



Sermon Excerpts:

***“Leadership For Drama in Life and Of Life”***  
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According to **Heiftz and Linsky** in their book ***Leadership on the Line: Staying Alive Through the Dangers of Leading*** offer a few ways to know if your leadership in life needs some adaptability.

- First, you know you’re dealing with something more than a technical issue when people’s hearts and minds need to change, and not just their preferences or routine behaviors.
- Second, if you throw all the technical fixes you can imagine at the problem and the problem persists, it’s a clear signal that an underlying adaptive challenge still needs to be addressed.
- Third, the persistence of conflict usually indicates that people have not yet made the adjustments and accepted the losses that accompany adaptive change.
- Fourth, a crisis is a good indicator of adaptive issues that have festered. Crises represent danger because the stakes are high, time appears short, and the uncertainties are great. Yet they also represent opportunities if they are used to galvanize attention on the unresolved issues.

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In the book by **Reggie McNeal** *The Heart of a Leader*, he says that there are six subplots to all leaders.

- *CULTURE “Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth...”*

The Almighty sovereignty decides where and when our lives become a part of human history. We enter a story already underway because culture is the story of a particular time and people.

The term culture includes all the environmental forces that influence a person. Such as language, race, geography, economic status, history, intellectual and philosophical predispositions, worldview, as well as prejudices, and difficulties in understanding other cultures.

- *CALL “anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action...”*

This call is divinely orchestrated setting a person apart for his or her task and service to the world. God’s part of the call dynamic is to initiate, guide, position, and intervene. The leader’s part of the call drama is to hear, respond, search, and order or reorder life.

- *COMMUNITY “Jesus went everywhere...”*

People are shaped in and by the community. Leaders cannot be separated from the formative processes of the community.

- *COMMUNION “Jesus did these things because God was with him...”*

Through communion, the leader learns the lessons of God’s activity in the other subplots. In communion, the leader strengthens the spiritual foundation that will support total leadership effectiveness. *“Jesus did these things because God was with him.”*

- *CONFLICT “...injured and oppressed under the devil's power.”*

The presence of conflict does not necessarily signal the displeasure of God with my life. Sometimes we encounter conflict precisely because we are doing the right thing. Conflict can be a heart-shaping tool of God.

- *COMMONPLACE* “Jesus went everywhere and did good things, such as healing everyone...”

Everyone will have days that can be exhilarating or frightening or anywhere in between. Most days are ordinary and common. It is the ordinary and common that unlocks the possibilities of storyline development in the other subplots. If I can learn and adopt some important habits that will make the commonplace and ordinary sacred.