



GREAT Leadership (4)
Shalom Ministries International
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Holy Are You Lord

Hear the sound of heaven
Like the sound of many waters
It's the sound of worship
Coming from the throne
Cries of adoration
As men from every nation
Lift their voice
To make His glory known

Chorus

Singing holy holy holy are You Lord
Holy holy holy are You Lord
The elders and angels bow
The redeemed worship You now
Holy holy holy are You Lord

Announcement

- 6th Ambassador Training
 - Format: Online via Zoom
 - Schedule: Every Saturday for 1.5 hours (4:30pm Zambia; 9pm Myanmar)
 - Duration: August 8 – October 24, 2026 (3 months)
- SHAPE follow-up Consulting
 - To help you put your SHAPE into action, I am now offering a 1-on-1 consulting session.
 - If you would like to schedule a session, please contact Pastor Lee to set up a Zoom meeting.

GREAT Leadership

Rooted in Christ. Growing in Character.
Impacting the World.

MINDSET Gentle

Leads with humility,
compassion,
and gentleness.
Strength under control.

LIVING Relational

Builds meaningful
relationships.
Connects, cares,
and empowers
others.

E ENVISIONING



KNOWING Envisioning

Sees the big picture.
Leads with God-given vision
and clarity of purpose.

A ACTIVE



DOING Active

Takes initiative.
Leads by example
and serves
with excellence.

R RELATIONAL



T TRANSFORMATIONAL



DOING Transformational

Creates lasting impact.
Empowers others
to grow, change,
and fulfill their
God-given potential.

"I am the vine;
you are the
branches."
– John 15:5

Active Leadership

- “Be active”
 - Christians should be active in their faith to prove their beliefs through good deeds, grow stronger together, and love their neighbors.
 - Being active means putting faith into practice rather than just thinking about it
- Why we need to be active?
 - Because **God is actively working** now: My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working (John 5:17).
 - Because **Jesus was active**: Jesus went home, and a huge crowd gathered again...Jesus and His followers could not even eat a meal (Mark 3:20).
 - Because **the Holy Spirit is active**: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).
 - The **Word of God is active**: For the word of God is alive and **active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).
 - **Jesus commanded us**: The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest (Matthew 9:37-38).

Biblical Definitions of 'Being Active'

- Action and behavior (not just cognitive understanding)
 - Faith is not reduced to mental assent. Faith without action is incomplete or non-existent.
 - Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says** (James 1:22).
- Immediate action (not procrastination)
 - Procrastination is an obstacle to discipleship. Delayed/partial obedience is disobedience.
 - I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands (Psalm 119:60).
 - **Today**, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts (Hebrews 3:15).
 - When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, **at once** they left their nets and followed him (Matt. 4:20).
- Wholehearted dedication (not grudging or reluctant)
 - God cares about your heart. Religion becomes empty ritual when heart is missing.
 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord (Colossians 3:23).
 - You should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).
 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:5).

“Being Active” In the Bible

- Dimensions of an active Christian
 - Do it (Behavior, not talk only)
 - Do it now (Urgency, no delay)
 - Do it all (Heart and full devotion)
- Active service
 - Believers are called to be active in their service to God and others.
 - Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, **serving the Lord** (Romans 12:11).
- Active love
 - Love is an active force: true love is not passive but actively seeks the welfare of others.
 - Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions (1 John 3:18).
- Active sharing the Gospel
 - Telling others about Jesus and living out the teachings of the Gospel.
 - Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15).

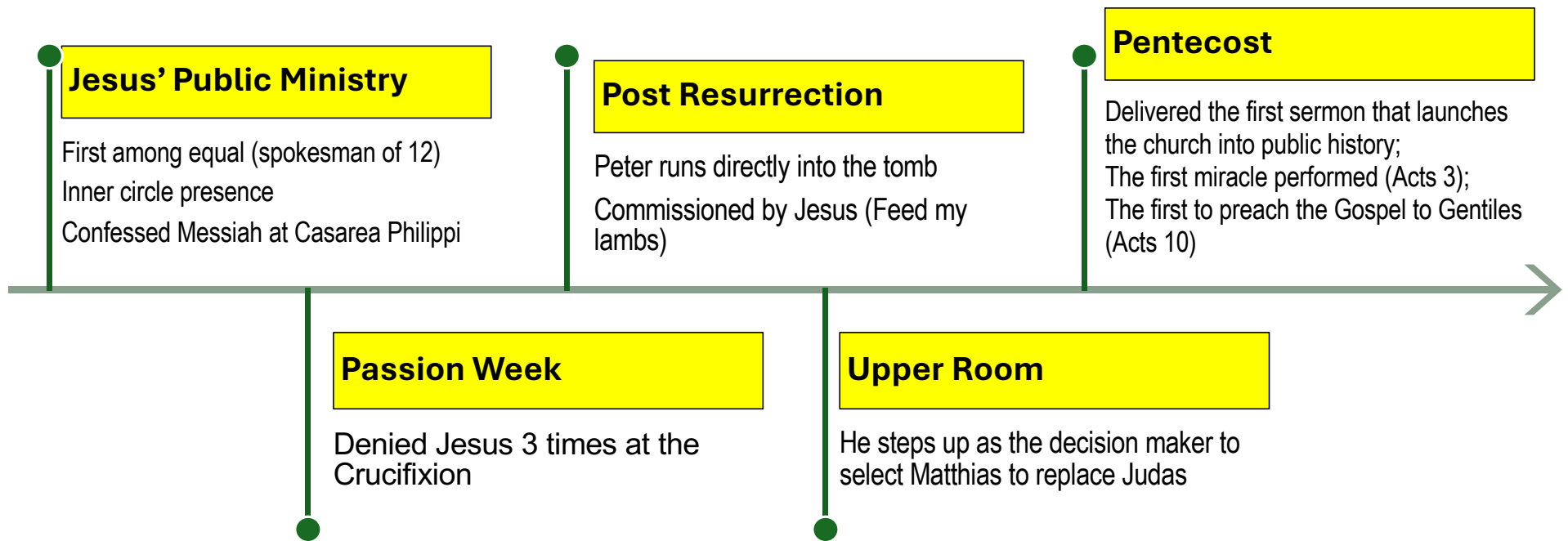
Biblical Examples: Active vs. Passive Faith

- Active faith
 - Trusting in God with concrete obedience, even when outcomes are uncertain or risky.
 - "Lord, if it's you tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," Jesus said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus (Matthew 14:28-29).
 - She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you" (Matthew 9:21-22).
 - By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going (Hebrews 11:8).
- Passive faith
 - Acknowledging truth intellectually, but produces no behavioral change, risk, or commitment.
 - Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man... So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! (Matthew 25:24-26).
 - On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified... Saul and all the men of Israel were gathered and encamped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines (1 Samuel 17:11, 19).

Peter an Active Apostle

- The first sermon of Peter
 - “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day (Acts 2:36-41).
- Peter influences all believers
 - He provided strong leadership, united early believers, and guided the group through a dangerous and confusing time.
 - He establishes the core narrative, Jesus’s life, death, resurrection, exaltation, and the gift of the Spirit, that every subsequent sermon in Acts (and every Epistle) builds upon.
 - He defines Christians’ primary identity as witnesses as heralds of the Resurrection.
 - The immediate aftermath of Peter's sermon establishes the pattern of church life: 1) devotion of the apostle’s teaching; 2) fellowship and breaking of bread; and 3) prayer and shared generosity.

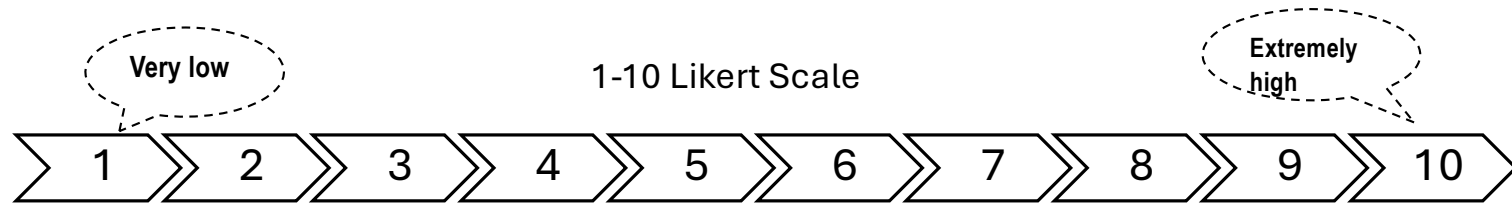
Peter: An Active Leader



Active Leadership: Practical Applications

- Translate knowledge into one specific action
 - Pick one thing you know you should do but haven't done yet.
 - Example: 1) If you know you should reconcile with a family member or brother/sister in Christ, send the text or make the call today; 2) If you feel called to serve, sign up for a ministry today rather than just thinking about it.
- Practice the 'Today' rule
 - Whenever the Holy Spirit prompts you to encourage someone or meet a need, do it now or write it down to complete today.
 - Example: 1) If someone crosses your mind during prayer, text them a word of encouragement right then instead of saying "I'll pray for them later."; 2) If you see a physical need in your ministry, respond immediately before the intention fades.
- Shift from 'I have to' to 'I get to'
 - Audit your spiritual habits and daily responsibilities for heart engagement.
 - Example: 1) Before serving, praying, or giving, take a moment and adjust your attitude: "Lord, I am doing this out of love for You, not just because it's expected."; 2) Eliminate "box-checking" Bible reading, but read with reflection and a desire to be shaped.

Evaluate Your Active Leadership Score



What Are Some Interventions (Strategies) to Cultivate Your Active Leadership This Week?

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