



LEADING IN BETWEEN

"Leading Through the Place Called "In Between"



Bobby Bogard

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THE BATTLE OF UNCERTAINTY

The battle field in uncertain times is crucial ground and must be taken at all costs. The leader will either lean into fear or stay **confident** in faith.

- **Fear** and **faith** are both fighting for footing.
- **Motivation** is at risk.
- Emotions are **stretched**.
- Self-leadership is **questioned**.
- Severe external challenges can emerge during these "middle moments."
- Leaders must sustain their **momentum**, maintain their **poise**, and lead **forward** with strength.
- They must be able to look insecurity in the face and say, "**I've got this!**"

"4 TRUTHS FROM PAUL TO TIMOTHY IN THE BETWEEN"

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1

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When times are uncertain there will be many **voices**. And while leaders should take counsel to heart, in the end, they have to step up and lead. So Paul reminds Timothy not to forget the spiritual gift imparted to him by others. Leaders are **anointed** to lead.

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- **AND INSECURE LEADER WILL BE EATEN ALIVE**

The voice of the multitude or the naysayers will come. Timothy is admonished to recognize that "God has not given him a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7.

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- **RIGHT OR WRONG A LEADER MUST STEP UP AND LEAD BODILY THROUGH THE FOG** without regard to what others think or say. Otherwise, at that moment, he will no longer be the leader but the follower.

4

- **SPIRITUAL LEADERS RELY ON THEIR FAITH**

Paul exhorts young Timothy to lead from the position of sound doctrine and the power of the Holy Spirit. Leaders lead through the place called "in between" when they know how to get wisdom from God's Word and yield to the power of the Holy Spirit. God's Word establishes the principles of life to make wise decisions. The power of the Holy Spirit guides the leader to truth, and provides the wherewithal to weather the emotional upheaval.

MAKING THE JUMP INTO THE UNKNOWN

All leaders have to make a jump into the **unknown** at some point. What they do before they land will set the organization up for success or failure.





3 THINGS DISCOVERED "IN BETWEEN"



The “in between” will **identify** those who are **courageous** enough to lead with confidence.



Gaps which provide **refining fire** for emerging leaders.



Unfamiliar seasons reveal **strategic** leaders on a team.

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LEADERSHIP STUDY GUIDE



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