



Courageous Leadership

Creator of All, could you be calling me to be a leader? Do you not see my faults and frailties? Do you not see my trembling legs and sweating palms? Thank you for thinking of me, but could you please find someone else? Perhaps tomorrow I could help, but not today. Yes, tomorrow.

Omnipotent Lord, again, you call and ask me to lead. You are persistent. These are tough times to be a leader in the church. There is so much conflict in our world, country and even the church. It's hard to know which direction to turn, let alone to take the responsibility to lead someone else. There is bound to be another person who wants to lead.

Unrelenting Pursuer, I hear your call. And I say, "Ok." With your guidance, I will *try* to lead. But let me repeat -- my abilities are limited. Sometimes, I cannot find my car keys, and I forget what I'm doing. But here I am. If you can use me to bring your reign, then, Holy One, here I am. Send me.

Redeeming Christ, reach out and find others to walk with me on this journey. Bless me with partners in ministry and mission. Care for us, feeding us with your Word and giving us rest after a long day of labor. Teach us to trust you, know your voice and rely on you for direction. Help us savor with joy and celebrate the opportunities to serve you.

Almighty Savior, there is so much to do and such need. Sometimes I'm not sure of priorities. Remind me to pause for prayer as I serve you in mission and ministry. Renew my spirit and clarify my vision for your will.

Gracious Shepherd, grant me a compassionate, loving spirit to respond to the needs of others, especially on days when I am tired. Give me patience and understanding for those who disagree with me or doubt my leadership. Sometimes their complaints hurt -- deeply. So, grant me patience . . . quickly.

Eternal God, I now understand the privilege to serve as a leader. Forgive me for my hesitation to respond to your call. Indeed, it is an honor to lead your people. Fill me with your passionate and bold spirit. Give me courage to faithfully follow you each day. Amen.



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