

Leading Second Podcast

Episode Guide



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Inside the Second Chair with Vance Roush

Join us for another behind the scenes conversation on leading from the Second Chair. This week we are joined by Vance Roush, Executive Pastor a Vive Church in California and founder of Overflow. We take a new look at Second Chair leadership as a bi-vocational leader.

Introduction of Vance Roush

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN MINISTRY?

- Vance has been in ministry for a little over 12 years with Vive Church.
- He is also on the board and serves as the Treasurer.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT MINISTRY ROLE?

- Vance is the Executive Pastor at Vive Church.
- Vance is also the founder of Overflow.
 - This is a giving platform to help churches.

Let's Jump In

WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU DO EVERY MORNING?

- First thing Vance does is hydrate and drink some strong coffee.
- He is working to read through the Bible in a year for the first time.

WHAT'S THE BEST RHYTHM OR HABIT YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW? WHY IS IT HELPING YOU?

- Vive church started Vive Run Club.
 - They are running the globe together.
 - Working to run over 20,000 miles total together - circumference over the globe

WHAT IS A KEY VERSE OR THOUGHT OF WISDOM YOU'D WANT TO SHARE WITH A LEADER TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE LIFE UNDER AUTHORITY?

- Acts 2: 1-4 (NKJV) "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."
 - The way people enter and engage a room often times is very specific to their personality or their proclivity.
 - The Bible gives us a descriptor of how the Holy Spirit enters the room.
 - He entered like a mighty rushing wind.
 - The Holy Spirit entered in a specific way to bring energy and vitality.
 - He rushed because the disciples were waiting but He was ready for them to get to work.
 - It's incumbent for us to understand how we're entering and engaging in rooms.
 - Am I the leader in the room? Or am I supporting my leader?
 - I'm not just an echo of my pastor, because echos fade over time. I'm an amplification.
 - I take what's being said and contextualize it by making it personal to me so that it can be more potent to others.

The Holy Spirit moves in power but also in the practical.

- Vance Roush

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

- Vance would hope to be described as a person in their world that provides more value than what is taken.
 - He wants to be a value add to people's lives.
 - 98% of people are looking to take from your lead pastor.
 - Our role in our pastors lives is not for them to be solely focused on how they can activate/unlock us.
 - A pastor is meant to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.
 - Our primary goal is not to get from them, it's to interpret what God has given them and to execute on that.
 - Be a problem solver and a value adder.

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

- Vance would give up certain operational aspects because it's not an area he feels completely talented in as in other areas.
 - But in Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) it says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
 - Also go against the notion of "I don't want to do it because I'm weak in that area."
 - You have to learn to be good at what you aren't good at.
 - It's called operating out of your second-hand strengths.

WHEN YOU HAVE A DISAGREEMENT OR DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WITH A LEADER OR A TEAM MEMBER, WHAT DO YOU TELL YOURSELF TO KEEP ALIGNMENT WHILE WORKING THROUGH THE ISSUE?

- The conclusion to the conversation cannot end in "we just agree to disagree."
 - Agreeing to disagree is the start of division.
 - It doesn't solve anything.
 - Do I have the patience to tarry in this disagreement to come to a higher level of agreement?
 - It looks like active listening.
 - If someone feels they are feeling heard they will be more receptive to what you will bring as a response.
 - That person being seen and heard allows us to break through standstills to solutions.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR TOMORROW?

- Vance uses Google calendar to set tasks he needs to complete each day.
 - He reviews the calendar daily to be in anticipation of the things needed for the next day.
 - We can lie to ourselves of what needs to get done if it doesn't show up on the calendar.

IF YOU WERE TO LOOK BACK ON A DAY AND CALL IT A SUCCESS, WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU DID?

- Vance feels accomplished if he blesses a loved one.
 - Showing up, being present, or coming alongside someone.
 - Anytime he gets to be apart of helping solve or come alongside of somebody's victories or struggles is big success.

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

- Pastor's being able to genuinely say, "They have our back. We don't have to worry. They are in it for life."
 - It's a spirit you have to carry.

Dig Deeper

1. What is one aspect you can take from this conversation today and put it 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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