

AVAILABLE Pt 4
“Our Story for His Glory”

DEFINITION OF LEVERAGE

Leverage is what God does when we make anything we have available for anything He wants.

“Real life, real world, is a vast theater of salvation.” - Eugene Peterson

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

LIVING SACRIFICE

This is what happens in our actual lived life.

Romans 12:3-6 NIV

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

- We need each other in order to know ourselves.
- We need each other in order to shoulder and endure and process heavy things.
- We aren't necessarily looking for answers, but rather we are looking for God.

HERE AM I – PSYCHE!

The way of Leverage isn’t a PROMISE, but rather a PROCESS!

MOSES

- Moses encounter God: Here am I! (Ex. 3:1-4).
- Moses questions God about who sent him (Ex. 3:12-14).
- Assemble the elders—> They will listen to you (Ex. 3:18).

WHAT IF...

What if things don’t go the way I think they should?

Exodus 4:10-15 NIV

10 Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

11 The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

13 But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. 15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; **I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.**

Philippians 2:12-16 NIV

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life.

WORK OUT

"Our task as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to a world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to a world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to a world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion." - N. T. Wright

Leveraging our lives is not about doing productive things for God, but rather making every part of ourselves available so that the things we do, we do in the way He intends them to be done.

Philippians 2:16-18 NIV

And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

When we look back... what will be the story?

THE END WITH THE BEGINNING

Review your One Word.

Look back at your intentions and hopes for this year.

- What do you see?
- What do you hope for this final month in light of where you began?