# POSSESSIN G THE PROMISED LAND

# Leading the nomads in transition

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#### The nomads defined

- Exodus Chapter 1
- Israelites were not in the promised land, but they were living in the promise
- They stood out from the Egyptians spontaneously
- They grew in number and were recognised as a formidable force but they did not belong to the place where they prospered
- They were people in waiting
- They were made to work hard and worship the Lord God less
- They were <u>aware of the Lord</u> God but was not awake in the Lord

#### Transition

Nomads to a nation

Aliens to Natives

Shepherds/Brickmakers to Kingdom builders

They became warriors, worshipers, musicians, social reformers

Belief to Experience

Concept to Action- From assumption to assurance

### Leadership

They lacked leadership in perceiving the ways of the Lord

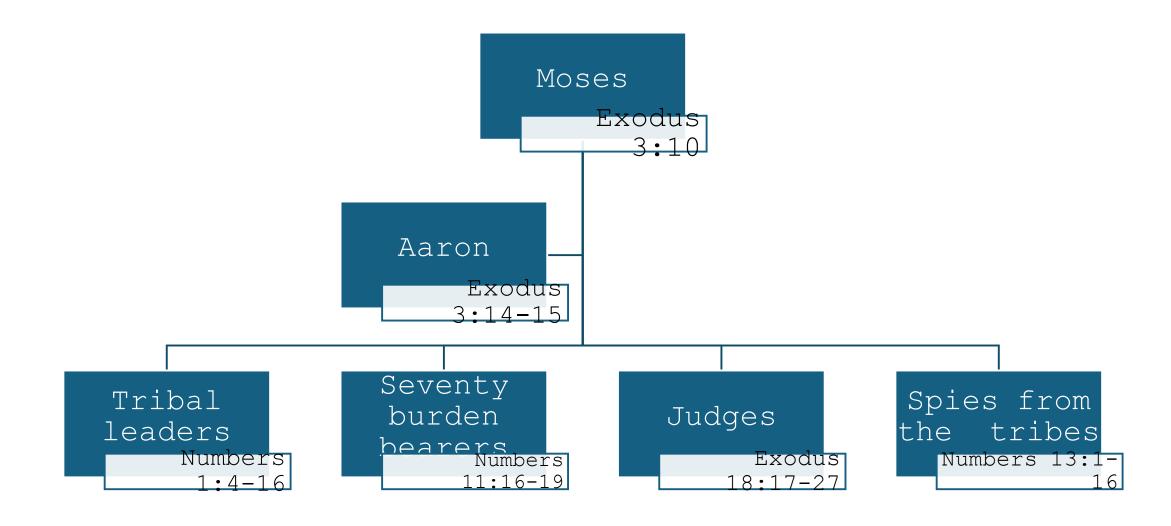
The leadership they had were either patriotic or impulsive

God was choosing a sensitive and obedient leadership

God extended the leadership from one man to a group

Some were reluctant others were timid Some were carefree and some were rebellious

#### Leaders of Israel



# Leaders are born, made and trained

- Leaders are born- They have a calling upon their lives
- The calling does not necessarily happen directly but also conveyed from the others in God
- Leaders are made- Calling alone will not work but they need to believe in their calling, respond to it, and step out
- They would need to be transformed and this is a process
- The perfection happens at the end and not at the beginning
- The leader is called to influence the group in God and good leader will be influenced by a godly group
- A godly leader is never afraid of the group and a godly group is never a threat to a godly leader



#### Successful leader/leaders

- The definition will defer depending on whom we serve
- Definition of success is different from heaven's standard to the earthly standards
- The world defines success according the power, pride and popularity
   The heaven defines according to calling, commitment and completion or continuation
- The world considers power to lord over the people as success while heaven considers leaders who serve with humility as successful
- Godly leaders do not wait for approval from the world but are focussed on pleasing the Lord God at all times.
- The will of God comprises the path and the walk



#### Success Vs Victory

- Successful mission will involve many battles
- Small victories do not guarantee success and defeats do not mean failure
- The defeats can lead to delays
- The successful mission includes the safety of souls
- A successful leader is the one who will take the journey with his or her soul intact and end the journey well
- The journey may extend from one generation to the other
- If the journey is not finished the hallmark of successful leadership is right handover



#### Successful leaders

- Moses
- Sure of his calling- Definite encounter
- Total submission
- Continuous connection
- Humility- Asked for help/ Grew in humility/Willing to listen
- Loved the people
- Willing to handover

## Successful leaders

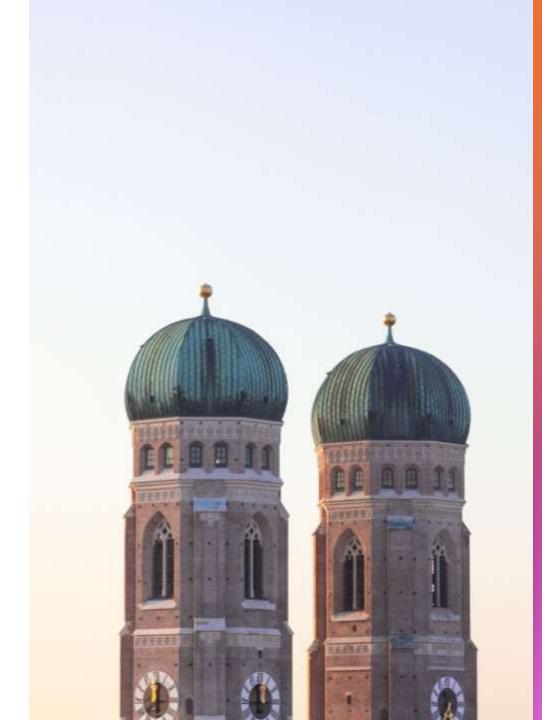
- Joshua
- Learnt from Moses
- Submissive to leadership
- Trusted in God and His character
- Willing to put the knowledge into practice
- Had an encounter with God regarding his calling
- Did not aspire for leadership but was submissive to takeover
- Serving the Lord was his lifestyle



#### Supportive leaders

#### • Aaron

- -Was willing to play the second fiddle though he was older than Moses
- Supported Moses well and grew in the Lord God in experience too
- Stumbled when he tried to lead alone
- Died on the way



## Supportive leader

#### • Caleb

Shared the passion and vision with Joshua

Took the secondary role but did not lose the passion

Kept his connection with the Lord God and served Him faithfully

Was the only other person to enjoy Canaan



## Structural leaders

• Exodus 18:17-27

There was a problem of overwork for one man

Jethro gave a good suggestion- Delegate the job to the able men

Be the representative between the people and God

Teach the ways and statutes of God

Find and appoint men of faith and character

Start from small groups and expand to larger groups

Hand over the responsibility and wait upon them



#### Structural leaders

- Numbers 1:4-16

  The leaders from each tribe Warriors
- Number 11:16-30

The seventy leaders to bear the burden

• Numbers: 13:1-16

Joshua represented- Ephraim

Caleb represented Judah

#### Rebellious leaders

Numbers 16

It started with three and influenced another 250

The carnage cost 14700 people

A godly leader is never rebellious however godly the motive sounds

A godly leader is revealed by the handling of rebellion

It is dangerous to rebel against a God appointed leadership

A godly leader's sighs and tears are taken seriously in the presence of God



#### Godly leaders A3C5

- Godly leaders are Appointed Anointed and Assigned
- Successful leaders have Connection: Commitment : Coordination Completion and Continuation
- Calling can be direct or indirect
- Anointing is essential
- Success is determined not only by the task but also by the walk
- Vision extends beyond the lifetime of the leader
- Legacy outlives the leader
- The fruits are eternal



#### Summary

- foodly leadership is different from that of the world's
- This is from the beginning to the end
- 2 3 As Appointment, Anointing and Assignment
- 5Cs Connection, Commitment, Coordination, Completion and Continuation
- Property The calling could be direct or indirect
- № The leaders undergo transformation on the way
- The success is inclusive of the completion of the task and the manner of walk
- ✓ The success is incomplete without continuation

# JESUS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LEADER

- He Came, Connected, Conquered, Completed and Continued
- When He calls ,Let us say yes and He will take us there
- Is He calling us to serve today?
- He not only calls to serve but also teaches how to serve and helps to transform

