

DEVELOPING LEADERS

SUMMER 2021

When leaders get better everyone gets better!

*This August the **US Navigators** will be selecting a new US President. Doug Nuenke, our current president, is stepping down after 13 years of faithful service leading the US work. A selection council of 40 Navigator staff from around the country will be coming together **Aug 21-25th** under the leadership of our international president, Mutua Maihini, to prayerfully discern the Lord's guidance in choosing the next leader.*

In preparation for this time, the Navigators are engaging in a 40 day prayer journey – a time of seeking God, entering his presence, confessing our corporate sin, and inviting his leadership in this important decision for the future of the Navigators.

As I have been personally journeying with my fellow Nav staff in prayer and petitioning with thanksgiving, the Lord has been reminding me of two foundational truths that give me great hope in this season of great transition.

- 1. GOD is ultimately the one who leads us – human leaders are just that, human. Some are good (Ps. 78:72) and some not so much (Ez 34). But they are all just human. Ultimately God himself is the King, the sovereign, the decision maker and the one with ultimate authority to accomplish His purposes.*
- 2. My life is but a breath that appears for a little while and then passes away. (James 4:14-15). Everything that is happening to me, around me and in my world, will pass away. In light of eternity it's only a speck on the timeline of history. It's not that my life or work or contribution to the Kingdom is insignificant. I love what I do and it's important! But the Word of God and the Souls of people are the only things that are eternal. And so I ask myself often – is what I'm doing eternal?*

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Developing leaders of disciplemakers by engaging, equipping, empowering them to build healthy teams and send healthy people to live and labor among those who do not know Jesus.

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Passing the Baton

Last year, I passed the baton to Alice Matagora to lead the Leader Development Initiative (LDI 2). **After all leader development should model developing leaders!** Alice is building a new team to take this flagship peer to peer learning experience to the next level. (pictured below at our annual movie banquet with her team. (Todd Gibson, Andrew Duran, Chris McComb, Alice Matagora, Henry Clay, Tom Horn. Jenny Boryla not pictured.)



LAUNCHED!

LDI 1 launched July 14th.

A 13- month intensive, the focus is on growing **servant and self leadership** among 25-35 yr olds. A *pre-quel* to LDI 2, the content emphasis includes - self awareness, inner life formation, identity and Biblical Foundations of leadership. (Pictured above is our current Leadership Team.

MINISTRY MOMENTS



Leadership Team Offsite Meetings

Our LT met in June for 4 days. It's the first time in 1.5yrs we've been together in person! To celebrate our relationships – beyond just work – several family members joined. We shared deeply, did a little planning and had a lot of fun (including white water rafting). It was just what we needed to re-connect and prepare for the upcoming year.

(Sarah, Tammy, Mark, Alice, Chris)

PHOTO GALLERY

Girls Get-a-way (A)

Investing in relationships with whom you have history is always a good idea. Weekend trip with these long-time friends to Napa Valley and San Francisco.

Enjoying Nature (B)

CA is amazing – in one day we went from Napa Valley to Pacific Ocean to Redwood Forest to big city on a hill side!

Perspective (C)

These redwoods are the 'small' ones – only 270ft high and some of them a thousand years old. I felt so small standing at the base and these trees that have been around longer than the USA!

Summer Landscaping (D)

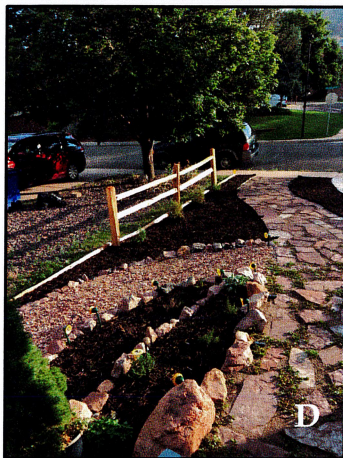
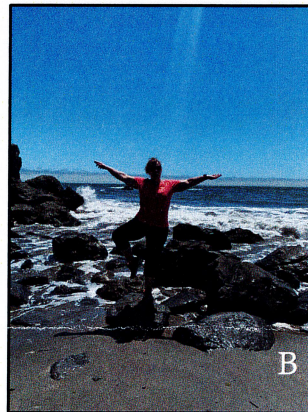
'Planting in the land' is taking physical form through ongoing landscaping projects at my house. Last year was the backyard, this year the front.

Backyard Visitor (E)

A buck wandered into my backyard and found a shady place to nap next to the pergola!

Just For Fun (F, G, H)

Weekend in NYC with Nav staff; leadership team family fun rafting adventure; hosting a Gambian Riverboat themed murder mystery part of the iEDGE leadership team.



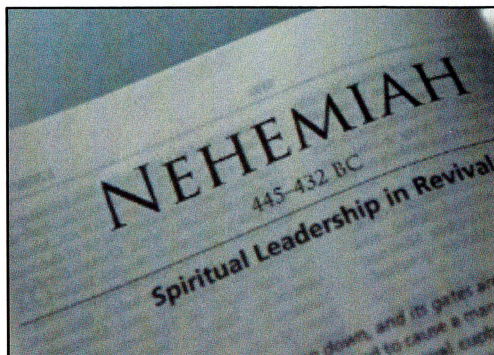
LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM THE WORD

Tapping into the power or “ordinary” people...

Chapter 3 of Nehemiah is one of those Bible chapters that you skim through quickly to catch up on your reading plan. But in this seemingly insignificant list of names we find two important leadership principles:

First, **God uses ordinary people** to accomplish extraordinary tasks. It wasn't just the experienced builders who worked on the wall – it was priests and families, and businessmen (including a perfumer and gold smith v.8).

Second, Nehemiah motivated people by **assigning them work on areas that were personal to them** – areas of the wall that protected their homes and shops. (v. 1, 10, 30)



MCU Disney+ Series 2021

Wanda Vision (Jan)
Falcon and Winter Soldier (Mar)
Loki (June)
What if (animated – Aug)
Hawkeye (late fall)
Ms. Marvel (late fall)

MCU Feature Films 2021

Black Widow (July)
Shang Chi (Sept)
The Eternals (Nov)
Spider Man 3 (Dec)



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE !

2021 is a big year for Marvel with 4 big screen movie releases and 6 limited edition series on Disney+. As the Marvel universe expands, so does its commitment to diversity both in front of the camera and behind it.

Regardless of what you think about Marvel's diversity, God is clear about His stand on diversity. Jesus purchased with his life “people from every tribe, and language and nation and race. And [He] caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth.”

(pictured left – Jane, Precious and Kelly, LD! class of 2021, at our annual movie banquet)

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Tammy, is your relationship with me a means to ensure a productive and fruitful ministry? Or is our relationship the main point? This is a question the Lord used years ago to convict me of a wrong perspective and it's the question He asked me again just last month during my 3R Retreat (rest, reflect, reset).

It's not that I'm not relating with the Lord – I talk to God all the time *about* every issue, challenge, conflict I encounter on a daily basis. We are doing life together! But this question brought to mind a picture of a soon to be empty nest couple who are realizing that so much of their time together is all about their kids. Their relationship is healthy and strong, but in a new season they need to re-calibrate their relationship.

In the same way, the Lord reminded me that He not only wants me to do the work of the ministry with Him, but that He also wants me to simply be with me. This is what Enoch is commended for in Heb 11 – he walked with God.

So what am I doing to cultivate this renewed habit of being with God just to be with Him? First, I've picked up AW Tozer's *Knowledge of the Holy* and am re-reading it to help me focus on the nature and character of God (*instead of the latest leadership book*). Second, every day I try to spend a few minutes thanking God for at least 10 things and praising Him for another 10 things. This simple practice re-sets my perspective on HIM rather than on myself or on the things around me that vie for my attention.