

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

SERMON OUTLINE

Looking back, Looking ahead...

1. Anglican Leadership Institute (Sept. 6-28)

- The program (Pick up handout.)
- The participants

2. Personal impact

- Samuel's message last week ...
 - What has God told you in the past?
 - Have you said to God, "I will do whatever you say?"
- God's message to me during ALI
 - Joseph's dreams (Genesis 37-50)
Genesis 37:5, 9 – 5 Now Joseph had a dream ... 9 Then he dreamed another dream
 - Asaph's Song (Psalm 77)
Psalm 77:9-11, 19 – 9 Has God forgotten to be merciful? ..." 10 Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High." 11 I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago... 19 Your path led through the sea ... though your footprints were not seen.
 - Peter's second encounter with Jesus (Luke 5)
Luke 5:1-11 – ... while the crowd was pressing in on (Jesus) ... 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. ... (he) taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ... 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ... And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.
 - An old dream and bug encounters!

3. Ministry implications

- For me
"If we do not fulfill the mission of God, nothing else matters."
- Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi,
General Secretary of GAFCON*
- For us
2 Timothy 3:5 – ... having the appearance of godliness (= form of religion), but denying its power.

Purposeful reflecting...

- Ask the Lord to speak, then spend five minutes in silence. (Use a timer!) Notice what you notice (maybe take notes).

Experience

- Have you been called to follow Jesus? Are you following His call? If you feel as if you've lost your passion for God or gotten off track in some way, ask Him to show you what's changed for you spiritually. (Journaling your answer would be helpful.)

- Are you willing to pray sincerely, "I will do whatever you say?" If not, what's hindering you? Talk to God about that thing(s).

Transform

- If you're aware of any course corrections God wants you to make in following Him, ask Him for grace to make them and identify the first step you need to take in that direction. Take that step as soon as possible.

- What feelings arise as you listen to this message? Ask God to help you discern what those feelings mean. Then talk to Him about them, asking for grace to align your life to His will.

Share

- Tell someone what you think God may be saying to you through this message.

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