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"Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life"

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Leadership Must Be Spiritually Aligned

Scripture Focus: *Acts 1:21–26 (GWT)*

Introduction:

In Acts 1, the apostles faced a critical leadership decision, they needed to replace Judas Iscariot. Notice carefully, they did not choose someone based on popularity, eloquence, or social connections. They chose someone who had walked with Jesus from the beginning, witnessed His ministry and resurrection, and was spiritually qualified. God often uses those we least expect to accomplish His purposes.

Review Leading to Acts 1:21–26

- Jesus intentionally formed leaders through close relationships, not quick promotion.
- The early church understood that leadership must be built on firsthand experience with Christ and faithfulness over time.
- Before making a decision, the apostles prioritized prayer and dependence on God rather than human judgment or preference.

Main Point: Before God entrusts position, He looks for people who have walked faithfully, witnessed His power, and are willing to submit to His direction. Acts 1 shows us that spiritually aligned leadership is rooted in relationship, not recognition.

1. Leadership Requires Spiritual Maturity

A. Walking with God is non-negotiable. Spiritual maturity means integrity, consistency, and obedience to God's Word.

- *Hebrews 5:14 (GWT)*
- *James 1:4 (GWT)*
- *1 Timothy 3:6–7 (GWT)*
- *Colossians 1:28 (GWT)*



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2. Calling Matters More Than Popularity

A. God chooses leaders based on His calling, not human approval or charisma.

- *Jeremiah 1:5 (GWT)*
- *1 Corinthians 1:26–29 (GWT)*
- *Ephesians 2:10 (GWT)*
- *Romans 8:28–30 (GWT)*

3. God Values Character Over Charisma

A. God looks at the heart. Outward charm or eloquence cannot substitute for a Christ centered life.

- *1 Samuel 16:7 (GWT)*
- *Proverbs 11:3 (GWT)*
- *Titus 1:7–8 (GWT)*
- *Micah 6:8 (GWT)*
- *Psalms 78:72 (GWT)*

B. Confirms His Choices

Acts 1:24–26 shows the apostles prayed and trusted God to reveal the right leader.

Spiritual decisions require divine guidance.

- *Isaiah 30:21 (GWT)*
- *Psalms 32:8 (GWT)*
- *Proverbs 16:3 (GWT)*
- *James 1:5 (GWT)*