

Beyond Illusion: Leading from Reality

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Intro and Acknowledgements

What is *Place*?

Place is when at a certain point in space, when it intersects with a moment in time, where it intersects with your agenda, and God invades.

A leader always leads from Place. What does that mean?

Step 1: Know God's Agenda

Demand that God Reveal His Agenda to You. (Exodus 33:13)

God wants it to happen, and wants you a part of that. Ask Him to astonish you. Then pray to be able to see it. Relinquish your own agenda.

Step 2: Lead from God's Agenda

What does God want **You** to do? What is His specific call on your life? Your gifts?

The greatest source of anxiety in our life is our fighting against this calling that is already written without our life.

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 29:11-12

Step 3: Lead from Place with a sense of Desperateness to find that Place

Step 4: Understand the Paradigm Shift – What is the Context within which you lead?

In this historic moment, we live caught in a worldview that no longer works and a new one that seems too bizarre to contemplate.

Margaret J. Wheatley, *Leadership and the New Science: Discovering Order in a Chaotic World*

(SEE: <http://www.margaretwheatley.com/articles/therealworld.html>)

Only one in ten Millennials are in the [institutionalized] church today. With 80% of the church funding coming from those 55 and older, what does this tell you as the builder generation dies off?

Step 5: Lead from the Heart (Desperateness)

It is with the heart that one sees rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

Antoine De Saint-Exupery. *The Little Prince*

A spiritual awakening which does not awaken the sleeper to love has roused him (or her) in vain.

Jessamyn West

To reveal one's heart and to lead from this in love is the highest form of leadership.

(Carl)

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,

But the LORD weighs the hearts.

Proverbs 21:2

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14

Step 6: Lead as a Servant Leader (Humble, serving)

The greatest breakthrough today is where the Spirit of God comes down and attaches Himself to the broken and humble. It's where God goes when He wants pleasure.

George Otis, Jr.

Step 7: Step into the Chaos (Leadership is Counter-Cultural)

- Losing is Finding
- Weakness is Strength
- Last is First
- Giving is Receiving
- Serving is Ruling
- Dying is Living
- Least is Greatest
- Poor is Rich
- Lose Your Life and You Will Find It

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Millennials at worship (Brooke Ligertwood, who wrote *Hosanna*):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXCoHxX1OC8>