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### BEFORE ANY LEADERSHIP CRISIS

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- Under **pressure**, the heart of the leader is coaxed to believe a lie. **Jeremiah 17:9** says, "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"
- This is never more true than in seasons of stress. When the heart and mind want to whisper things like, "**just this once**" or "**no one will know**" or "**I'm not hurting anyone.**" A **wise** leader has already answered those questions... **No!**
- No, because they have decided a course of action prior to any personal leadership **temptation**. No, because they have done the work to fortify their principles. No, because they build strongholds around those principles in their hearts and minds. It is so essential that values **govern** the processes of a leader's life.

Continue reading for the **3 TIPS FOR LEADING UNDER PRESSURE.**

# HOW CAN LEADERS EMERGE UNSCATHED?



**1. THE PRECEDENCE OF GOD'S WORD.** It sets the standard of the leader's life (**Psalm 119:11**). This is more than reading the bible.

This is more than preparing a presentation in the context of a biblical worldview. This is **belief**. This is a firm **conviction**. This is being **fully persuaded** that His Word is truth. So, when the wind of adversity blows, the response is pre-encoded in the DNA of the leader. Like Joseph, the leader runs from the enticer and keeps their integrity intact. Unlike Peter, the leader stands when they face accusers and maintains their relationships. Like Mary, they respond, "be it unto me according to Your word" and experience God's promises. Unlike the children of Israel, they are not fearful of giants or walled cities, but rather they take on the future with full confidence in their God. These leaders lead in difficult times. These leaders know what to do. These leaders stand in the face of their enemies and overcome because these leaders live by principles not pressure.

**2. THE PRACTICE OF GOD'S PRESENCE BUILDS THE LEADER'S CONFIDENCE.** This is an awareness that the Holy Spirit is available to assist the leader with decision making challenges (**JOHN 14:13-15**). This is a well founded understanding that God still speaks today and that He will direct the steps of those who seek Him (**PROVERBS 3:6**). This is a secure realization the leader possesses that in every temptation a way out has already been prepared (**1 CORINTHIANS 10:13**). This is an unyielding trust that God walks with the leader through every season of life, good or bad (**HEBREWS 13:5**).

**3. THE PRESENCE OF GOOD COMPANIONS SUPPORTS THE LEADER'S CONVICTIONS.** (**PROVERBS 13:20**). This is critical. Who a leader chooses to do life with will determine their influence, their reputation, and their affluence. Leaders can never successfully navigate life on their own. Unscathed leaders have people in their lives that can tell them the truth and be heard.

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