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The Kingdom of God is designed to operate much like what we observe in our militaries. There are superiors and there are subordinates, rules, regulations, and a definite sense of duty. The military has a basic structure which demands that each individual show up and do what they are told to do. Some days they are told to be in charge and in other situations they find themselves told to follow others who are in charge ... both are valid and necessary for every task to be accomplished.

Insecure leaders who are unwilling to give direct orders for fear their followers will not obey are actually not leading at all. These leaders are following popular opinion or perhaps louder voices, which allows every person to do what is right in their eyes. This is not the Kingdom Way. When called upon to lead, be gracious, kind, and take counsel ... but lead by your own conviction, remembering you will never be able to lead those whom you are unwilling to lose.

Prayer for Today

Father, please help me to be a leader like Jesus; someone who is so confident in what You have called me to do. I will not be swayed by the threat of losing someone. I need Your strength and wisdom to graciously communicate my direction.

Scriptures for Today

Acts 15:37-41 Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (NKJV)