

I am a leader (a thought experiment)

I am a leader.

I was born to lead.

I've known it all my life. I didn't know how. Or in what capacity or walk of life. Or how soon it would come about. But it was coming. I've always known.

I embraced it early on. What I was being taught would prepare me. It would all be useful. It would all serve a purpose, pieces of the jigsaw, steps on the road to responsibility.

My calling to Christ was a calling to serve. My calling to serve was a calling to lead. For from those given much, much is required.

And I was given much. Privileges and opportunities aplenty for which I'm eternally grateful. Teachers who taught me. Servants who served me. Leaders who mentored me. I have so much. Which is what makes me so well prepared. Uniquely so, perhaps. Which must explain why I have been so well equipped. I have been walking this path my whole life. My privilege obliges me. I've always known it. It was a matter of time.

So now I serve you as I lead you. I slave away for you. As I always expected to. I serve you because I love you. I love you because I was called to love you. I am here for you.

And this is why you respect your leaders; why you imitate your leaders; why you submit to your leaders; why you are a joy, not a burden, to your leaders. This is why you love your leaders.

The question is, then. Will you be my joy or my burden? Will you listen? Will you be loyal? Will you lay down your life for Christ?

Will you be led by the one God has put in place to lead you? Even when it's hard, or painful, or costly? Will you take up your cross by submitting to me. Will you accept that you're not the only one who has to carry the cost? That it costs me to lead you too? That life for me as your leader is hard enough as it is, without having to manage the details of every individual's life? So will you trust me to make decisions on your behalf? Will you bear with me while I sort out some of really tricky issues facing us? Will you back me which I'm under enemy fire, from outsiders who'll never understand us?

Will you let me be the leader God has called me to be?