plans.