

VII. DON'T LEAD WITHOUT PASSION

- A. The question is: What is your cause?
 - 1. What do you lead?
 - 2. Does it move you to tears?
 - 3. Can it move you to tears? Tears of sorrow at the needs you are trying to address or tears of joy at the victories you see?
 - 4. What is it that moves you passionately? If it's nothing, don't live like that.
- B. God has crafted all of us with a story that can be redeemed for his honor and glory.
- C. Wess has noticed over the years that those whose leadership is marked by pain and sorrow do one of two things:
 - 1. They give up on themselves and remain damaged. They leave or nothing much happens because they don't expect it to—they are in a prison of their own.
 - 2. Or, in an effort to prove their worth and defeat their abusers, they never miss a challenge—they take every chance to climb or to fight.
- D. You can climb up to the top of one of those two ladders, but up there it's a very sad place, and the ladders are leaning against a wall that is pointless and meaningless.
- E. We have worth because of who gives us worth, not because of what we do.
- F. Whichever path you have chosen, here is a homework assignment for you.
 - 1. Make a thirty-minute appointment with yourself.
 - 2. Look at yourself in a mirror and ask some questions:
 - a. Who is the person I'm looking at?
 - b. What do they believe in?
 - c. Where are they going?
 - d. What are they doing?
 - 3. Wess did this while stuck on a plane from Europe to Africa; he saw his reflection in the video screen in front of him, and he actually looked at himself and asked these questions.
 - 4. This is one of the most powerful things you'll do for yourself as a leader and it may lead to tough stuff.