

Leading in New Cultural Realities

Efrem Smith

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Message Details

The primary job of spiritual leaders is to create environments where God can cause spiritual growth. Efrem Smith describes the need for leaders who can navigate our multicultural world and shares biblical guidance for becoming a leader who loves across barriers of all kinds.

Speaker Introduction

Senior Pastor of The Sanctuary Covenant Church, Efrem Smith serves close to 1,000 people with the vision to be an urban, multi-ethnic, relevant, holistic, and Christ-centered community. He is an internationally recognized leader, speaker, and consultant on diversity and multi-ethnic issues. Smith has held leadership positions in both church and parachurch organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Hip Hop Church*.

Message Beginning

Message begins with introduction video for Efrem Smith.

Message End

END: EFREM SMITH: So I'm Irish. I mean I get into it now. I eat Lucky Charms for breakfast. I mean I'm, oh, top of the day to you, laddy. I'm Irish. So, so -- but when I left there, it helped fuel the call on my life. See, I could allow the world to limit me by saying I'm just black, but I'm more than that. I'm African-American. I'm Irish. I'm Native American, but I'm a Son of God, but I've got a force from on high. And I want to release you. This is where you can say amen if you want to. I want to release you from the trap that you're in. You're more than white guy. You're more than black women. You're more than white girl.

You are a leader equipped all around the world by a force that is beyond you to bring about change, and you need to claim who you are. You need to claim who you are. I'm a child of God. I'm connected to the king. I'm multicultural and multiracial and supernatural. It's in me. It's who I am. I like what God is doing to me. I like the leader I'm becoming. I'm not where I am yet, but I'm on the way to what I'm going to be. I'm not what my momma called me. I'm not what my daddy called me. I'm not what my coach called me. I'm on the way to being a leader that's going to engage the world. I'm feeling this thing right now, right now. You need to stand up and claim who you are. Thank you.

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

- Message ends with large amount of energy. Big applause. This is a tight transition from video to Pastor. Be ready to take the stage! Match Efrim's energy as you engage the audience.

What's the take-away from this message?

What will you do as a result of hearing?

- Acknowledge the personal impact of the message
- This is an example of what is experienced at the Leadership Summit.
- Invitation to attend this year's Leadership Summit, August 6-7.