

Just Courage- Charging the Darkness

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Goal

For Leaders to lead in issues that matter to God

Message Details

All leaders want to make a difference. In his message, Gary Haugen suggests that leadership that matters is leadership in issues that matter to God. Using powerful stories from his experience as head of International Justice Mission, Gary shares about leading in one of the issues closest to God's heart— justice— and provides principles for leading when the task is hopeless, frightening, and difficult.

Speaker Introduction

Gary Haugen serves as president of International Justice Mission (IJM), an international agency that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery, and oppression worldwide. Haugen founded IJM in 1994 after working with the U.S. Department of Justice and the United Nations. He is the author of various articles on international law, foreign affairs, and human rights and the book, *Just Courage*.

Message Beginning

Gary Haugen's Introduction Video

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BEGINNING: Gary Haugen: From all I know about leaders and have heard, all of us here share one singular yearning, and that is that we want our leadership to matter....

Message End

END: Gary Haugen: And I'd be in the weight room working out and working, and nothing would actually happen to my body, but I would go. And I'm working out, working out, and I'd always look over, and there in their special section of the gym were always the body builders, right? I mean have you seen these guys? I mean they're just huge, right, huge chest and arms and neck and legs. And I used to just look at all that massive strength and all that muscle mass and all that power, and I used to just ask, "But what's it all for?" It's all just for posing.

And the only time all of that strength and power is ever really brought to bear, right, is if there's a crisis in the kitchen and the jam jar is stuck, and they pop open the jam jar.

My prayer for us, my prayer for us is that in a world of so much suffering and hurt and need, that God will not leave us opening jam jars, but that He will rescue us from all things petty, rescue us from all things of fear, and lead us with courage into a world that's yearning to know the goodness of God through us.

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

Gary tells us that, "There are massive man-made disasters taking place on our watch. These are the great moral struggles of our day, and we have a duty to respond." At the end of your life, what did you do to make a difference in the world? Each of us can work to change a small series of events to rewrite history in our generation. Use your talents to empower people to make a difference.

Process Time (Help people connect, reflect, interact)

INDIVIDUAL: God asks us to lead in the areas that are hopeless, scary and hard because that is where we find God and God's joy. Is your life / leadership making a difference in the things that matter to God and to God's people?

TEAM : What are the justice needs in your community? Where could your church or organization become an advocate for people who are suffering from injustice?