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‘Spiritual leaders are not elected, appointed, or created by synods or church assemblies. God alone makes them!’ –J. Oswald Sanders

One morning my brother-in-law was mowing the lawn and saw his little 5-year-old boy, Jacob, standing on the neighbor s’patio in front of their patio glass door peering inside their house. As my brother-in-law quietly walked over to see what Jacob was doing, he could hear the neighbor s large dog inside the house barking loudly at Jacob. Surprisingly, Jacob was not afraid of the barking dog. Instead, with his fire engine red hair, he was bent over staring sternly at the disgruntled dog - behind the glass door no matter - and saying, ‘You want a piece of me. You want a piece of me ... ’J Something tells me that my nephew is not only a very funny little boy, but also a future leader in the making!

When we look at the great spiritual leaders of the Bible like Noah, Elijah, and Paul, to name a few, there is one thing I observe that they all had in common. Each of them were willing to stand alone in the face of adversity to complete the leadership assignment that God had specifically called each one of them to accomplish for Him. I believe the reason they were able to do this is not because of any natural courage they possessed as leaders, but rather because of their faith in God to supernaturally protect them, empower them, and provide for them everything they needed to fulfill God s’special call on their lives. Each one of them possessed a supernatural courage that only comes from personally knowing God, obeying Him, and knowing that He was for them regardless of the adverse situations they had to face. If this was not so, Noah would have never been able to continue building

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the ark in the face of community ridicule, Elijah would have run scared from the prophets of Baal, and Paul would have wallowed in self pity as a shackled prisoner in chains.

I've heard it said that just because a person stands in a garage, it doesn't make them a car. Well, the same is true of spiritual leaders. Just because someone has a leadership position given by men, it doesn't make them a spiritual leader. Spiritual leaders are specially elected and qualified by God alone through the purifying tests and trials of each person's specific faith walk and supernatural calling in God. Psalms 75:6-7 states, "For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another." Additionally, the Lord makes it clear in His Word that He establishes all positions of authority including spiritual authority. 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 of The Living Bible states, "Everything in the heavens and earth is Yours, O Lord, and this is Your Kingdom. We adore You as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from You alone, and You are the Ruler of all mankind; Your hand controls power and might, and it is at Your discretion that men are made great and given strength. Therefore, with a spirit of faith and humility, be the spiritual leader that God has specifically called you to be, nothing more and nothing less, as He qualifies you completely to fulfill His special call and leadership assignment on your life!"

The Make It Happen Servant Leadership Value: *'Make It Happen' People Are Led By Servant Leaders!*

Have A Blessed *'Make It Happen'* Week!

"Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23 NIV

NIV study notes add "a person who truly believes will set no limits on what God can do [for them and through them]."



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