

wisdom in the storm

This week while reading a few chapters of 1 Kings, I noticed a few things about leadership. I saw a transition (ch 1), conflicts (ch 2), a request of an upline (ch 3) & wisdom received & used (ch 3 & 4).

What struck me the most, likely because of the season the world finds itself in, was wisdom. God told Solomon in a dream to ask for whatever you want (1 Kings 3:5). Solomon asked not for things, riches or death of someone—he asked for wisdom (1 Kings 3:10–12). This was a wise choice. God was so pleased that He gave Solomon more wisdom than any ruler before or after him. God delighted in Solomon's request, & therefore, gave more than expected (1 Kings 3:13).

During the times of chaos, fear can reign & wreak havoc if left unchecked by God-fearing wisdom-seeking leaders. Christ-centric leaders must lead & create pathways for clarity. God gives Christian leaders access to this. We have access to His word (Scripture, the Bible) & the paraclete (caregiver or helper John 14:15–17).

Christ-centric leaders must go to the Bible for answers. Solomon had many of His proverbs or wisdom captured in the book of Proverbs for all to read.

Solomon knew that leaders should get wisdom. He says, "get wisdom get insight" (Proverbs 4:5) & then lays out many words of wisdom for leaders to think through in the following chapters. Christ-centric leaders must go to Scripture for wisdom. This is because . . . "the word of God is living & active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul & of spirit, of joints & of marrow, & discerning the thoughts & intentions of the heart." Leaders then need to contextualise to the situation. They need to wrestle with what God is saying in His word & what is happening in the seasonal moment.

However, this can become overwhelming. So, it is our leadership duty to go before God in prayer. We have access to the Holy Spirit, aka the advocate (John 14:16; 1 John 2:1). Jesus died on the cross, was buried, rose again, went to the Father & sent the advocate. His holy spirit.

God has given us direct access to himself.

Leader you have a AAA pass to God. Go to him. "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge & understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity" (Proverbs 2:6–7). Leader, as you lead in difficult situations you need to go to God straight away or as soon as you can. He is the source of comfort, clarity, & the bringer of community.

Solomon asked for wisdom. So should all leaders. In times of calamity & chaos, lead out by going to God. Read His word & seek Him in prayer.

He holds the answers & wisdom, ask for it.



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