



## Leading Second Podcast - Season 8 Episode 200

### 200th Episode Special

This podcast episode celebrates the 200th episode of Leading Second, focusing on the importance and dignity of second chair leadership in ministry. Brandon, Tracy Keene from StrongPoint Church in Columbus, OH; Dillon and Leydanis Ritchie along with their pastor, Jason Warman, from CoastLife Church in Venice FL; and Dan Lord from Gracelife Chapel in St. Louis, MO; reflect on leading in an uncommon way from the second chair.

#### **WHY ARE SECOND CHAIR LEADERS VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD?**

- Without a strong team, the church is only capable of reaching a few people.
- God can do anything He wants to do through your life and being a part of the local church.
  - We really are better together.
- So much emphasis gets put on the lead pastor.
  - There are so many parts of the local church body where people have an anointing, a gifting to excel in an area that the lead pastor doesn't have.
  - Every lead pastor needs to get to the point where they take more pride in seeing somebody else do it than them accomplishing something themselves.

*Too often we associate greatness with a title or position or an accomplishment.*

*- Brandon Stewart*

## **LEAD PASTORS NEED OWNERS AROUND THEM.**

- Would we rather have a church that's so big, influential, and impactful that we don't know what's going on in our own church?
  - As a Second Chair Leader: Do I want to be a part of something great and allow my pastor to not know the details, but I get to own it?

*If the reason you're at your church is about you and your future, you probably have the wrong frame of mind.*

*- Dillon Ritchie*

## **WHY SERVE IN THE SECOND CHAIR?**

- If the reason you're at your church and serving is because you love what God is doing and you want to be a part of it, you have an accurate frame of mind.
- A calling is not about us.
  - Matthew 9:36-37 (NIV) "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. As the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"
  - Your calling is about the assignment that God has to meet someone else's needs.
    - Your calling is attached to the thing you're a part of.
    - It's also being attached to a man and woman of God.
      - You're either attached to them, the local church, or that city.
  - Once you settle within your heart where your calling lies, you can enjoy and thrive and be found faithful in that Second Chair.
    - You can help others to celebrate, grow, and find hope.
    - You can be attached and stay for the long haul in that local church.

### **WHAT'S THE SECRET TO STAYING FOCUSED, ENERGIZED, AND INSPIRED WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'RE CALLED TO THE LONG HAUL?**

- If you stay in alignment with the vision, you'll always celebrate what they celebrate.
  - There has to be something within each season of ministry that you can look back on and see that God did something in that season.
  - If you're in misalignment, when the vision is being reached, you won't be happy about it.
  - That's where discouragement and frustration will come in.
- Keep the willing spirit.
  - Keep the volunteer spirit in your heart.
- Consistently examine your heart to make sure that it is aligned and is being guarded from outside forces.

### **HOW DO YOU DEVELOP LEADERS TO COME UNDER YOUR PASTOR WHEN THE CHURCH IS GROWING RAPIDLY?**

- People will hear what you say, but they will become who you are.
  - They have to see it being modeled for them.

*Leaders are trained in a classroom but developed in the wild.*

*- Brandon Stewart*

## Dig Deeper

1. How can we cultivate a 'willing spirit' in our ministry roles, regardless of whether we're paid or unpaid? What practical steps can we take to maintain this attitude over the long haul?

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2. What are some practical ways we can stay aligned with our pastor's vision, especially during challenging seasons of ministry?

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3. How might the idea of 'leaders are trained in a classroom but developed in the wild' change our approach to leadership development in the church?

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