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What's an Irresistible Leader?

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus was the most irresistible leader that ever lived. Do you know why? It is because He had influence with God. That is how I define biblical leadership, having influence with God. If I have influence with God it's because I allow God to influence me. If I allow Jesus to influence me, I will naturally influence my family, my workplace, my neighbourhood and church. I will be, in Jesus' words, a fisher of men.

1. Name a leader you respect. Why do you respect this person?
2. Everybody who follows Jesus closely is already a leader. Do you agree or disagree?

Read Mark 1:14-20; Acts 4:13

3. What do you think Jesus meant by this statement, "I will make you fishers of men?"
4. Do you think this was meant only for the original followers of Jesus? Why or why not?
5. Jesus promised these would-be disciples that if they followed him they would influence and "catch" others. When was the last time that you "influenced" someone to take a step towards Jesus? Maybe you shared your story with someone, prayed for another person, or even helped them put their trust in Jesus. What were some of the common characteristics of each encounter?
6. Re-read Acts 4:13. What does this verse say to you?

MOVING FORWARD

GK Chesterton once said, "*Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried.*" What do you find difficult about following Jesus closely? Do you have someone on your most loved list that you are seeking to influence to take a step towards Jesus?

Decide now not to dismiss yourself as an ordinary leader. The truth is that if you are following the Leader of all leaders you will have influence with people because you have influence with God. Take some quiet time to be with Jesus. What is He saying to you? Talk to Him about the area(s) where you struggle to follow Him. Ask Him to fill you with a desire to be with Him. Thank Him for those who lived close enough with Him to lead you to Him. Ask Jesus to use you to lead those on your most loved list to Him.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

When they saw the courage of Peter and John realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men they took not that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13