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DEVOTION: LEAD OR SURRENDER

Matthew 4:10

Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

Thoughts for today:

An authentic mentor will lead courageously. Courageous leadership means saying no to our feelings. It means standing our ground when the world seems like a giant slippery slope. It sometimes means suffering when relief seems available.

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness with the same things used to tempt us: our hungers, our desire for attention, and our fascination with power. Why not make bread out of stones if you could? After all, He felt hungry. Why not prove the Father's love by jumping off the roof? After all, He was feeling lonely after forty days alone. Why not try to redeem the world by the unexpected means of worshipping the prince of the world? After all; Plan an involved rejection of pain, humiliation and death. Satan was offering an easy solution to each of these questions. Jesus answered all of these temptations with a resounding NO.

Courageous leadership sets personal needs aside. It dares to trust when things aren't all going its way. It understands, with deep humility, whose will it has decided to serve. O' how loudly our feelings can insist on having their way! We want to live as men, but we often feel like living as something else. Authentic men know their feelings and realize how strongly they can influence. For such men, feelings are part of the information of decision making, but don't let your feelings be in charge. Yet that was exactly the angle Satan used with Jesus. He whispered to Jesus, "Your feelings of hunger, loneliness, and fear can be in charge." Jesus couldn't get rid of the feelings, but He did tell Satan to go.

Whatever or whomever is in charge of our lives is what or whom we worship. Neither our feelings nor Satan are worthy of our worship. When we sense the temptation to live passively or irresponsibly we can identify the ultimate source of that trap. We can use the same answer Jesus gave: "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" In that moment we will not only be leading courageously, we will also be responding as authentic men in service to the King.

Questions to answer:

It is true our feelings are part of the information of decision making. Are your feelings in charge of your decision making? What or who takes up most of your time? What or who do you worship? Will you respond as an authentic man in service to God?



SEPTEMBER 21st. & 22^{sd}.

2012 FALL LEAD Conference at First Assembly of God in Radcliff

We will have our Outpost Commanders Round Table meeting Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All commanders are encouraged to attend. This is where we do the Think Tank and Planning Zone for 2013. There will be discussions on Reboot, Rangers 2.0, Silver Pathfinders Trip to El Salvador, Pow-Wow 2013, New Leadership Training, Action Camps, Junior Leadership Ministry Academy Camps, FCF and much more. We will have Open Floor for all leaders' suggestions and input. Don't miss it. We will give door prizes and snacks for all early-bird attendees before the meeting starts so come early to win. For those staying over for the Ranger Ministry Academy, need a place to stay bring your cot and sleeping bag for the night, or make your reservation at local motels.

September 22, 2012

At 8:00 am central time, Ranger Basics and Ranger Essentials classes are where all classes start. We will also be offering Classroom Management, and Presentation Skills for those continuous training events needed to obtain the Advanced Leader Level of the outpost Leader Advancement Levels. Classes offered are \$30.00 for the day for those preregistered & \$35.00 at the door for all not preregistered, and non-chartered members. . Classes start at 8:00 am and end at 5:00 pm eastern time.

A FREE continental breakfast will be served at 7:00 am.

Lunch is on your own. Outpost 4 will be offering lunch at the church for a \$5.00 or more offering. This money will be used as a fundraiser for outpost #4. Outpost #4 will start receiving those offerings and giving out lunch tickets on Friday night, and at breakfast the next morning. The menu is homemade Sweet and Sour meat balls, rice, and a Salad, with a drink (Coffee, Tea, Lemonade or Water)

Royal Rangers 2.0 do you really know anything of this thing called Royal Rangers 2.0?

Let's touch base just a little now before our LEAD Conference where we will take a more In-depth look. In order to better position ourselves for future success, it is necessary for our leaders at all levels to have a clear understanding of Royal Rangers and how to represent it accurately.

Royal Rangers 2.0 for the next generation of men:

- 1) **Effective:** Royal Rangers is a cross-generational ministry that skillfully resources the men in your church to invest in the next generation of men.
- 2) **Flexible:** You shape Royal Rangers to reflect your church's vision, preferences, and practices.
- 3) **Interconnected:** Royal Rangers is modular by design, highly interconnect-able with all the ministries of your church, a compliment to your family ministries.

The journey to biblical manhood: **Think Different, What If?**

What if the fatherless gained a father?

What if education moved beyond books and into life?

What if traditional church reached out in untraditional ways?

What if an entire city could be reached?

Today's boy is tomorrow's man. What's that worth to you? If we have leaders across this state that have not taken training within one year they are old school by now. They are not relevant. If you want to make a difference, and Rangers 2.0 is Greek to you, then get connected my friend. Go on line at www.kyroyalrangers.org and download all you can find, read and study it. Come to LEAD and be enlightened to become fervent in a ministry where we are influencing more boys and young men more effectively than ever before. There are souls in the balance!

Chartering Time is Here!

Chartering Season Runs from August 15 - October 31

It's been quite a year for Royal Rangers! As most of you know, we are celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2012. This summer, we celebrated in grand fashion at our National Camporama! It was an awesome time.

The transition from summer into fall brings many exciting things—the beautiful colors on leaves, the start of school, a new football season, great camping weather, and more! One very important thing that arrives with fall on your Royal Rangers' calendar is chartering your outpost.

One of the best things about being a chartered outpost is getting a 15% discount on all Rangers gear ordered via the online Rangers Superstore. That same discount applies to all national and regional training events and activities and select district Royal Rangers activities. For example, if you attended the National Camporama this past summer as a member of a chartered outpost, you received a discount of \$49 to attend the event. That's a great savings! There are many other benefits, including the Outpost Promotional Kit, that are too numerous to mention that you receive as a chartered outpost. The discounts alone on products and events far exceed the cost to charter.

Chartering does cost money. That's one of the reasons our national office has entered into an agreement with National Teamworx Group (NTG) to make HandsFirst® Hand Sanitizer the official fundraiser of Royal Rangers nationwide. If you haven't already, please take just a few minutes to look at [how the program works](#). We believe you will find this product far superior to anything else on the market and worthy to be associated with. As you look at the details, you will realize selling just three boxes will more than cover the cost of chartering (of a typical size outpost) while creating a recurring source of income for your outpost.

Are you READY to charter? If so, let's [start the process now!](#)

Doug Marsh
National Director

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 7-9 JSC and JTC Camps [Click here for registration](#) CANCELLED
- 7 – 9 G-5 Discipleship Weekend (Youth)
- 8 JBQ- West
- 10 LFTL Rally (Northeast Section)
- 11 LFTL Rally (Northern Section)
- 14 – 15 KSOM
- 15 MM Annual Skeet Shoot (Smith's Grove)
- 20 Mission Awareness Training
- 21 – 22 CE Conference
- 21-22 Kentucky District LEAD Conference (First Assembly of God, Radcliff, Ky.) [Click for directions](#) and [Click here for registration](#)
- 24 – 25 EP & DP Meetings
- 28 – 29 Coins for Kids Sleepover (At local church)
- 28 – 30 Powette (Somerset, Camp Dove)

October

- 1 – 2 Sectional Councils
- 5-7 Fall Trace (Glasgow RSR) [Click here for registration packet](#)
- 6 JBQ- East & West
- 8 – 9 Sectional Council
- 12 – 13 KSOM plus Youth track
- 19 – 20 Youth Workers Training Conference
- 19 – 20 CPR Conference
- 20 BGMC Conference (New Harvest)
- 25 CE Rep Meeting
- 26 – 27 Healthy Church Retreat #3 (Camp Crestwood)
- 29 LFTL Rally (Cumberland Section)
- 30 LFTL Rally (Mountain Section)

November

- 2 – 3 Worship Conference
- 2 – 4 GM Sponsor Retreat (Gatlinburg, TN)
- 3 JBQ- East & West
- 6 Election Day
- 9 – 10 KSOM
- 13 Department Leaders Mtg. (Camp Crestwood 9:00 am – 12:15 pm w/ working lunch)
- 13 Pastor's Exchange 1PM – 4PM
- 16 – 17 Youth Convention