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Course:  
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Ministry

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## ***Supportive Ministry***

Prelude: Unity is a Symphony

### Scripture references:

Psalms 133:1

Amos 3:3

Matthew 20:26-27

Philippians 2:3-5

### Questions to ask myself:

How do I know I have been called by God to minister?

What is the specific mission and service to which the Lord has called me?

How does my current role relate to my ultimate God-given mission and destiny?

## Lesson 1: Joseph – The Part that Attitude Plays

### Scripture references:

1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 5:6	Genesis 37:3, 5, 9	Proverbs 29:18
Numbers 23:19	Habakkuk 2:2-3	Genesis 31:20
Jeremiah 29:11	Genesis 41:43; 50:20	Malachi 3:2
1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 1:7	Romans 8:28	Philippians 1:6

One quality for promotion: humility! Humility serves us best when it's self-inflicted. If we refuse to humble ourselves, we become a candidate for humiliation. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking about yourself less and more about God. Plus, your attitude is far more important than your aptitude.

### Four stages God takes us through to adjust our attitude:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

- What is the definition of "attitude"?
- Why is God interested in developing my attitudes and dispositions?
- How can my wrong attitudes hinder my effectiveness and obstruct my advancement?
- What attitudes are important to effective ministry?

### Reading assignments:

- Day 1: Read Exodus 3:1-22  
God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. How does God communicate to His leaders today?  
Compare Moses' response to your own responses at times.
- Day 2: Read Exodus 4:17  
Since God used Aaron's mouth to speak through, why did God give His message to Moses?
- Day 3: Read Exodus 4:18-31  
Aaron apparently accepted his dangerous assignment to speak to Pharaoh on Moses' behalf. What are some qualities that would prompt this type of response from a good second-chair leader?
- Day 4: Read Exodus 7:19-20; 8:5-6, 16-17  
What is significant about the manner in which Aaron received God's messages?
- Day 5: Read Exodus 27:20-28:4; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:6  
To what position of leadership did God ultimately promote Aaron and his descendants?

## Lesson 2: Aaron – Speaking on Behalf of Your Leader

### Scripture references:

Exodus 4:16

Matthew 12:36-37

Psalms 45:1

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15

Normal effective communication involves four basic elements:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Four universal laws that underpin all forms of communication:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

How can I become a better communicator?

In what ways does my communication enhance or hinder my effectiveness as a leader?

### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read Exodus 16:1-7

Moses experienced frustration from the complaining of the people. How did he respond to his frustration?

What should a leader's first response be when faced with battles caused by the very people they are trying to lead?

Day 2: Read Exodus 18:18-26

Why is it important for a leader to be able to effectively delegate?

Day 3: Read Exodus: 17:8-10

Why do you think Moses chose Joshua to lead Israel's first major battle?

Day 4: Read Exodus 17:10-12

Do you think Joshua was comforted or disconcerted by Moses' observations from atop the hill?

Day 5: Read Exodus 17:11-16

What does this passage reveal was key to this victory?

What important lesson(s) can the second-chair player learn from this event with regard to facing battles?

### Lesson 3: Joshua – Fighting for Your Leadership

#### Scripture references:

Exodus 17:9-10; 24:13

Matthew 20:26-27

Joshua 23:6; 24:15

Numbers 10:25; 14:7-8; 32:12

Exodus 17:4-5; 10-12

Psalms 133:2

#### Seven qualities for leaders and soldiers in God’s army:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Three stages of mentoring:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions to ask myself:

Why are Christian leaders faced with battles?

In what areas do I find it most challenging to be submissive and obedient to my leader?

How can I maintain a positive outlook in the midst of a battle?

How would I rate my level of consecration to God?

#### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:19-21

In what ways did Elisha serve Elijah in this passage?

Day 2: Read Colossians 3:16-17

How does this passage relate to the role of supportive ministry?

Day 3: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:31-33

What does it mean to do all to the glory of God?

Day 4: Read Hebrews 6:10-12

What is the promise of God revealed in this passage to those who minister in His name?

Day 5: Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 3:11-12

What did Jehoshaphat acknowledge about Elisha in verse 12?

## Lesson 4: Elisha – Serving God through Tiny Tasks

### Scripture references:

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 3:11

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:3-19

Matthew 10:41

Proverbs 4:23

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:14

Matthew 11:11

John 14:12; 8:10-11

John 16:1

### Seven qualities of a servant leader:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

Am I faithful in the “small” tasks and with the mundane things on behalf of my superior?  
 Why is the mindset (positional or relational) that a “second-chair” leader has so important?

### Reading assignments:

- Day 1: Read Matthew 25:14-30  
 For what were the two good servants rewarded in verse 17?  
 What was their reward?
- Day 2: Read Genesis 15:1-18  
 God initiated the covenant with Abram. In what respects is the second-chair player in covenant with God? With his leader?
- Day 3: Read Deuteronomy 7:6-15  
 What blessings were promised if Israel remained faithful to God’s covenant?
- Day 4: Read Luke 16:1-12  
 What principle regarding faithfulness is revealed in this passage?  
 How does this passage relate to the potential for a second-chair player to become a first-chair player?
- Day 5: Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:10-12  
 What should be one’s motivation to remain faithful to God and his leader?  
 How could the faithfulness of a second-chair player be tested?

## Lesson 5: Jonathan – Loyalty in the Line of Fire

### Scripture references:

1 <sup>st</sup> Samuel 18:3-4	John 1:29; 15:13
Leviticus 17:11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:4
1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:24-25	Isaiah 49:15-16
Galatians 5:21-22	Matthew 7:20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21	Romans 8:34

### Elements of a covenant, as practiced in King David’s day:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

Of the nine steps in the process of establishing the covenant relationship, which parts are most important to me in my role as a second-chair player? Why?

What temptations do I face with regard to submitting to the authority of my leader?

How is God using the covenant relationship I currently have with my leader to develop me and help fulfill His purposes?

### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read Isaiah 40:1-5  
To whom does verse 3 refer?

Day 2: Read Luke 1:5-25  
What miraculous circumstances surrounded the birth of John the Baptist?  
In what ways would God’s kingdom be built through his ministry?

Day 3: Read Luke 1:15, 39-45, and 57-80  
What do these verses reveal about the work of the Holy Spirit in the birth of John the Baptist? What are the related implications for today’s support-role minister?

Day 4: Read Luke 3:1-18  
How do you think the message John preached affected how he was received by the people?

Day 5: Read John 3:22-36  
What statements did John the Baptist make that showed he knew his role as a second-chair player?

## Lesson 6: David – Serving in a War Zone

### Scripture references:

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 9:21; 10:1-2, 22; 11:6-7; 13:11-12; 15:22-24; 16:11, 17-18, 23; 17:46; 18:7-12; 20:16-17; 24:11-12

Matthew 10:28

2nd Corinthians 10:12

Song of Solomon 8:6

Psalms 78:70-72

Acts 13:22, 36

1st Kings 2:1-4

### List the titles of King David:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

Like Saul, what character flaws are residing in my heart?

Do I harbor insecurities from my past which, if not dealt with, could destroy my future?

### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read Luke 1  
What qualified John the Baptist to be called "the prophet of the Highest"?

Day 2: Read Romans 8  
If God be for us, who can be against us?

Day 3: Read Mark 1 and 1st Samuel 15:22  
In what ways do I need to put promises I have made into action?

Day 4: Read John 3 and James 4:10  
In what areas do I need to humble myself before the Lord?

Day 5: Read Matthew 25, Luke 16:10 and 1st Corinthians 4:2  
In what areas have I been faithful? Unfaithful?

## Lesson 7: John the Baptist – Preparing the Way

### Scripture references:

Luke 1:76; 3:4; 16:10

Mark 1:4; 6:20

Romans 8:31

John 1:29; 3:30; 5:35; 15:13

Matthew 3:7; 10:32; 16:24-25

James 4:10

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:22

Hebrews 12:14

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:2

List the seven characteristics John the Baptist displayed:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

What do I feel God is specifically calling or leading me to do as a second-chair player to prepare the way for my leader?

What fears do I have as I attempt to prepare the way? What can I do to overcome them?

In what ways has my faithfulness been tested as a second-chair player?

### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read Matthew 4:18-22

John immediately left his nets when he received the call of God. How did you respond to God's call to the role of supportive ministry?

Day 2: Read Mark 10:35-37

How can ambition be a dangerous thing to someone in a support role?

Day 3: Read Luke 8:49-56

What does this passage reveal about the regard Jesus had for John?

Day 4: Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-21

John learned the lessons of love as a disciple of Christ. How did he show his love as a second-chair player?

Day 5: Read Acts 4:1-23

John was powerfully used of God after Jesus' ascension. What specific preparation did he have that prepared him to assume a "lead" role?

In what ways is your current support role preparing you for future leadership positions?

## John the Beloved – Assuming Family Responsibility

### Scripture references:

John 19:26-27

Mark 1:20

Matthew 5:8; 12:34

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7

Proverbs 4:23

The gospel of John lists seven times the words “I am” spoken by Jesus:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

John’s heart was displayed for all to see. His was the heart of a true son, a heart that could be trusted.

### Questions to ask myself:

How can I get to know my leader’s heart?

Am I more concerned more for my talents or what is in my heart?

### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read Exodus 14:1-12

The children of Israel became discouraged because they lost hope. How does discouragement among followers affect leaders?

What impact does discouraged leadership have on the effectiveness of ministry?

Day 2: Read Exodus 14:13-31

How can a support-role minister remain encouraged when those he is leading are discouraged?

Day 3: Read Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-2:1

Habakkuk complained to the Lord. Why was he discouraged?

Day 4: Read Habakkuk 3:1-19

Though Habakkuk’s circumstances did not change, his outlook did.

Day 5: Read Acts 4:21-35

The early church faced many threats. From the context of the scriptures, did this discourage the people, or did they remain encouraged?

How important is it that a leader be an encourager?

## Lesson 8: Barnabas – The Power of Encouragement

### Scripture references:

Acts 4:36-37

Matthew 1:21

Psalms 23

Proverbs 18:10

Acts 11:24 (NKJV)

The eight redemptive names of God found in Psalm 23 are:

1. Jehovah Rohi \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jehovah Jireh \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jehovah Shalom \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jehovah Rophi \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jehovah Tsidkenu \_\_\_\_\_
6. Jehovah Shammah \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jehovah Nissi \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jehovah M'kaddesh \_\_\_\_\_

Barnabas was an encourager, thus his name. He was the Son of Consolation, Encouragement and Comfort.

### Questions to ask myself:

When my name is brought up, what adjectives do I hope people use to describe me?

How does encouragement, or lack of it, affect my effectiveness?

How would I rate myself as an encourager?

### Reading assignments:

Day 1: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:1-20

Paul called Timothy his son in the faith. What does that mean?

Day 2: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-3:16

What does it mean to be a novice as a minister in leadership? What are the dangers of leading as a novice?

Day 3: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:1-16

In what ways can youthfulness be helpful in ministry? How can it be a hindrance?

Day 4: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:1-25

Paul gave instructions to Timothy with regard to elders in the church that are helpful to support-role ministers today. What were those instructions?

Day 5: Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:1-21

Paul committed certain things to Timothy's trust. What things are committed to your trust today in your role as a support minister?

### Lesson 9: Timothy – Embracing a Legacy *(Lesson 10 of book)*

#### Scripture references:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Acts 16:1                        | Malachi 4:5-6                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:15 | Romans 2:28-29                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2        | Psalm 119:11                      |
| Hebrews 5:13-14                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:1-2, 15 |
| Philippians 2:19-20              |                                   |

#### Identify the seven stages of the thirty-year Pedagogy System:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions to ask myself:

To what is Paul referring when he talks about “circumcision of the heart” in Romans 2?  
 Whom has the Lord placed in my life as a “father in the faith”?  
 Applying the Jewish pedagogy process to my role in support ministry, at what stage am I?  
 What steps do I need to take to progress to the next stage?

#### Reading assignments:

- Day 1: Read Matthew 16:13-20  
 Jesus publicly blessed Peter because of his confession that Jesus was the Christ. What is the danger of relaying too much on the praise of one’s leader?
- Day 2: Read Revelation 3:14-22; 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:16; and Proverbs 16:18  
 What role does pride often play in a Christian leader’s failure?
- Day 3: Read Joshua 7:1-9  
 Joshua was unaware of the sin that caused the defeat at Ai. How did he feel as a leader when the Israelites experienced this failure and how did he respond?
- Day 4: Read Luke 22  
 Not long after Peter’s greatest success he experienced his greatest failure. Why do you think Peter denied Jesus?
- Day 5: Read Romans 8:28-39  
 How can anything good come from our failures?

### Lesson 10: Simon Peter – Recovering From Failure *(Lesson 11 of book)*

#### Scripture references:

Matthew 26:33, 40-45, 58  
James 4:10  
Galatians 6:1

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:12  
Matthew 16:22-23; 19:17  
Luke 22:31-32

Proverbs 16:18  
John 13:8; 14:6

*How we handle or fail to handle failures will either qualify or disqualify us for promotion.*

#### List Peter’s seven flaws:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### List the six keys to the process of restoration:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions to ask myself:

With which of Peter’s seven flaws discussed herein do I struggle with most?  
What should I do to help ensure that I don’t fail spiritually and/or morally?

#### Reading assignments:

- Day 1:       Read Numbers 27:18-23  
              Joshua was appointed and ordained to be Moses’ successor.
- Day 2:       Read 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 1:11-40  
              Solomon was appointed and ordained to be David’s successor.
- Day 3:       Read John 14:1-14  
              Jesus told His disciples that He was going to leave them and that they would transition into new roles of leadership.
- Day 4:       Read John 21:12-17  
              What main point was Jesus making with Peter?
- Day 5:       Read Acts 1:11  
              Jesus gave final instructions before ascending. What significance do those instructions and promises have today for leaders who are in a period of transition?

### Lesson 11: Jesus Christ – Transitioning for Greater Work *(Chapter 12 of book)*

#### Scripture references:

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|---|---|
| Hebrews 12:2-3; 7:25                        | John 1:14; 11:25-26; 13:33-34; 15:16; 17:5; 19:15 |
| Romans 10:9-10                              | Galatians 3:13                                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:19-20, 51-55 | Acts 1:9-11; 3:13                                 |
| Colossians 1:27                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18             |
| Matthew 5:17; 11:11; 13:52; 24:14           | Mark 3:14-15                                      |
| Luke 24:44                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:7-8                     |

#### The life of Jesus is marked by five events:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

#### List seven transitional secrets that make a change of leadership smoother:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions to ask myself:

- What are my strengths and weaknesses as a leader?
- Would others characterize me as having great perseverance?

#### Reading assignments:

- Day 1: Read Ephesians 4:1-16  
How does one walk worthy of his calling?
- Day 2: Read Psalm 37:23-34  
What blessings and benefits from God have you already witnessed as you have served God in a leadership capacity?
- Day 3: Read John 10:11-8  
What is the difference between a shepherd and a hireling?
- Day 4: Read Matthew 6:19-34  
What is the tremendous promise God gives the leader who keeps the right priorities in his service for God?
- Day 5: Read Hebrews 11:1-16  
Remember to be faithful!

## Lesson 12: Benefits of Playing in the Orchestra

### Scripture references:

Psalms 2:8; 68:19

Lamentations 3:22-23

Galatians 2:2; 3:29

John 1:14; 8:56; 14:1-3

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:12

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:9-10

Philippians 4:19

Hebrews 2:3; 4:16; 9:16-17

Romans 5:20; 10:9-10; 12:1-2

Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1, 6, 10, 11, 17-18

Matthew 27:42

Isaiah 55:3

1<sup>st</sup> John 4:18

Ephesians 3:21; 6:16

### The seven-step process of the faith covenant:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith

List the six words or phrases found in Genesis 15:1 that are used for the first time in the Bible:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to ask myself:

What is my greatest fear as I contemplate moving to the first-chair position? What does God say to me with regard to that fear?

In what ways has God already been the "I AM", the God of provision, for me?

Where am I going from here?

How do I get there?

What is my job until I get there?