

Leading Second Podcast

Episode Guide



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Inside the Second Chair with Nate Puccini

This week Larry Brey, Associate Pastor at Elevation Church, sits down for an inside the Second Chair interview with Nate Puccini, Executive Pastor and Chief of Staff at Substance Church in Minneapolis, MN.

HOW DID YOU GET THE TRUST FROM YOUR PASTORS TO BE IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM?

- To be mentored, you have to be busy mentoring others.
 - You reap what you sow.
 - You can't expect to get something that you aren't investing in.
- Invest in your pastor and their family.
- Be a student of your pastor.
 - Learn the rhythms of your pastor's life.
- Serving and expecting nothing in return except to glean.
- Leadership relationships have more to do with trust than skills and talents.
 - Trust is an integrity test.
 - It's easy to have a good relationship with your leader in good times.
 - Build trust over time.

What are you doing to earn the right to be mentored?

- Nate Puccini

WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU DO EVERY MORNING?

- Start with worship music to get the heart right and get into the Word.
- Studying Acts right now.
 - We are the continuation of Acts.
- Having a schedule that corresponds with your pastor's is important.
 - Learn to not project who you are onto your pastors.
 - This is a part of the calling on your life.

Calling is the fruit of your relationship with the Father.

- Nate Puccini

- How to study your pastor.
 - Love their children.
 - Be integrated in their family life.
 - Have a heart to serve the pastor's kids and believe in the call on their lives.
 - Know the heart of your leader.
 - Give your pastor an avenue to insert their passion.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE YOUR PASTOR OR LEADER WOULD SAY ABOUT YOU?

- I have no one else like him for he genuinely takes interest in the welfare of others.
 - These were Paul's words to Timothy.
 - Nate's pastor has said this to him on multiple occasions.
 - Nate does feel his life reflects as a Timothy to his pastor.

Ultimately God does the promotion in our life.

- Nate Puccini

IF YOU COULD STOP DOING SOMETHING TODAY (OR HAND IT OFF TO SOMEONE ELSE) WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

- Nate has been raising up leaders who can be to the church what he has been to people.
 - The past year he's given away a lot.
 - Empowerment means more responsibility.
 - Giving you permission to execute within the values of the organization, not taking it in the direction that you want to go.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS IN LEADING FROM THE SECOND CHAIR?

- Are my pastors fully alive to the call of God on their lives?
 - I reap the benefits of God's call on their lives.
 - I am the blessing of them following the call on their lives.
 - Them being fully alive in their call ensures that many more will come into relationship with God.
- To the person out there thinking if what they are doing matter, what do you say to them:
 - Joy and peace is worth more than any opportunity that you'll ever get.
 - The Lord has a joy that is unspeakable for you and He has a peace that surpasses all understanding.
 - Everyone could use more joy and peace in their lives.
 - You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

The Lord has a promise for you that is far greater than any circumstance.

- Nate Puccini

Dig Deeper

1. What is one aspect you can take from this conversation today and put into practice in your own life?

2. Name one goal you can set for yourself, either professionally or personally, through the knowledge you gained from this conversation.

3. How has your view of leading from the second chair changed after this conversation?

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