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A Tale of Three Kings is about a story of kings, Saul, David, Absalom and their different styles of leadership. It also narrates how they were selected as kings. The story made me reflect on my own leadership style and conclude that I should emulate Jesus who is the greatest leader of all times. I like the style of King David, a "servant leader" who was chosen by God to bring people together. David gave all the credit to God in his ministry; I would also like to give all glory to God and acknowledge the absolute sovereignty of Him. On the other hand, Saul and Absalom were referred to as toxic leaders. They did not wait for God to choose them; instead, they were self appointed. God expects me to be a good leader that represents truth, faithfulness, and motivates others for Christ.

David followed the religion of his forefathers. He always praised God while he took care of the sheep in the pasture. David played his harp and everyone that heard it was blessed. King Saul was used by God to test David. God wanted David to come before him with all his brokenness. When one becomes broken, that is the time one seeks God earnestly. God uses broken vessels to bring about glory and praise to his name. David was chosen by God and anointed as king at a young age. When God chooses and anoints someone no man can take it away. Even though David went through a lot of struggles with Saul the hardship helped him develop certain characteristics such as he never retaliated. He respected Saul, he did not believe in dividing the kingdom.

My worldview is that it is always better to be a trustworthy leader, reliable, and truly work through God and put all trust in Jesus. "...no rebellion in the Kingdom of God is proper, nor can it ever be fully blessed."[i] As a leader I should not be rooted in worldly ways of success such as loving money or power but the main focus should be to serve others. It is a misperceived idea that when one is a Christian leader everything in their lives is suddenly made right; in reality, it

is the total opposite. Christian leaders are human, and they all go through their own trials and tribulations.

My spiritual expectation is that God made us leaders to reach those that are lost, and God makes every effort to reach everyone with the message no matter how far off they are from Him. God never says no to any one; He accepts any and every one. God expects me as a leader to have the same intent in my ministry. A good leader commits his ways to the Lord and the Lord establishes the next step (Proverb 16: 1-3 [The New International Version]).[ii]

The most agreeable thing about A Tale of Three Kings is the fact that this tale is applicable to me and all Christians who have experienced pain, loss, and heartache at the hands of other believers. God takes us through difficult situations in order to purge us and prepare us for ministry. Sometimes God uses the ones closest to us to test us. This story offers comfort, healing, and hope to all. I do not necessarily disagree with any part of this story.

It will impact my theology and current ministry because I can use the lessons that I acquired from reading this story in my ministry. I would like to be a servant leader of God to serve others rather than take control or accumulate power. The Tale of Three Kings reminded me to serve God only in my ministry and not put any false God before me, listen to God's word, and not engage in evil deeds. The heart of man is very important and only God can see the heart. God looks at the heart and wants us as believers to have a clean and pure heart. He wants us to rid ourselves of malice, envy, and strive and anything that so easily besets us. "As surely as the sun rises, people's hearts will be tested, the motives of the heart will eventually be revealed."[iii]

[i] Gene Edward, 68.
[ii] (Proverb 16: 1-3 [The New International Version]).
[iii] Gene Edwards, 90.

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