

The Leadership Masteries of Rabbi Yahshua

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Rebekah was required to use the book [The Leadership Challenge](#) by Kouza and Posner and
few other books to show how her favorite leader, Yahshua, ha'Mashiach lead.
This is the script from her YouTube video assignment.

Who is Yahshua?

Yahshua was the greatest Rabbi of all time. Even though his recorded ministry was very short, only 70 weeks, he changed the course of history and brought hope to a dark world. He effectively accomplished his mission while battling the religious leaders of the day and caring for thousands of clamouring fans. In addition, Yahshua effectively trained a ragamuffin team to carry the good news to the lost tribes of Israel. Laurie Beth Jones in her book *Jesus CEO* writes that Rabbi Yahshua was “a cultural phenomenon, who caused spiritual and political upheaval everywhere he went, and who changed people’s lives every time he opened his mouth.”

Yahshua was born in Beth Lechem on Tishri 15, in the year 3998.* He was born into the house of Judah, during Israel’s Feast of Sukkot. He was a Jew. His audience and talmidim were primarily Jews. His name literally means, “Yahovah Saves.” His actions, his teachings, the pronouncements made from heaven and the eye witness accounts all testify that he was literally the son of Yahovah! And now that Israeli scientists have tested his blood, found on the West side of the Ark of the Covenant, no one can deny his claim anymore.

Thousands of people followed Yahshua because he restored hearts and bodies. He restored the Melchizedek Covenant and people’s perception of his Father (Heb 1:1-3). He educated the mind and implored people to consider the motives of their hearts. The primary focus of his teachings was a call to action—calling Israel to repent. Yahshua died on Passover in the year 4028 as the Pesach Lamb but he didn’t stay in the grave. He resurrected 3 days and 3 nights later—just as he promised! His resurrection literally changed the face of forever for all Creation. (1.17)

Yahshua was an amazing leader. He was a personality that challenged the social and religious norms of the day. Cunning and wise he could disarm evil with merely a few words. Captivating and charismatic he drew crowds by the thousands. Focused and sensitive he beheld the person before him. He was a fierce outlaw and a rebel teacher. He called himself light. He called himself the way. He called himself the bread of life and the water that gives life. He was human and passionate, generous and disruptive. He was faithful to Yahovah’s law. He was love and embodied hope itself. Above all, he illuminated his Father’s will -- giving those who desired eyes to see and ears to hear. He inspired others to share in his vision of bringing hope to the exiled Israelites and he modelled how he wanted that done—even under severe persecution. He enabled his talmidim to act upon his commands with his authority and he publicly and privately encouraged the heart’s of those who believed in him.

* According to the Astronomically and Agriculturally Corrected Biblical Hebrew Calendar
(Sept 26, 3 BC)

What made Yahshua a great Leader?

In *The Leadership Lessons of Jesus: A Timeless Model for Today’s Leaders*, Bob Riner and Ray Pritchard write, “the difference between management and leadership is chiefly in the way those being managed or lead are motivated.” Laurie Beth Jones in her book, [Jesus CEO](#) determined that Yahshua had 3 categories of strengths that made him a great leader: The **strength of self-mastery**, the **strength of action** and the **strength of relationships**. Let’s explore just a few of Yahshua’s visionary leadership masteries.

“Before you can be a leader of others, you need to know clearly who you are and what your core values are. Once you know that, then you can give those values a voice...” (Kouzes, 17). Mastery “of the art of leadership comes from mastery of the self.” (Kouzes, 337) Yahshua **modelled the way** as seen through his strength of self mastery.

Strength of Self Mastery 1

CENTERED HIMSELF EVERYDAY

*“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Yahshua got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” Mark 1:35.
“That same day Yahshua went out of the house and sat by the lake.” Matt 13:1 “When Yahshua heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.” Matt 14:13*

Laurie Beth Jones writes that Yahshua “kept in constant contact with his boss.” Proof of this is recorded all over the brit ha’dashah. Yahshua had a routine of taking care of his heart by spending time with his Father. This filled him up so he could give to others. It gave him passion, strength and focus to do that day’s work. Oprah said that “you’re connection to that which is greater than yourself is the thing that fuels what you do.” Yahshua’s morning ritual did many things for him:

- He got an ‘aerial view’ from Yahovah
- He got encouragement and instructions from his Father
- It focused him on his mission and helped him not worry
- It refreshed his spirit and kept his inner life was in tack*
- It filled him up like a reservoir for others to drink from
- It allowed him to “lead from the inside out”
- It gave him time to remember who he was and what his goals were
- It helped him remember what he and his Father valued

I believe this practice was the key to Yahshua’s success.

Strength of Self Mastery 2

CLEAR ABOUT HIS MISSION

“Do not think I have come to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill.” Matt. 5:17; “I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.” Matt. 10:34; “I was sent to only the lost sheep of Israel.” Matt. 15:24; “...he has anointed me to...proclaim the acceptable year of Yahovah!” Luke 4:18

Yahshua knew exactly what he came to do. Corvrig in Lessons in Leadership Development from the Master Student in the Journal of Applied Christian Leadership says that Yahshua was a mature leader because he was able to achieve a “balance between caring for the good of the community” with his “own personal calling.” Oprah talked about the fact that everyone has a calling. She said that your job is to figure out what your purpose is and then to align your abilities with that. Yahshua aligned his abilities with his mission. He had a very specific calling and destiny. He was clear and unwavering in his purpose.

Laurie Beth Jones writes that one of the things that made Yahshua such a great leader was that he “stuck to his mission.” Yahshua knew he had come to be the Pesach sacrifice and that future of the Universe rested upon him fulfilling his mission. He had to stay focused and clear. It wasn’t time for him to establish his Kingdom and rid the Jews of Roman rule (as his talmidim pressured him to do). Nothing made Yahshua stray off course. Even in the wilderness exhausted and hungry the Devil could not get Yahshua to take him up on a few seemingly profitable business opportunities (Luke 4:18; Mark 1:37-38). Yahshua was extremely clear about his mission. This made him a great leader!

(*Oprah, Stanford)

“Leaders...have to be willing to test bold ideas and take calculated risks...” and “.. they also have to get others to join them on these adventures in uncertainty.” (Kouzes, 188). Yahshua took action and required it of those who followed him. He **challenged the process** and **enabled others to act** as seen through his strength of action.

Strength of Action 1

HE TOOK ACTION AND REQUIRED IT OF OTHERS

“Yeshua went into the Temple of YHVH and cast out all those who sold and bought in the Temple. He overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.” Matt. 21:12; “My father is working and so do I.” John 15:15-17

John Eldredge says that Yahshua had, “fierce intention.” Laurie Beth Jones writes that Yahshua “did not mumble or whisper his message. **He was bold...** He crashed into people’s consciousness with deeds, attitudes, and actions that had never been done, seen, or even heard of before ... He called a spade a spade and apologized to no one, not out of arrogance, but out of boldness and clarity... he did not discuss for hours the safest approach for doing something. He did not go through countless committees to get permission to make a statement.”(Jones, pg 112)

Our book says, “Leadership is not about who you are; it’s about what you do.” (pg 15, 77). Yes, Yahshua was the son of Yahovah, but the general public did not count him credible because of that claim—people followed him based on what he did. Yahshua had his talmidim go out on several occasions to ‘practice’ using his authority to raise the dead and cast out demons (Matt 10:1)—giving them what the book refers to as “small wins.” (pg 190). Not only did Yahshua take action, he was in essence a living call to action! His number one call to action was to repent!

Strength of Action 2

HE WAS VISIBLE

“Yahshua went around to all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” Matt 9:35

About Yahshua Yohannan said, “The Word was made flesh and walked among us.” Yahovah knows being visible is important. That is one reason he sent his son to represent him. Our book says, “...being visible makes you more real, more genuine, more approachable, and more human.” (319) Yahshua was Yahovah in skin. Said another way, his visible presence made Papa more real.

About face-to-face encounters our book says, “The power and long-lasting effect of direct interaction can hardly be replaced by other means of communication.” (229) In his video “Next Generation Leadership” Ryan Jenkins stressed that leaders must to be visible. We must use social media to stay visible to our constituents.

Yahshua didn’t go hide in a closet until the appointed time. He was visible to the public and to the paparazzi. Yahshua modelled the way and enabled others to act by being visibly available to his constituents. (56)

“Leaders are expected to have a point of view about the future and to articulate exciting possibilities. Constituents want to be confident that their leaders know where they’re going.” (Kouzes, 37). “Leaders mobilize others to want to struggle for shared aspirations...Leadership is a relationship between those who aspire to lead and those who choose to follow.” (Kouzes, 30) Yahshua knew where he was going! He knew what the future held if he accomplished his mission. He **inspired a shared vision** for the future and **encouraged the heart** as seen through his strength of relationships. (16)

Strength of Relationships 1

HE INSPIRED A SHARED VISION

Yahshua saw Kefa and Andrew casting a net into the sea. “They were fishermen. Yeshua called out to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:18-19

Our books says that, “people don’t really want to picture only the leaders’ vision. They want to see how their own visions and aspirations will come true, how their hopes and dreams will be fulfilled.” (116) Yahshua inspired a few fishermen to become part of his talmidim by linking his goal of fishing for men to their love of fishing for fish. Yahshua promised them that they would be more successful in this different kind of fishing.

Laurie Beth Jones writes that Yahshua “gave them a vision of something larger.” (177) And that he “clearly and consistently conveyed to his staff the significance of what they were doing. He spoke long and often about the calling, and they could feel and see the long-lasting benefits of their work with him....they were working for something beyond themselves.” (Jones, 179). The Scriptures say that, “where there is no vision the people perish.” Prov. 29:18. Our book says, “you have to make sure that what you can see is also something that others can see, and vice versa.” (104) “Visions are reflections of one’s fundamental beliefs...” (105) Yahshua’s vision was that his life would give people life. His fundamental belief was that his Father would do what he said he would do. Like the Law of Legacy in the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership I conclude that Yahshua was intentional about leaving his legacy within the hearts of his talmidim. A legacy that empowered them to accomplish a shared mission well after he was gone.

Strength of Relationships 2

HE ACKNOWLEDGED AND BEHELD PEOPLE

“And Yahshua beheld the man, and looking at him, loved him.” Mark 10:21

Jones writes, “Focus is one of the key attributes of a leader, and nowhere is it more powerful when applied to and on behalf of another human being.” (Jones, 180)

Yahshua built relationships. He beheld those he served. He actually looked at them. He saw into eyes, into their souls and was always peering into their motives. It either drew people to him or made people uncomfortable. Laurie Beth Jones contends that Yahshua, “constantly praised his staff members and told them, “well done.” (232)

“The heart is a powerful tool, and when tapped into, it will do amazing things for the people by whom it is encouraged...People are just more willing to follow someone with whom they have a relationship.” (Kouzes, 290). Yahshua was big on building relationships.

Yahshua taught that a job well done was going to get acknowledged, if not here then in the future—an “intrinsic reward” as the book says an exemplary leader will use (293).

My Conclusion

Don Solomon from regent University in his Doctoral Project Abstract concludes that, Yahshua was a “superior example of leadership....” I would say — he was a transformational leader. Our book concludes by saying that the key to leadership success is to stay in love. (Kouzes, 345) I conclude that the key to Yahshua’s success was that he embodied and felt Papa’s passionate love for Israel all the way to Pesach. Yohannan writes, “Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love....” (John 13:2)

I want to be a leader like Rabbi Yahshua!



Watch Rebekah’s video presentation of this study at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIZ4RtKPEw4>

Why I chose to study the leadership masteries of Rabbi Yahshua

I chose Yahshua because he is my Rabbi. From him I learn many things, including how to lead in a way that pleases YHVH (my ultimate goal). In the Scriptures Yahovah (YHVH) says that we must behold his Son— reflect on his habits, meditate on his methods, memorize what he said and do what he did. The goal is to have Yahshua in me. Among many things, I want Yahshua's leadership abilities in me. He was cunning and wise in dealing with the religious leaders of the day. He was smart and vigilant. He was solid in his convictions and unwavering in his goals. He was magnetic and appealed to desire. Not only did he lead the thousands of people who followed him, but he also trained up a core group to become leaders after him – to lead like he did. These were called, in ancient Israel, talmidim. They were someone who lived, ate and breathed the words, manners and abilities of their Rabbi. The goal was that the words and actions of the Rabbi would live on in a perfect reflection of him through his talmidim. That is what I want to be in every way, including as a leader.

Resources I reviewed:

Scriptures – Corrected King James Version; Beautiful Outlaw by John Eldredge; The Utter Relief of Holiness by John Eldredge; Walking in Rhythm CD by Glen McWilliams; A Devotional Series on the Leadership of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, Don R. Solomon, Regent University

Peer-reviewed articles I reviewed:

Stand Up by Dovid Gottlieb

Servant Leadership: Jesus and Paul by Ronald Brown

Prophet and Teacher: An Introduction to the Historical Jesus by Earl S. Johnson

Roy A. Eckardt's book review on The Wisdom and Wit of Rabbi Jesus by William E. Phipps

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Web articles I reviewed:

Marks of Maturity: Biblical Characteristics of a Christian Leader <https://bible.org/seriespage/mark-11-pursuit-excellence>