

Holy Discontent

Bill Hybels

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Goal

To identify your Holy Discontent

Message Details

Bill Hybels builds a case for the driving force in our leadership. The “why” we do what we do. Challenges us to identify and leverage our leadership and focus around what we “can’t stand no more.”

Speaker Introduction

Bill Hybels is the founding and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church and chairman of the board for the Willow Creek Association. He convened The Leadership Summit in 1995 following a God-given prompting to help develop the spiritual gift of leadership in the local church. A highly sought-after conference speaker on issues related to Christian leaders, Hybels is the best-selling author of more than 20 books including *Courageous Leadership* and *Axiom: The Language of Leadership*.

Message Beginning

BEGINNING: Bill Hybels: In the last couple of years, I have been vexed about a question pertaining to leadership, a question that vexed me so much it almost became an obsession in my life. And the only way I could frame the question was to ask it this way: What precedes vision?

Message End

END: Bill Hybels: How I pray that you will all be in touch with your holy discontent, and, please friends, don’t medicate it, don’t go out and rent movies and go places and make a bunch of money so that you don’t have to pay attention to it. Feed your holy discontent. And when it just rises to that point where, like Popeye, you say, I can’t stand it anymore, God will birth a new vision in you, and you’ll have the energy from Him to go up the next hill.

To those who know what your holy discontent is, are you risking enough for it? I really mean that. Are you risking enough for it? In what life are you going to go all out for the remediation of your holy discontent? It’s the only one you have.

Are you doing everything in your power, leading at the highest levels, going on record saying, With God's help, because I know it wrecks Him as much as it does me, I'm going to spend every day of the rest of my life trying to bring hope and help to this brokenness that creates a firestorm in me.

Now, God, I pray that You will speak to us by Your Spirit, whisper in our ears, keep this on the forefront of our mind until every single person listening from every facility all over the world can say, here's what my holy discontent is, here's what God has given me a plan to do about it, and we're going to do it together until the day I die. Make that true, God. And everyone agreed and said, Amen. Thanks everybody.

Facilitator Close (How will you challenge people to take action?)

Note: This message has high personal and spiritual impact. Plan a time of prayer or spiritual direction at the end of the message. Engage the audience at the same energy level as Bill. Honor what God may be doing in that moment.

If time allows, close with a time of personal reflection.

Process Questions (Help people connect, reflect, interact)

- What "wrecks" you? Write down anything and everything that comes to your mind.
- Circle the one that you believe "wrecks" you the most and might be your Holy Discontent.
- If it's not clear what your Holy Discontent might be, take the next few minutes to begin your journey towards discovering it. What next steps can you take? Set aside time on your calendar to pray and focus on what might be your Holy Discontent.