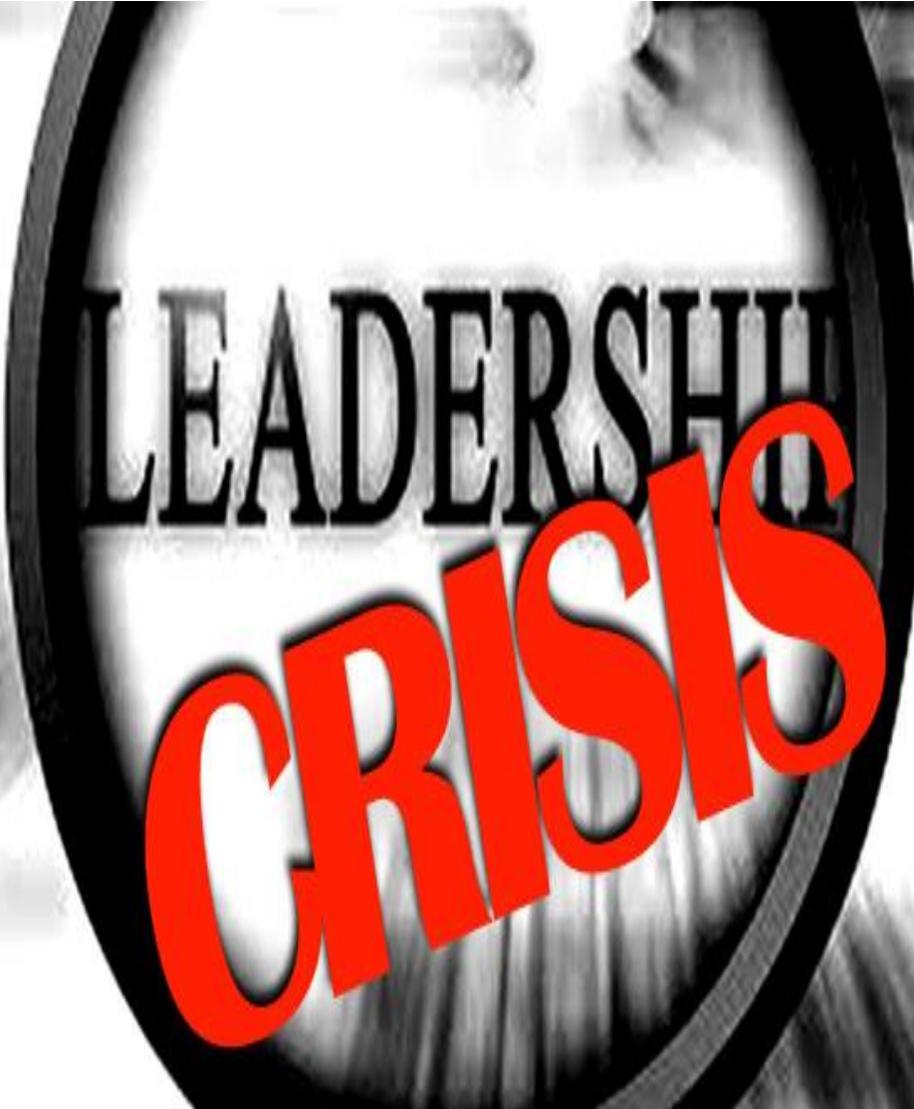


# JESUS - The Leader you should follow...and imitate



Be The  
**Leader**  
You Would  
**Follow**



‘A recent survey by the [World Economic Forum](#) found that 86 per cent of respondents believe we are suffering a [global leadership crisis](#). Most of us don’t need to rely on a survey to know this is true, we can just feel it. Failure of leadership runs the spectrum, from national politics to the economy, and of course international conflicts. The world is in crisis mode and there are few effective leaders to be seen.’

Huffington Post, Frank Glustra 2016

# The leadership slide (Tom Marshall, 'Danger – Power at work')

**1. Pride**



**2. Arrogance**



**3. Self-aggrandisement**



**4. Domination**



**5. Tyranny**

# **Positive Leadership - Authentic Leaders** (Shamir et al 2005)

- 1. Authentic leaders do not fake their leadership.**
- 2. Authentic leaders do not take on a leadership role or engage in leadership activities for status, honour or other personal rewards**
- 3. Authentic leaders are originals, not simply imitations**
- 4. Authentic leaders are leaders whose actions are based on their values and convictions.**

# Jesus – the leader we should follow...and imitate

1. **Jesus knew who he was**
2. **Jesus led by the convictions and values that he had experienced himself**
3. **Jesus spoke and acted decisively when it mattered**
4. **Jesus taught with authority – Godly character**
5. **Jesus led by example and released others to do the same – servant leadership**
6. **Jesus – laid down his life – leadership that is sacrificial**

# 1. Jesus knew who he was, and was secure

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

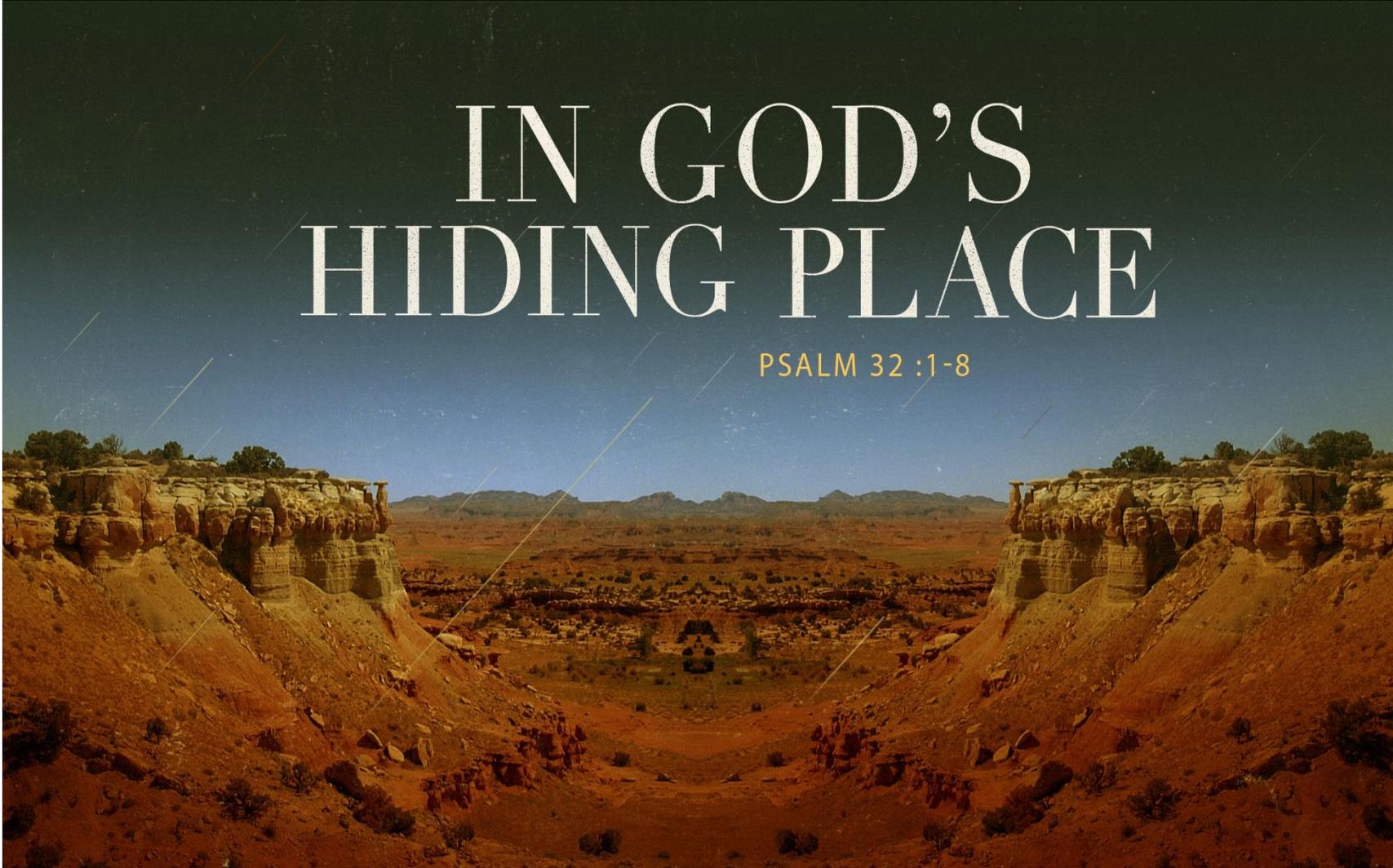
<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## 2. Jesus led by the convictions and values that he had experienced himself (Matt. 4)



# IN GOD'S HIDING PLACE

PSALM 32 :1-8

“Circumstances were not meant to be hiding places from God but meeting places with God” L. E. Maxwell

### 3. Jesus spoke and acted decisively when it mattered

- **Rebuked Peter (Matt 16:23)**
- **Cleansed temple (Matt 21:12-13)**
- **Healing paralysed man (Matt 9:1-8)**
- **Healed on the Sabbath (Lk 13:101-7)**

## 4. Jesus taught with authority

- **Jesus' words were consistent with his beliefs, and his actions were consistent with his words – he walked the talk**
- **Authentic leadership is leadership based on consistent godly character – transparent, real, authentic, proven**

## 5. Jesus led by example and released others to do the same – servant leadership

- **Leadership is not about personal gain/position but servanthood, Jesus led by example**

**‘There is no need to demand submission, allegiance or anything else from people. A true minister and ministry is one that exercises authority through the force of his servanthood’ (Ralph Mahoney)**

# Mark 10:35-45 - The Request of James and John

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

<sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

<sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

<sup>39</sup> “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## **6. Jesus – laid down his life – leadership that is sacrificial**

- Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered (Heb 5:8)**
- Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his brothers (Jn 15:13)**
- Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5: 25)**

**'If you see a person reaching for authority, watch them – they will hurt you. If you see a person reaching for responsibility, promote them, they will bless you'** (Readers Digest)