

Kingdom Leadership Requires the Heart of a King

Morris Ruddick in the preface to his book “The Heart of a King”¹ states that “in extraordinary times, knowing-what-to-do takes something more. That something more is what distinguishes true leadership... It will be that "something more" that makes a difference.”²

He writes this book to men and women of God who are called to be the movers and shakers for the Kingdom in these times. These are the Josephs and Daniels who travel a narrow path and whose destinies come with a high cost. These are they who will turn the world upside down like the followers of Jesus did in Acts 17.

He states that “The defining dimension to this calling is the heart of a king” and adds that “the heart of a king is not patterned after the ways of the world. There are realities to the calling and the cost it upholds. There are realities to the times.”

He warns that “the generation now assuming their mantles face a toxic spiritual setting” and he advises that there are jockeyings for power which are taking place within the circles of believers.

Due to the intense warfare that these fledgeling leaders will undergo, they will require times of recuperation in safe places for healing and regrouping. He goes on to give notice regarding safe places that “while it may be safe from certain levels of the dangers, it also maintains the enticements and protective machinations of the soul response, hindering what had begun in the Spirit as the pathway of the high calling. The issue involves looking back rather than forward; of being immobilized from facing the realities and embracing the high calling.”

He gives his full prophetic insight regarding the heart of a king in the following:

“There indeed is a great battle taking place within the Body today. It reflects a transfer of the mantle between generations. With that transfer is a struggle reflecting the fine line between the good and the perfect will of God; between the soul and the spirit; the measures defining kingdom success; and the venturing forth from the safe places into the places of risk that carry the potential of impacting eternity. It is a calling of leadership for those with a heart of a king...”

These are times that cry out for true leadership in the Body; the type that unites and mobilizes. It comes from a calling not to be treated lightly or with presumption. It is a leadership of sacrifice, but one that is not reckless. The goal of the high calling involves lethal realities and demands a wisdom that avoids the entrapments and diversions.

Those bearing this mantle have been prepared by God. They are unwilling to acquiesce to the safe places that fall short; or be seduced by the rule of power or the rule of profit that lures those called by His Name into the intrigues and games played by the world.

They are a remnant whose calling is directly from God; not presumption, ambition or any other quest emerging from the heart of man. It is a calling that excludes the pretenders, wannabes, interlopers and tyrants. The heart and identity defining this remnant is inexorably tied to God.

These are the ones with the leadership mantle of Joseph and Daniel, who are facing the realities, paying the cost and faithfully stewarding their callings of bringing forth God's Kingdom. These are the ones who will themselves receive the keys to release His Kingdom in their domains. These are the ones with the heart of a King.”

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1 – Morris Ruddick (2010) “The Heart of a King”, Xulon Press

2 – See <http://strategicintercession.org/the-heart-of-a-king> [And so all the quotes in this document]