

Teachings about Sustaining Those Called to Lead

Section 1

President Henry B. Eyring of the First Presidency taught:



Your leader in the Lord's Church may seem to you weak and human or may appear to you strong and inspired. The fact is that every leader is a mixture of those traits and more. What helps servants of the Lord who are called to lead us is when we can see them as the Lord did when He called them.

The Lord sees His servants perfectly. He sees their potential and their future. And He knows how their very nature can be changed. He also knows how they can be changed by their experiences with the people they will lead. . . .

. . . If you have faith that the Lord leads His Church through revelation to those imperfect servants He calls, the Lord will open the windows of heaven to them, as He will to you. (Henry B. Eyring, "The Lord Leads His Church," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2017, 83–84)

Section 2

Brother Stephen W. Owen, formerly the Young Men General President, said:



There will be times in your life when you are called upon to lead. At other times, you will be expected to follow. But my message to you today is that regardless of your calling, you are always a leader, and you are always a follower. Leadership is an expression of discipleship—it is simply a matter of helping others come unto Christ, which is what true disciples do. If you are striving to be a follower of Christ, then you can help others follow Him and you can be a leader.

Your ability to lead does not come from an outgoing personality, motivational skills, or even a talent for public speaking. It comes from your commitment to follow Jesus Christ. (Stephen W. Owen, "The Greatest Leaders Are the Greatest Followers," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2016, 75)

Section 3

Read the following verses:

Doctrine and Covenants 107:22 (Notice ways this verse teaches us to sustain the First Presidency. Think about how these ways to sustain could apply to other callings as well.)

Exodus 17:9–12 (Notice how Moses was sustained as Israel fought the people of Amalek.)

Section 4

Brother Stephen W. Owen, formerly the Young Men General President, taught:



[Jesus Christ] is the greatest leader *because* He is the greatest follower—He follows His Father perfectly, in all things. (Stephen W. Owen, “The Greatest Leaders Are the Greatest Followers,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2016, 75)

As you read these verses, notice ways Jesus followed His Father and ways Jesus was strengthened as He did so.

Luke 22:41–43

John 12:49–50