



# Global Leadership Encounter

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Main Speaker of the day:

## Loren Cunningham and Kalafi Moala

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### Edwin

Welcome – Good morning everybody. It is so good to be together from around the world. From the whole of Africa all the way to America. It is just so wonderful to be able to meet together as a family. I am just so thankful to the Lord for Loren. And s we are connecting here this morning over 120 locations and 73 nations. And Loren it's such a privilege to have you with us this morning. And Harold can you pray for Loren this morning as he shares for us. Harold all the way from Hong Kong

### Harold

I want to thank you Lord for this opportunity we have to be with Loren. We ask you Lord to come and meet with us. We ask you Lord to put in Loren's mouth a specific word to be imparted to us today. And may our hearts be filled with faith. And may our entire bodies be moved to go forward. Thank you in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### Loren Cunningham

It is wonderful to see your faces and to know we are reaching out from Asia and Europe and all over Africa and the Indian Ocean. Some parts of North America as well. And we are in an amazing time. We can say never in history have we had anything like the pandemic over all nations of the world at the same time. We have 241 sovereign nations and independent counties to suddenly being one in one viral epidemic. In 1986 David Wilkerson gave a prophecy that showed there was going to be a terrible plague that would sweep over all the nations of the world. He said bars and churches and even governments will be closed. And he said New York City would be particularly hard beyond what they had ever seen. That has all come to pass. He went on to say this will lead to a great spiritual awakening worldwide.

See what it means: **it is bringing us to zero.**

We were seeing the largest numbers in Kona we had ever seen of students. Now we are at zero. We were going to every continent, every corner of the world. We were going to 50 countries at a time, and **now we go to zero.** We were sending out new kinds of ministries. **We are down to zero!** And that's where God wants us right now. God didn't send us the virus, I think this was the plan of Satan, to call corona our crown. And he wants to be crowned as the king of the world. But there are only two things he has really, one is ; the other pride, one is temptation the other is fear. And this season has brought great fear in all the world. We all have our masks that we have to wear. That is a part of our fear. We don't want to catch anything. I should put my mask over your microphone so that you won't catch anything from me! We now have to wear that mask if we have to go outside here and around the world. I think we will all now be fearful of germs everywhere.

**But I want to say we've come from zero to zero.** We're down to zero! You're at zero! Tell me how much money you have coming in? I don't know about you but we're at zero. We suddenly thought, oh what do we do now? The first thing I said was "We are going to grow our own food." We're not going to buy any food. And I said everybody start a victory garden if you have any



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land. We have a natural farm for exhibition and teaching on the campus and because everyone is scattered, we only have about 100 people on campus (as their permanent home). We did have 700 on staff but they have scattered. So I said okay if we have 100 on campus can we feed them out of our natural farm? Because food is our highest cost. The second highest is electricity. We pay 40,000 dollars a month for electricity on campus. So, cut off the electricity! **We are at zero.** If you have zero income you need zero outgoings. We have a lot of vans, 35 vans. Turn them off and stop the insurance. **We are at zero.**

Now at the same time, I began to talk to them about another zero. And that zero is:

- **Zero** languages on earth that have no Bible in that language.
- **Zero** of unreached people groups that have no gospel.
- **Zero** of every language group in the world that have no churches. I'm not talking about buildings but believers meeting together.
- **Zero** of no schools that teach a biblical Christian worldview not just writing and arithmetic.
- **Zero** people starving with no food.
- **Zero** with no clean, pure water to drink.
- **Zero** people with no clothing to wear.
- **Zero** with no housing/shelter over them.
- **Zero** people without healthcare.
- **Zero** prisoners with zero visits.

The point of these zeros – we need to be thinking much bigger. We need to go from where we are to thinking about millions attending the University of Nations every year. How else are we going to get the job done? Jesus said go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He said go to ALL nations. Not just some nations, **ALL** nations. **How do you do that without a Bible in their mother tongue?**

Just pause right there. We are going to go to these places of the one thousand languages and find people there that will be able to translate from the nation's market language (that has a Bible) into their mother tongue. I want to tell you how we're going to do that. If YWAM takes on these languages to give them the Old and New Testament in an oral translation, we could then we give them over to the Bible translators in writing. God gave us an alphabet, an orthography for UniScript, and we are going to put UniScript into all those languages. This cuts down the time it takes to translate the Bible. During this decade we are going to see the Bible in every language on earth (by 2030).

Because during this pandemic, we felt God saying I'm going to give you the month of April as a sabbatical month to talk to you about the future. We thought about the book of Job. You see Job didn't have the Bible. He didn't know about spiritual warfare against Satan. He said the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. No, God gives, but Satan takes away. He had to learn that. **But he was willing to go to zero because he knew God.** Even his three friends judged him. He lost his friends and family and he went to zero, and they took him down further. During the most difficult time, he saw Jesus (the reincarnated Christ) and said I know my redeemer lives and my eyes have seen him. Then he prayed for his three friends (meaning he had forgiven them, since we can't pray for someone in faith if we haven't forgive them). God then gave him what he planned to from the beginning, but he hadn't yet understood the character and nature of God.

I had an amazing moment three weeks ago at 4 am when God woke me up. It only happened for a few seconds. It was like God took back a veil from my eyes and I saw what God wanted to give to YWAM. I was overwhelmed, I saw every ministry at the same time. There was just a multitude of multiplication in every ministry and then it was gone. This was not a prophetic word, that it will be. It is a word of encouragement – that it can be, if we walk by faith.



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Darlene has a new book out, her first book, and is called "Values Matter".

- Values lead to principles and principles to action.
- Our values are the words of the Lord to us to lead us out in the mission.
- Our values are something that keep us together.
- What God wants from us is to take His words, listen to Him, obey Him, so He can multiply YWAM in all its ministry, so we can reach the multitudes on the earth.

Some of us may be saying: "Lord we have just a little base!" I want to show you that a little base doesn't stop you from touching millions. Don't worry about how you start. Let me humble myself and tell you I had never started an organization or movement before YWAM. Within two weeks of starting Bible School, I started a church and it grew to 55 people in one year. I then went into evangelism. I never had any staff. I was told to be a missionary. I said to our young leaders here in Kona, "None of you have ever been a leader of a base". Neither had I when we started our base in Lausanne. When I was called to Switzerland, I didn't know one person in Switzerland. **We showed up because God told us to go. Now, I was no longer at zero.**

\*\*\*\*\* Technical Difficulty\*\*\*\*\*

During that time – except for Luxembourg, Liechtenstein and some other the smaller nations – we were in all the major countries in Europe. They decided to take groups across the Sahara desert, they didn't have money for flights so they drove across the desert and pioneered across West Africa. They had the first base in Northern Africa in Morocco, which was attached to a clinic. We had one in Egypt. We started schools in East Africa and Southern Africa. In South Africa, a young lady pioneered there. We had our first team go to Afghanistan in 1970, to Nepal and to India. All of that happened in 5 years from Lausanne.

**Now, understand that we started from zero.** We multiplied so fast that when Billy Graham came there in 1974 for the Lausanne Congress, he said, "the greatest thing happening in Europe among you is YWAM." He said that in front of 150 journalists. Dr. Campbell who taught every year in our school in Lausanne, was asked by a student, "why don't we see a movement like you saw?" He replied, "I have never seen a greater move in God than what you have had here in YWAM Europe."

I don't know what you are looking for, but God is looking for a bigger family to rule and reign with Christ. In Revelation 7:9, he talks about a multitude no one count from every nation, tribe, every ethnicity/people group and every language being there and praising God. We have a long way to go, there are still too many places with people who haven't heard the gospel.

We had just started out and the Lord spoke to me, "I want to give you a farm for YWAM". I grew up in Los Angeles, the only milk I knew came in a carton! "Why do you want to give me a farm for YWAM?" I asked. I said, "if you want to do it, do it according to your word." God then gave me a book, chapter, and a verse and it was about a farm!

**To go from zero and to multiply you have to go by the Word. Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes from hearing the word of the Lord." We have to hear a word from the Lord. But when we hear it we have to mix that word with action, with obedience.**

So I found out about a farm nearby that was auctioning everything and I bought some fencing, a milk can and a hay wagon. I brought them back by one of our vehicles and parked it out in front of our chalet. It was a Saturday and our students came by and asked what is this about Loren? I said, "I'll tell you about it on Monday". I told them I was praying on Friday and I heard God saying He wanted to give me a farm for YWAM. One of the students asked, "Why just you Loren? Why



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not us too?" I said, "You haven't heard from God, you have to hear from Him if He wants to give you a farm." All of them began praying from then, and by Friday they had all heard from God. We had young people from several nations, but one student went home that weekend and told her parents "God is going to give us a farm; we bought a hay wagon in faith". She wasn't saying God was going to do that for Loren, she was saying "us", and "our" hay wagon. Her father and mother were concerned that their daughter might be disappointed. A few days after that her father was speaking to a man who said, "God spoke to me and said I should give my farm to a mission, do you know a mission that needs a farm?" She responded and said "YWAM, they bought a wagon in faith." That man just needed that word (that we had bought a hay wagon in faith) to sign the farm over to us. It had fruit trees and vegetables, but it also had dormitories, classrooms, a cafeteria and a large kitchen because it had been an orphanage in the past.

We trained those who speak French to go out into francophone countries and preach the gospel – 53 francophone nations in the world. After many years I still have this (showed a photo of himself standing by the hay wagon). Now if you'll look at that you'll notice that the photographers were a lot better than they are today. Modern cameras and photographers are just not that good. Now look at me, see what the camera is showing you! **But it is very simple, you listen, you obey, you trust God and God multiplies. DON'T MAKE IT COMPLICATED. Don't say we are too small. It's not how big you are, it is how big God is. Now watch God as He multiplies.**

Let's take another area. After being there 5 years God said for us to go to Hawaii to start another school. And so we announced in August that we were going to start a school, and students came and on October 1st we started a school in Hawaii. And this was the Cunningham's first home. When my children were grown up, I took them there – it was 30 meters by 30 meters – where we lived as a family for the entire school. We had no car, and sure we had running water – we had to run for our water. We had 2 bunk beds and everything we had was either hung at the end of the bed or underneath the bed. At Christmas time Darlene got a little box and a little tree and we had Christmas right there. It was on the island of Oahu.

One prayer meeting our leaders heard from God that we were to go to a place we had never been – Kona, another island. We prayed until the sun came up. I said to the students, "God spoke to us last night but I'm not going to tell you what He said. I want God to speak to you. So pray together." They prayed, one spoke up and said "I see the letter K". Another girl said, "I got a four-letter word KONA but I don't know what it means." We were teaching them to listen to God. And they suddenly began to say, "God is going to give us a farm, a ship..." and mentioned all the things God had shown us as a leadership in our prayer time that night.

Without seeing it we were told to buy this hotel. We didn't know why. There were cheaper properties, and even bigger properties, but that is the property we bought. We didn't know it but that property used to be missionary property until 1920. It was like the promised land, Canaan for us. The building on the right at the end, the last door, that is where the Cunningham family lived. (Referencing a photo of the property). We lived there for 10 years. We raised our kids there. We didn't own a car until years later. We went almost 20 years without a car.

I had always had a job from when I was 11, and when 18 I owned a four-bedroom home across from Disneyland. I also owned some property down by the lake and had started to multiply it. I knew I could make money from it. As a teenager at 18 I owned 2 cars! And then when I was 19 and had been in university one year, God said go study the bible and sell everything except one car. And that's what I did. He has never allowed me to make money from myself with my entrepreneurial gift but to use it to multiply YWAM. My missionary support is about what a primary school teacher gets in a normal public school. I don't think that is for everyone, but it was for me. I had to start at zero and build but not for myself. And then one day YWAMmers around the world gave 5 dollars here and there and we bought a home and a car. Now we are expanding, and this is our master plan (showed plan of the Kona campus) and we are at about 40% of this already. You can still see the four original buildings – they have been reinvented. **This is nothing compared to what God wants to do.**





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Last August the Lord spoke to one of our leaders, saying that we were to go to Brazil and do what we had done in Orlando Florida – rent a stadium. Who was the leader... Andy Bird. He had never led a conference before. God told him to go to a stadium in Florida. We had filled up stadiums for evangelism before, but never for recruiting missionaries. **He started with zero and got the word of the Lord, and 59,000 young people showed up who wanted to be missionaries.**

And in August God said, “now rent one in Brazil”. The second largest football stadium in the world. They put a notification on social media – “we are going to be in Brazil if you are interested come from 10 am to 10 pm”. It didn’t cost them anything to advertise. But people had to register to have room on the seats and on the grass, and each had to pay the equivalent of 20 US dollars in the local currency. Within 5 hours it was full! We had over 100,000 more who wanted to be there so we rented two more stadiums for the next one! So on February the 8th of this year all three stadiums were filled. It was summertime and it was hot. They started carrying people out because they were fainting because of the heat. Andy Bird started praying “Oh God what do I do?” And then he went up to the microphone – the same person who had never organized a single conference- and had a crisis, and prayed “Lord, send a rain cloud over the stadium and cool the people of God.” And a rain cloud showed up and rained a gentle rain over the people. There were thousands of people, there were no birds anywhere, but one dove landed on one girl’s hand and stayed there.

We saw miracles of God. People who had been cutting themselves and hating themselves were now praising God. One of the men came to microphone (Todd White) and said, “Many of you have been cutting yourselves and you have scars, God wants to heal your scars”. People were screaming everywhere as they watched scars disappear from their body! Young people were healed, and all kinds of miracles were taking place as they learned to become missionaries.

With the stadiums full, many people went online and joined in for the full 12 hours. We had 145,000 in the stadiums. We had almost 2 million Brazilians online at the same time! Another 600,000 in America were online, and young people in 104 nations were online on February the 8th.

*What is God saying? He is saying I want you to go from zero to millions!! You say, “but we only have 10 people on our base!” But you have 9 more people than I had when I began YWAM! Not that you are few. Listen and obey. God wants to multiply you. How will that happen? What is God showing us during this pandemic?*

At the end of March we were all locked in in Kona. We felt like God was saying April is going to be a Sabbath time to listen to God. As I listened to God I called Andy Bird and said, “Andy I believe that you are to have another event in Brazil – this time a virtual stadium event during this pandemic.” He said “Yes, God has already shown us and we are going to have it on Saturday April 25th”. They had it on April 25th, but instead of 2 million online they had 3 million online! I got to speak to the 3 million. I did it like this (the GLE) only I did it from my house.

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Now, I want to talk to you about some of the things God is saying:

**He wants to multiply us.**

Now one of the hardest places in the world to reach are the areas of the pygmies of Africa. But we’ve started work in Burundi, they’ve started a pre-school and now one of the pygmy tribes has moved more than 30 families next to the pre-schools so their children can go to pre-school.



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**When you obey God, these things can happen.**

**It happens through relationship.**

So we are setting up hubs now. Let me explain what Paul Dangtouma is doing in Nigeria. There are 227 languages in Nigeria that have no Bible at all. What you would normally do would be to send a team of 2-3 people to learn the language and then help to put the Bible in that language. So I've been talking to Paul and he is sending out scouts to where the languages are. It is like Moses sending out the 12 to explore the land. But we don't want to send any unbelievers in our case just the two of faith (like Joshua and Caleb). And when we find the people who speak English/ the market language of the nation and the mother tongue they go and ask the people, "how do you say 'Jesus wept'". Then they record them saying "Jesus wept" on their smartphone (in the mother language). They then take the name of the person, the name of the language, and all the information they collected to the hub. We then have the shortest scripture in a new language – "Jesus wept".

**God can finish anything He has started so don't despise small beginnings.**

We have to do this for 227 languages. So those who speak the mother tongue and English are invited to YWAM. Some of them who are married can bring their families. They are told they are going to be able to study at a University of Nations campus, if they will translate the bible orally and record it in their mother tongue. The first thing they are to do is to record the Jesus film Script, 83% of which is from the book of Luke. Now some of them aren't saved when they begin but they get saved! And the Jesus film is given a budget to bring them there and gives them a scholarship if they go through the DTS and also learn to translate. They then learn how to put the UniScript into their mother tongue. Then they can translate the entire New Testament, and then the Old Testament. And when they have orally translated the entire bible and the Jesus film they can get an accredited degree out of Switzerland. So then when they have that they are sent back as missionaries to unreached people group, with the entire Bible orally on their smartphones. That is then given to Wycliffe to put it into writing. Later they can get a hard copy. As the translators are all on the YWAM base at the same time, relationships develop. Two of the biggest groups without Bibles are in Papua New Guinea and Nigeria. All of the leaders of these unreached people groups can then get to know each other and build unity among the 227 tribes. These translators can then be able to take some other YWAMers with them to start a DTS in all 227 tribes.

Now if you are in a small base you might be in a country with 4 tribes without Bible or 13 tribes (whatever it may be). There are 1000 languages without a Bible. Another hard place with unreached people – the islands. There are 10,000 islands that are populated in the Pacific Rim, 6000 in Indonesia, 2,000 in the Philippines, and China, Korea and Japan all have islands. There are islands from Alaska to Chile and islands in Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia.

Why did God want us to have ships? We remember how much we learned through that – glorifying a ship instead of Jesus. Then we got the first ship -the Anastasis (which means resurrection). As we got our first ship, God wants to multiply ships. God has now given us 27 ships in YWAM, of different sizes depending on where they are going to go. One of the vessels has just gone to 29 islands! They are giving vaccinations for measles, mumps etc. which might otherwise kill the inhabitants of the islands. There evangelists on these vessels. The vaccinations help protect people and overcome the disease. And we say, Jesus took the sin of the world on his body, soul, and spirit and the power of the blood of Jesus is applied when you accept him and repent and by faith receive the cleansing of his blood. We also will then give them a Bible for every home. This vessel has gone to 29 islands and every single home has received a Bible. We also give them volleyballs, basketballs and other things and we also help them in other ways – e.g. taking one of the youth to a DTS in Fiji or Tonga or another island nearby or even here in Kona. **This is what the university is all about – multiplication.**

We have another ship which was given to us by God – Liberty. Now Liberty is going to be a hub



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like Port Harcourt is a hub. Jesus Film is going to give us the equipment to give us a recording studio on the ship, and people from the islands can come and live on the boat and become missionaries. God has put us in 191 countries in the world right now. As a result we are teaching in 97 languages. So we are going to send you, if you will ask for it, a DNA book from Darlene called "Values Matter". And you can translate it now and put it in recording, and/ or print it or both. You will have those and my book "Is that really you God" and put it into one of those languages. Start getting these books out. But more importantly get the Bible into all these languages orally and in Uniscript.

How do we reach 1072 populated islands in Polynesia? How do we reach 10,000 islands? Sitting here with me helping me engineer is Brett Curtis. One day he had a daydream and he suddenly saw a flotilla of many vessels. How would you like 1000 vessels? Christians in Auckland, Manila, Honolulu have boats. Some maybe feel guilty about just having a boat and not doing anything with it. If they would give them to us for 2 months we would put YWAMers on them, pay for the costs to run them, with 5-6 people on each boat. We would go in and give them the gospel (in 10,000 islands). In a matter of 2-3 years we could get to all the islands in the world! We don't have to own them all, but to have some that become like the mother hen to open up doors. That is the way we are going to multiply.

Can you think of 1 million students a year in the University of Nations? Starting with DTS? Right now you are with me through zoom. To get the multiplication we could just start with our Christian Magna Carta.

## Everyone has rights:

1. **Everyone has the right to hear and understand the gospel of Christ**
2. **Everyone has the right to have a bible in their mother tongue**
3. **Everyone has the right to have a fellowship, to be able to grow in Christ (with their Bible)**
4. **Everyone has the right for their children to be educated in a biblical Christian worldview school**
5. **Everyone has the right to food, clothing, drink, shelter, healthcare, and in prison for a visit (Matthew 25:34-40)**

## We have a responsibility to give this to the people.

Darlene and I gave this Magna Carta to the Pope in Spanish. He looked it over and said this is so precise and so good he put it permanently in the Vatican. We also gave it to the head of the Orthodox church, the Anglicans, the head of the Baptists. They don't know it is YWAM, we don't have to tell them, but they have it.

**We need to understand this that we are multiplying. Do you know that God started from zero to go to zero. We started at zero and God brought us back to zero.** We understood that we have to multiply through zoom. So we are currently building 18 classrooms and every one of them is going to have a microphone for the speaker that is tied into a multiplier. Underneath the concrete we have 7 kilometers of fiberoptic wiring coming into one room going out to everyone on the earth. So that in one classroom we can teach into your school anywhere in the world. If you get in by zoom you can get into our teaching. You could do the same and teach students in our classroom about the culture in your area, for how to prepare to come to your place. Or, if God has given you a specialty in, for example, how to get energy out of biogas. **We are no longer confined to a campus. We now can become the biggest university and greatest missionary force on earth. We don't have to think small. We don't just want to be big. We want to give God a big family because that is what he wants. He gave us languages, now let us use languages as a way of getting the gospel, food, shelter and clothing out. And we will start with the hard ones (unreached) and get back to the easy ones**



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Start with zero and end in zero. Zero people without the gospel. Let's do it from zero to zero. Look what happened – the pandemic brought us to zero. 1 Samuel 5 – God gave me this at the beginning of this pandemic. The story of Dagon, when they sat the idol next to the ark of the covenant. The first day it fell, the second day the head and arms had fallen off. What does that mean? The enemy has power signified by the arms – in the area of finances. The love of money is the root of all kinds the evil. How do you use your money? Do you love money or God? When the head rolls off – the mind of Satan – to bring people to fear. Remember perfect love cast off fear. Love God and don't have to fear.

**We say we start with zero and we are going to build a multitude that no one can count. And that is what Jesus will allow us to do if we listen and obey and move out in faith. It is not how little we look but how mighty He is. There is nowhere God can't get us to bring the word of God.**

Right now we are in 120 locations but we shouldn't limit God. If he gives us something special let it be known. We can get courses started from different teachers. **Start where you are and as you do it will be multiplied in the Kingdom of God.** Lets do it! Hi five! **We are not victims we are victory!!! You are victory! And we will see the Kingdom of God multiply to the ends of the earth. There is no limit to God. We can be small or big but we will do great things for God and we will see the gospel in every language on earth by having the Jesus film, teaching and YWAM courses in all the languages of the world.**

**To close with a prayer:**

I pray your blessing over you own chosen ones. That Revelation 7:9 will be part of their goal that every nation, tribe ethnicity and language will have the gospel in their language, and food, shelter and education in Jesus's name. Amen.

**Edwin**

Thank you Loren. So we say yes to Jesus as he leads us. Justine over to you

**Justine**

Thank you so much Loren. We are so encouraged to hear the stories of where we came from.

Lord we thank you for Loren. I pray we would be propelled forward to fulfill all you have us. I pray for your protection over Loren and Darlene. Go before them and protect them and continue speaking. We thank you that you are faithful and that you are moving and we are aware of your moving. We just pray a blessing over Loren. In Jesus's name

\*\*\*\*\* 7 minute break \*\*\*\*\*





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Kalafi will be sharing with us. There will be no breakout groups. Steve will close for us. Father God as we hear from Tonga and crossing time zones, we pray you will give him such a word for us that our hearts will be filled and a passion for you. In Jesus's name.

## Kalafi Moala

Thank you for inviting me to share with you. It is such an honor to speak to people all over the world. I've been asked to speak about leadership, servant leadership, but I want to start with a story.

Two years ago, I was in a Townsville Australia and there was a DNA being run, and I was part of a meeting with Loren. Before he and Darlene went to Hawaii, Darlene called me to have dinner with them. And you don't get to have dinner with the boss or chief often. It was a privilege for me. I hadn't seen him in a long time. This is what I shared with him: "Loren I'm going to be turning 70 in two months, I guess I'm getting a bit more mature than when I met you at 19 and now I'm sitting across from you having dinner with you." And he looked at me and said, "I'm turning 83 tomorrow, you know Kalafi we need to go evangelize to Mongolia." No more birthday talks, he started talking vision. **As I listened, I thought this is one of the great marks of true leadership. Someone who gives great direction and vision, who when they talk you want to follow them.** He was talking about Mongolia and Bibles needing to go through the nations and I thought: "I want to follow him". We never revisited the issue of turning 70 and 83. We are very blessed in YWAM to have a leader with a vision. He has been consistent. Many times we have had to run up to keep with him.

When asked to share about leadership I had a difficult time thinking of what to share and most of what I've shared in the past has often been about my struggles and failures as a leader. My story as a leader has often been marked by failure, but **the amazing grace of God is that even in our failings he picks us up and continues to bless us and anoint us to carry out his will and we are able to continue in our calling and give him glory.**

There are two stories of the disciples debating who is the greatest among them. Jesus in that incident called a child in their midst (Matthew 18:1-5), saying if you want to be great, be like this child. The second time there was a mother who went to Jesus. I can identify with this mother. Most island mothers want their children to succeed/be great. This mother came to Jesus and said grant that these two sons can sit at your right and left in your kingdom. She wanted the best for her sons. Matthew 20:20-28 – when the 10 heard about this they were indignant/angry about this request. I wondered why they were angry? It was probably because they didn't get a chance to ask Jesus if **THEY** could sit at his right and left. Jesus called them together and said "You know the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever wants to be great among you must your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (vs 25-28)

One thing we deal with around the world is the issue of leadership and systems of leadership. What is the best system we can put in place in order to train the best leaders, to have a system of multiplication. There are different models in different areas. Jesus said the Gentiles lord it over them and the great officials exercise authority, which is different to what he wants for us. **Whoever wants to be great must become a servant.**



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I have thought about servanthood and service.

- **Service is something we do (not just think about).**
  - One of my brothers Tom Hallis was one of these people who would jump to do whatever was needed to be done. He was the first to volunteer to get it done.
  - **That is what it means to be a servant – to look out for things to do that could be a service to others.**
- **Servanthood isn't something we are compelled or forced to do.**
- **Servants freely come and volunteer their service and say I want to serve you in this area.**
- **In servant leadership we are talking about a leadership that is so different to that exercised in the world (companies, nations, governments).**

One day doing evangelism I remember praying, "Lord give us someone to sit next to who will be open to the gospel. This was a normal thing we would do in the early days. I am fortunate, in a period of a few short years I was coming into contact with so many different people. I didn't know anything about leadership, but people followed me because of a proclamation of vision to move from nation to nation for the kingdom of God. Which is still having an impact in those nations.

## **To conclude from scripture Psalm 78:70-72**

It reads, "*He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hands.*"

I think there is no other description in scripture that contrasts the leadership of Saul and David in scripture. **Saul was anointed by God but he failed in his leadership and he continued to occupy the position without the anointing of leadership. On the other hand, God chose David and anointed him even if he wasn't yet in a position of leadership**

In leadership we have to have a sense of being chosen despite our lack, weaknesses, and failures. We will go a long way if we know we are called and chosen by God to do something special.

## **The markers of leadership drawn out in this Psalm:**

### **1) Confidence in our call.**

- **To be able to exercise faith in a way that is superhuman because we have a sense we are called by God. We know that whatever he calls us to do we can do it (by faith) and expect miracles because we know God has chosen us.**

*We get a sense that this is what was happening in David. Interestingly when Samuel came to anoint one of Jesse's sons, David wasn't even called/invited to the meeting. They didn't think he would qualify as someone to be anointed as a king. Samuel went through the brothers and God shook His head no one after another. Until Samuel asked if there was someone else. Finally, Jesse sent someone to the sheep pen, and David was called in, and was anointed. He was chosen.*

Let me just challenge you. If there has been anything that has come out of my life as a leader it was because I chose to trust God, to believe Him and was able to see miracles happen because I am chosen. Knowing, "God you are the one who selected me, you took me out of my coconut plantation in Tonga and put me in a situation as a young man."

- **That sense of being chosen and being called is what makes our leadership effective**



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## 2) Shepherding with integrity of heart/an upright heart. This has to do with character.

Often there is weakness, failure and ineffectiveness in our leadership because of a lack of character/integrity (even if we are called and chosen). This is why it is so important to listen to the words of Jesus.

- Servant leadership is not more concerned about self but those you serve. It is having humility to know where we have come from, to not be selfish but selfless.
- Everything should be about the people we serve, including our vision. Character and integrity are so important

## 3) Leading with skill and competence

*With skillful hands David led them.*

- We need to know we are not only chosen/selected, (needing to develop our character to become people of integrity), we also need to be competent.
- We have to plan, think, learn skills, and do things that will enhance our leadership.
- We need to learn how to communicate well and clearly with those who are following us.

Leaders can be ineffective if they don't develop competencies. God gave us different gifts (Romans 12),. We need to develop competencies – to be able to organize, plan, and communicate well. These are very important for the people we are leading. We need to ask God:

- Are there flaws in us?
- Character issues?
- Competency problems?
- Errors in selection/calling?

## 4) Giving direction to those who follow us.

We see this in the life of David. He was confident, chosen, sacrifice, competence, skill, talent and he was also a man able to give direction. How do we know this? There were many people who followed him.

- There are no leaders without followers.
- Leaders are not just those who do projects/manage. It is about those who follow them.
  - You can tell about a leader by looking at those who follow them.

A leader has to be able to give direction. There were times when we would pray and fast and I challenged people to really seek God for where He wanted them to go (Afghanistan, China wherever) I told them to hear from God, and we would go. We used to say very seriously we have a call to go we are not called to come back. Forget about the return ticket. Just go and keep going. Direction is a very important part of leadership. We need to pray for our people and encourage them and facilitate God's direction for them. We need to help those who may not yet be hearing God's voice clearly.

It is a blessing looking back at the teams and people we went with to pioneer and some of those people are still there. I think of those in Nepal and Samoa. I think of one young man in particular: it is part of their culture to think – I need to get married before I go. I said to him, "why don't you find a wife on the mission field?" and he took it seriously. He went to Bangladesh got married to a Bangladeshi and they have 3 children and are a leading missionary family. I think of Steven Cochrane, from a Western background, in Washington and his incredible pioneering work in



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India. I think of Elizabeth Cochrane who pioneered the work in Bangladesh, doing the trailblazing work and then went to Nepal and ended up in jail. I didn't see white people or women I just thought of whoever would put their hands up to come.

We have a whole generation of young people and couples in leadership now and my challenge to you is:

- **DON'T STOP GOING**
- **KEEP GOING**
- **KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN**
- **CONTINUE TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND COMPETENCE IN LEADERSHIP**
- **CONTINUE GIVING DIRECTION TO THOSE YOU ARE LEADING**

It has been a privilege, blessing and honor to be with you tonight. God bless you. Thank you for inviting me.

## EDWIN

Can I just ask you a few questions?

Kalafi you mentioned these names. We have Indians who are with us, in Uganda and other parts of the world. And we've heard names like Steve Cochrane, Anne Bushy and others. We have Japanese connecting with us from Japan, and there are those who went to Taiwan for outreach and never came back, and have been there for 24 years: what would you say to these young people with us today? Speak into the young generation. We always think about families/obstacles/ and we want to be responsible in what we do. You mentioned those who were imprisoned. These are major stories of faith and we think it only happened in the 60s 70s or 08s doesn't happen now in the 20th century.

## KALAFI'S RESPONSE

- **One thing is so important for young leaders – continue to go.**
- **YWAM is a movement, when you stop going, a movement stops.**

**When Jesus said go into the world he was talking about an ongoing movement.** Abram needed to leave Ur of the Chaldeans and to go and keep going. Genesis to Revelation is about going. God is very serious about the Great Commission. **We have built tremendous bases around the world, but if we stop going the movement will stop. So young leaders rise up!** I love that Indians are in Dubai and Chinese people are going to Afghanistan. **We need to keep going and going and going until the commission is fulfilled. You will never experience God as greatly as when you are going. Sometimes He goes ahead and waits for us to get there.** We have built a base here, but our calling is to get a young YWAM team going to a place they have never been/culture they have never experienced to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## EDWIN

You've been a pioneer in missions and your work in places you pioneered is still going on and flourishing. There is also an area you have been serving in one of the spheres. You have just sold your media house, one of the most successful, and have faced opposition for speaking out. What would be your advice for those who are involved in different spheres?

## KALAFI'S RESPONSE

**It is our task to go and make disciples in the nations. These spheres are components of these nations and in order for people to be disciplined we need to make changes there.** I've always thought that media is prophetic. And the prophets were journalists of their day. **We need to speak truth to power.** It is power that often abuses and leads people away from God. So we speak, and go there as journalists and speak truth. And truth often gets you into trouble – this





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is why prophets lost their heads! **In order to make disciples of the nations we need to speak truth to power.** Wherever we went as we evangelized we wanted to transform nations. I am thrilled with all the involvement of brothers and sisters in YWAM bringing transformation to the spheres and it is all about making disciples. **We need to ask ourselves: are we going and are we making disciples?**

Another encouragement for those engaged in spheres. We are not engaging in the spheres to bring peace. I think there is a false peace. The enemy of the kingdom of God is the kingdom of man. We, the people from the kingdom of God, are to disrupt the kingdom of man, and in doing so bring the kingdom of God in. It is happening, but I think the greatest persecution we will face is in preaching the gospel into the spheres and bringing transformation from the kingdom of man to the kingdom of God.

## EDWIN

So your prophetic action has taken you to prison and also brought you into the corridors of power. It has been amazing to see how you have obeyed the word of God and how God has led you through this journey of brokenness and redemption, bringing out a generation of leaders who I believe are going to bring transformation for the kingdom of God.

I just want to bring Magan who is part of a movement called Watchmen of the World. Anything to share before I hand over to our facilitator? Is there anything you'd like to ask or contribute?

## MAGED (from Egypt)

I'm so excited about that flow: hearing God's voice, obeying, doing what we can do to be included in what God is doing. **It is leading by who we are.** Our identity comes from God. Leading from who we are as chosen people, ambassadors, forgiven. Our identity is declared by God to be salt and light, to have authority and power and be of people of the Spirit. That is so encouraging to us. To be in the presence of God where He is communicating who He is. I think it is a prayer of our heart as a movement. As Judy brought out yesterday – we are drowning in information and starving for wisdom. I want to bring something different, **if a revealed truth is not met by faith in us we are going to be starving for wisdom.** So as God reveals truth for us through this encounter, I pray that that which He reveals will be met with faith, agreement with God and flowing from that faith will be vitality, showing the glory of God. No matter what we have in our hands, even if we have zero we move with a God who makes millions from zeros. We can encourage one another to have faith in the revealed truth. So, like you I'm excited to hear God more and to find those who can believe God with me and trust God with me and continue to go! So we will go together on buses, planes, cars, horses and camels because we are a movement. I am so excited by this and by YWAM and I continue to dream and love and believe God with you! So thank you for allowing me to share some of the passion this has ignited in me!

## KALAFI CONCLUDES

One final word – Last year I was facing a challenge. This is a word for some of you older folks in YWAM. We were living by faith day by day, trusting God for some of the things He had given us to do. Then I fell ill, I lost a lot of weight and my energy declined. I remember I cried out to God, saying "You know for so many years I've trusted you. You've always come through financially and now I'm struggling." And then the Lord spoke a scripture to my heart: Psalm 37:25 "I was young and now I am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread". I just wept, and after all these years and said, "I was young and now I am old and you never change Lord." I just want to encourage you parents and grandparents. There is a lot more baggage to carry as we get older. **But I tell you the same faith we exercised to see the miracles of God then is the same faith we exercise now. He was with us when we were young and He is still with us now. He is still the God who provides, the God of Abraham, David and the apostle Paul. So**



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**if God gives you a vision, obey God, and keep moving, age is not an issue.** Joshua was a young leader and there was an older man Caleb who stood up and challenged Joshua to give him the land. There is no retirement. God continues to use us even in our old age. It has been a blessing being with you. We will continue praying for you to experience the best God has for you.

## JUSTINE – FINAL COMMENTS AND PRAYER

I hope you guys are encouraged and stirred up. I just feel like there has been such a call to action as we go through what was shared. And being reminded of who we are and the fact that God has called us. **I just want to encourage you to remember who you are and that God has called you.** I am so encouraged by that. Thank you Kalafi. We want to say tomorrow we will be meeting at 09:00 am. Some time today we will send out resources and documents that you can please go through before tomorrow. I just pray a blessing over you and awakening in your spirit. See you tomorrow.

