

A Men's Retreat with Ogletown Baptist Church - Session 2

#### LEAD ON PURPOSE!

- Session I. Define Leadership. Consider what it means to lead. Identify the components of leadership.
- Session II. Hone Handoff Habits On Purpose. Understand how we can sharpen basic leadership skills.
- Session III. Focus (by faith) the vision we share. Vividly, concretely, consider how we share our hope.

"Leadership is the art of mobilizing others to want to struggle for shared aspirations."

-James Kouzes

Christian leadership is the art of mobilizing Christ-followers to want to walk by faith, in community, the way of the Cross for the shared vision of one day soon being together with Jesus on the new earth for Christ's glory and our JOY.



Leadership is not so much about dramatic acts of bravery.

Rather, effective leadership takes place when a set of skills are sharpened and used in an ongoing way.

Leadership is a skill to be sharpened at daily intervals.

If you want to lead apart from working at it all the time, I've got nothing for you.

Taking a bullet would be easy. But that is not what we are called to do.

1. Pray on purpose: place, posture, passages, paper (Luke 6:12-13).

In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles.

Luke 6:12-13

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... and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Philemon 6-7

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- 2. Cultivate community on purpose.
- 3. **Kill Together** on purpose. Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

Colossians 3:5-6

7/18/03 - "Ben got stung by a hornet in the Grant's driveway . . ."

"...We talked about being careful of how we speak to one another. I, in particular, need to be careful of that. Allison is being too argumentative."

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The messenger came take to the sick king. "Why have you come back?" Ahaziah asked. He replied, There came a man to meet me. He commanded me to come back to the king and say. Is it because there is no God in Israel that you send to inquire of Baal-zebub? Because you have done this, you will not get well, but will surely die."

When the sick king heard these dreacful words, he had a suspiction that the prophet might be the terrible Elijah who had come so many times to his father Ahab with warnings of judgment. If it were Elijah, he knew he would surely die, for Elijah's prophecies always came true.

"What kind of man was he?" he asked. "He was a hairy man, wearing a leather belt," was the answer. Then King Abaziah knew it was Elijah. As his mother Jezebel had done, he tried to kill the prophet. He sent a captain with fifty soldiers to find Elijah and bring him to the palace, so that Ahaziah could punish him for his had news. The captain of the fifty soldiers found Elijah atting on the top of a hill.

"O man of God," the captain called out, "the king has said. 'Come down?" Elijah knew very well that the king meant to kill him. He answered, "If I am a man of God, y God will take care of me by sending fire down from heaven to confore the terrified man could do anything, the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty soldiers.

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God when he heard this news? Not he sent another captain with another fifty soldiers. The second taptain came to Elijah and said, "O man of God, the king says, "Come down quickly." Elijah answered, "If I am a man of God, let fire nowe down from heaven, and consume you fifty soldiers." And the fire God came down from heaven spin and consumed him and his fifty addiers. God protected His falleful prophet who dared to stand up for the Lord and reprove a sinful ting even at the very risk of his own life.

Ahaziah sent a third captain wife fifty more soldiers. This captain feared the God of the Israelites, even though King Ahaziah did not. When he approached the prophet, he fell down upon his knees and begge, "O man of God, I pray you, let my life, and the lives of these fifty soldiers, be precious in your sight."

God told Elijah to go with this man. So Elijah went to see the side king. He entered the bedroom and said boldly, "Because you have sen to ask the idol whether you will get well, instead of asking the God of Israel, therefore you will never be able to leave your bed again. You will soon die."

In a short time this prophecy if Elijah was fulfilled. King Ahaziah died. As he had no sm, his broker Joram, who is sometimes called le horam in the Bible, became king

A VICTORY WITHOUT A BATTLE Alter the death of Ahab, King Jehoshapka returned to his own country. He went throughout the land, urging his people to worship the Lerd. He appointed judges in all the importancities, warning them to be just, since they must answer to God, not to min.

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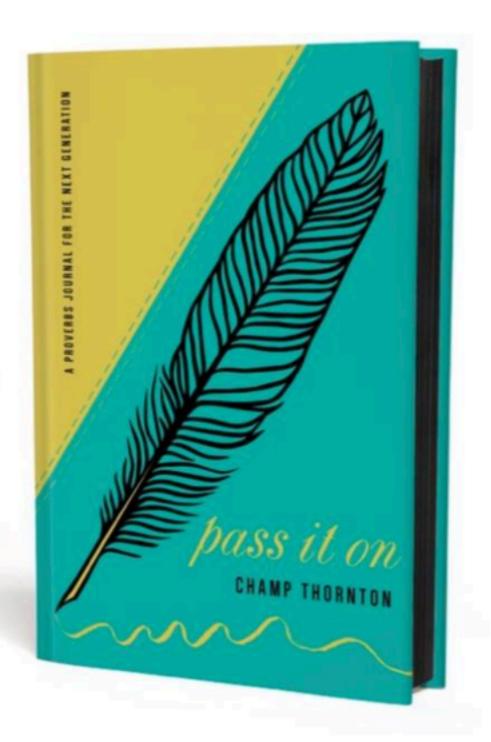
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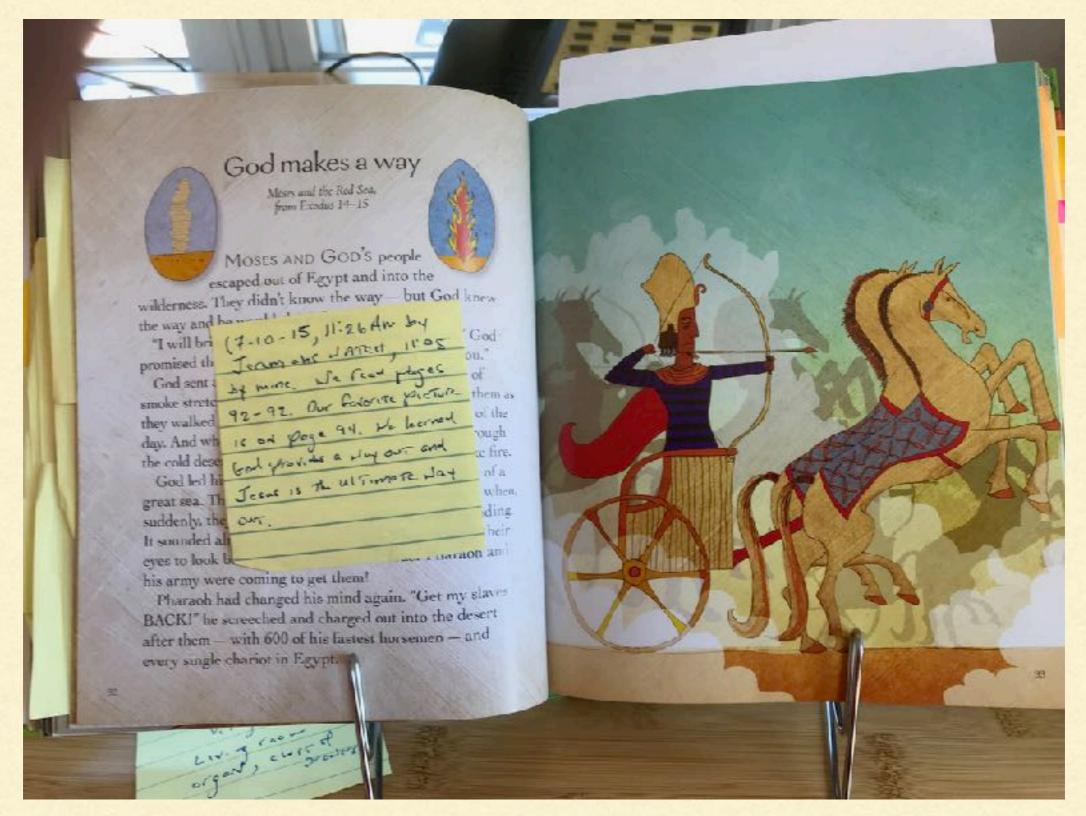
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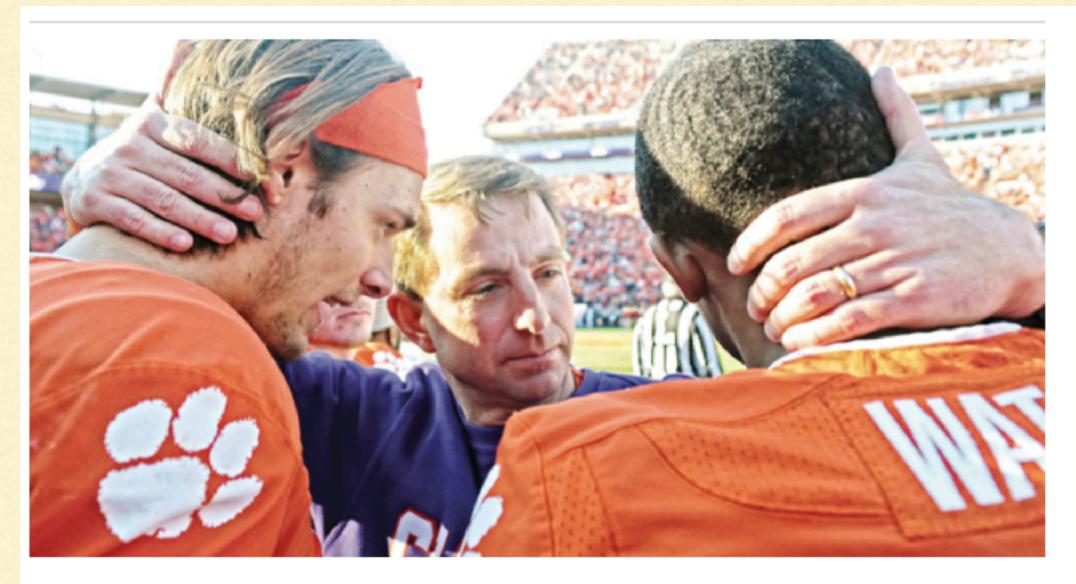


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(7-20-15), I I:26 AM by Jeremiah's watch, I I:05 by mine. We read pages 92-97. Our favorite picture is on page 94. We learned God provides a way out and Jesus is the ultimate way out.

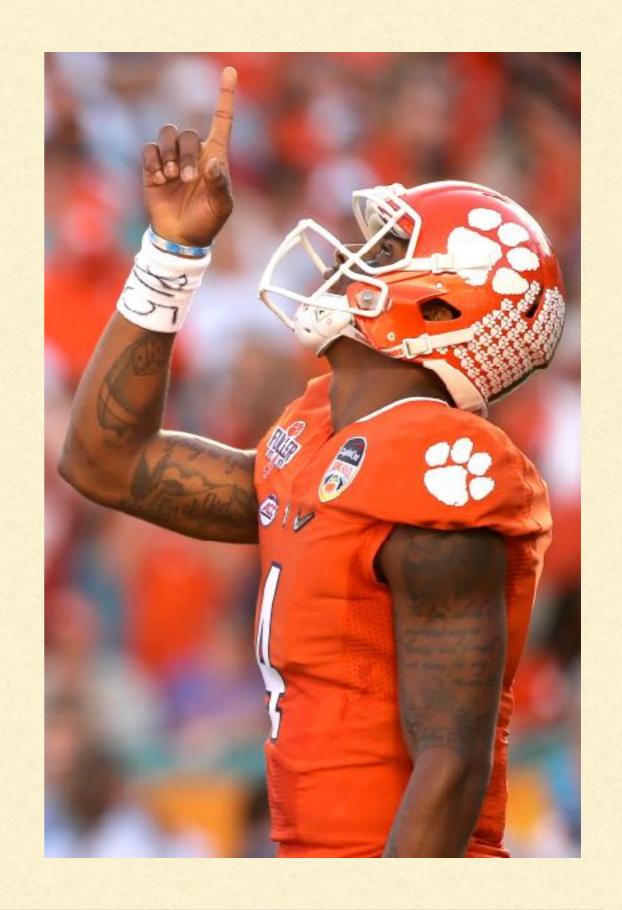
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- 6. Carefully choose and repeat key sayings on purpose.



# For Clemson's Dabo Swinney, "All In" is not just a slogan – it's a leadership philosophy

[VIDEO] For Swinney, "All In" is a leadership philosophy that has forged a winning team. Read Part I of our exclusive interview, & watch the video to hear lessons in leadership from Swinney himself.

My college coach (Dabo Swinney) always told me, "Don't just be a leader. Be a servant leader."



# FOLLOWING JESUS IS RIGHT AND BEST