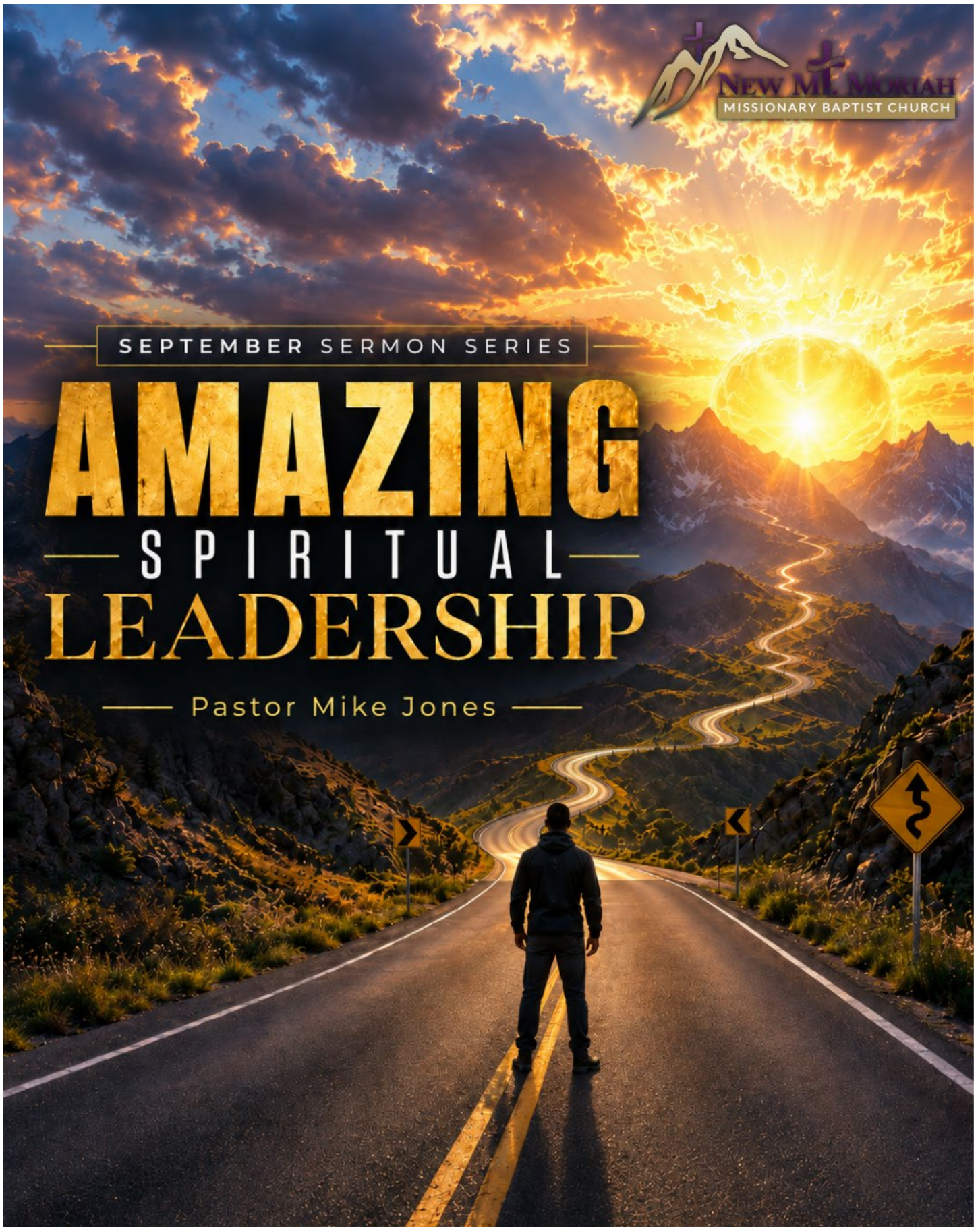




SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

AMAZING — SPIRITUAL — LEADERSHIP

— Pastor Mike Jones —



What Is It?

Amazing Spiritual Leadership is a five-week devotional journey designed to help us grow as leaders by first growing as followers of God. Through daily Scripture readings, biblical leadership spotlights, Wednesday WOW Bible Study, and Sunday worship, we will explore practical principles for leading God's way.

Whether you lead at home, church, work, school, or in the community, God has given each of us opportunities to influence the lives of others. Spiritual leadership is not defined by a title or position, but by our willingness to follow God faithfully and influence others intentionally. Our goal is not simply to become better leaders, but to become spiritual leaders whose hearts, habits, and hands reflect Christ.

When Is It?

August 31 – October 4

Why Are We Doing It?

During this journey, we will examine biblical leaders and their strengths, struggles, successes, and shortcomings—to discover principles that can strengthen our own walk and leadership.

How Do I Participate?

1. **READ** — Read the daily Scripture passage and discover the day's spiritual leadership lesson.
2. **REFLECT** — Read the **Leadership Spotlight** highlighting a biblical leader, and use the **Ponder** question to reflect upon your own leadership.
3. **RECEIVE** — Attend **Wednesday WOW Bible Study** as we dig deeper into biblical principles of Spiritual Leadership.
4. **RESPOND** — Meditate on the **Sunday sermon passage** and use the **GPS Guide** available on the Church App to continue applying God's Word throughout the week.

Week One Emphasis: **Submission**

Spiritual leadership begins with submission: before we can lead others well, we must first allow God to lead us.

Monday, August 31

Passage: 2 Kings 19:9-19 NKJV, "And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. ¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD..." vs. 14-15

Leadership Spotlight: Read about King Hezekiah whose story is found in (2 Kings 18-20)

Leadership Lesson: Pressure: Spiritual Leaders Properly Respond to Pressure

Ponder: Am I seeing my problem through the pressure of my circumstances or through the perspective of God's power?

Tuesday, September 1

Passage: 2 Chronicles 15:1-8 NKJV, "And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you." vs. 2

Leadership Spotlight: Read about King Asa whose story is found in (2 Chronicles 14-16)

Leadership Lesson: Priorities: Spiritual Leaders Prioritize God's Presence

Ponder: Does my calendar confirm what I claim is most important?

Wednesday, September 2

Passage: 2 Chronicles 24:1-20 NKJV, "Joash did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest." vs. 2; "Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them. ¹⁸ Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass." vs. 17-18

Leadership Spotlight: Read about King Joash whose story is found in (2 Chronicles 22-24)

Leadership Lesson: People: Spiritual Leaders surround themselves with Spiritual Voices

Ponder: Who has my ear, and is their influence drawing me closer to God's direction or away from it?

Thursday, September 3

Passage: 2 Chronicles 25:1-16 NKJV, "And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart." vs. 2

Leadership Spotlight: Read about King Amaziah whose story is found in (2 Chronicles 25)

Leadership Lesson: Purity: Spiritual leaders serve with the right spirit.

Ponder: Am I doing the right things with the right spirit, or am I outwardly obedient while inwardly resistant?

Friday, September 4

Passage: 2 Chronicles 26:1-16 NKJV, "He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper." vs. 5; But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to *his* destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. vs. 16

Leadership Spotlight: Read about King Uzziah whose story is found in (2 Chronicles 26)

Leadership Lesson: Pride: Spiritual leaders stay submitted even when successful

Ponder: Has success made me more submitted or more self-sufficient?

Saturday, September 5

Passage: 2 Chronicles 27:1-6 NKJV, "So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God." vs. 6

Leadership Spotlight: Read about King Jotham whose story is found in (2 Chronicles 27)

Leadership Lesson: Preparation: Spiritual leaders understand that preparation before God produces stability before people.

Ponder: Am I preparing my plans before God or asking God to bless them afterward?

Sunday, September 6

Prayer/Praise: Join us for worship on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live

Week Two Emphasis: **Influence**

Spiritual leadership is influence: we do not need a title, position, or spotlight to make a big impact!

Monday, September 7

Passage: Numbers 27:1–11 NKJV, “The daughters of Zelophehad speak what is right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them.” vs. 7

Leadership Spotlight: Read about the daughters of Zelophehad—whose story is found in Numbers 27:1–11 and Numbers 36.

Leadership Lesson: Conviction: Spiritual leaders respectfully speak up when something needs to change.

Ponder: Do I have the courage to stand on my convictions when speaking up would be easier to avoid?

Tuesday, September 8

Passage: Exodus 18:13–24 NKJV, “So Moses' father-in-law said to him, ‘The thing that you do is not good. Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.’” vs. 17–18

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Jethro, Moses' father-in-law and trusted adviser, whose story is found in Exodus 18.

Leadership Lesson: Counsel: Spiritual leaders don't have to be in charge to make the person in charge better.

Wednesday, September 9

Passage: Exodus 1:8-20 NKJV, “And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them..” vs. 21

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Shiphrah and Puah in Exodus 1

Leadership Lesson: Ethics: Spiritual leaders choose what is right even when it comes at personal risk.

Ponder: What happens to my convictions when they become costly?

Thursday, September 10

Passage: Exodus 31:1–6 NKJV, “2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.” vs. 3

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Bezalel, the Spirit-filled craftsman chosen to help construct the Tabernacle, whose story is found in Exodus 31:1–11

Leadership Lesson: Competence: Spiritual leaders develop and dedicate their God-given abilities to God's purposes.

Ponder: Am I sharpening the gifts God has given me?

Friday, September 11

Passage: Ruth 1:6–18 NKJV, “For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.” vs. 16

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Ruth whose faithful decisions placed her within God's redemptive story, whose story is found in the Book of Ruth.

Leadership Lesson: Choices: Spiritual leaders make faithful choices even when they cannot see the final outcome.

Ponder: Are my present choices moving me toward God's purpose or merely toward what is comfortable?

Saturday, September 12

Passage: 1 Samuel 23:14–18 NKJV, “Then Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose and went to David in the woods and ^[d]strengthened his hand in God.” vs.16

Leadership Lesson: Commitment: Spiritual leaders are secure enough to strengthen someone else’s success.

Ponder: *Can I genuinely strengthen someone whose success may mean that I am no longer in the spotlight?*

Sunday, September 13

Prayer/Praise: Join us for **Grandparents Day** on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live

Week Three Emphasis: **Leadership in Crisis**

God raises up spiritual leaders in difficult seasons to help bring about deliverance.

Monday, September 14

Passage: Judges 3:12–30 NKJV, “But when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man.” vs. 15

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Ehud, the unlikely deliverer God raised up to rescue Israel from Moabite oppression, whose story is found in Judges 3:12–30.

Leadership Lesson: Difference: Spiritual leaders allow God to use what makes them different to make a difference.

Ponder: What have I viewed as different about myself that God may actually desire to use?

Tuesday, September 15

Passage: Judges 4:1–10 NKJV, “Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.”” Judges 5:2

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Deborah, a prophetess and judge whom God used to provide spiritual leadership to Israel, whose story is found in Judges 4.

Leadership Lesson: Determination: Spiritual leaders are willing to step forward when others are hesitant to move.

Ponder: Where is God calling me to step forward instead of waiting for someone else to lead?

Wednesday, September 16

Passage: Judges 6:11–24 NKJV, “And the Lord said to him, ‘Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.’” vs. 16

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Gideon, whom God called from hiding to deliver Israel from the Midianites, whose story is found in Judges 6.

Leadership Lesson: Dependence: Spiritual leaders recognize that God's presence is greater than their personal limitations.

Ponder: Am I allowing what I lack to speak louder than the God who is with me?

Thursday, September 17

Passage: Judges 11:1–11 NKJV, “Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, but he was the son of a harlot...” vs. 1

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Jephthah, a rejected outsider whom God used to lead Israel during a time of crisis, whose story is found in Judges 11–12.

Leadership Lesson: Destiny: Spiritual leaders refuse to allow their past to determine the limits of their future.

Ponder: Have I allowed something in my past to place a limit where God has not?

Friday, September 18

Passage: Judges 13:1–5 NKJV, “For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.” vs. 5

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Samson, a judge whom God uniquely gifted and called to begin delivering Israel from the Philistines, whose story is found in Judges 13–16.

Leadership Lesson: Discipline: Spiritual leaders understand that great gifts cannot substitute for godly discipline.

Ponder: Do I have the discipline necessary to sustain the gifts God has entrusted to me?

Saturday, September 19

Passage: Judges 3:31 NKJV, “After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.”

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Shamgar, one of Israel’s lesser-known judges, whose leadership is recorded in Judges 3:31 and mentioned again in Judges 5:6.

Leadership Lesson: Doing: Spiritual leaders don't wait for ideal circumstances; they use what they have, where they are, to do what needs to be done.

Ponder: Am I waiting for something more, or am I using what God has already placed in my hands?

Sunday, September 20

Prayer/Praise: Join us for worship on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live

Week Four Emphasis: **Calling**

Spiritual leadership begins with calling: God calls ordinary people from different places, backgrounds, and circumstances to accomplish His purposes. Spiritual leaders learn to recognize God's call, trust the One who calls, and faithfully respond to His assignment.

Monday, September 21

Passage: Genesis 12:1–9 NKJV, “Now the Lord had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.’” vs. 1

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Abraham, whom God called to leave his country, family, and father's household to follow Him into an unknown future, whose story is found in Genesis 12–25.

Leadership Lesson: Comfort: Spiritual leaders are willing to leave what is comfortable to follow where God is calling.

Ponder: Am I willing to become uncomfortable in order to become who God is calling me to be?

Tuesday, September 22

Passage: Exodus 3:7–12 NKJV, “Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” vs. 10

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Moses, whom God called from tending sheep in Midian to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage, whose calling is found in Exodus 3–4.

Leadership Lesson: Confidence: Spiritual leaders place their confidence in the One who calls rather than in themselves.

Ponder: Is my confidence determined by what I think I can do or by what I know God can do through me?

Wednesday, September 23

Passage: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 NKJV, “Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for Your servant hears.’” vs. 10

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Samuel, who learned to recognize the voice of God while serving in the house of the Lord, whose calling is found in 1 Samuel 3.

Leadership Lesson: Clarity: Spiritual leaders learn to recognize God's voice before attempting to lead God's people.

Ponder: Is my life quiet enough to clearly hear what God is calling me to do?

Thursday, September 24

Passage: 1 Kings 19:19–21 NKJV, "And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, 'Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.'" vs. 20

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Elisha, whom Elijah found working behind twelve yoke of oxen before calling him into a new assignment.

Leadership Lesson: Cost: Spiritual leaders understand that answering God's call may require leaving something behind.

Ponder: What am I unwilling to leave behind that could be keeping me from moving forward in God's call?

Friday, September 25

Passage: Isaiah 6:1–8 NKJV, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'" vs. 8

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Isaiah, whose encounter with God's holiness led to cleansing, surrender, and a willingness to be sent, whose calling is found in Isaiah 6.

Leadership Lesson: Consecration: Spiritual leaders allow God to prepare their hearts before He uses their lives.

Ponder: Am I more concerned about where God wants to send me or who God needs me to become?

Saturday, September 26

Passage: Jeremiah 1:4–10 NKJV, "Then said I: 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.' But the Lord said to me: 'Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.'" vs. 6–7

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Jeremiah, whom God called despite his concerns about his age and ability.

Leadership Lesson: Courage: Spiritual leaders refuse to allow perceived limitations to become excuses for avoiding God's call.

Ponder: What limitation have I allowed to become an excuse for not doing what God has called me to do?

Sunday, September 27

Prayer/Praise: Join us for **Frats & Fellas Sunday** on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live

Week Five Emphasis: **Faithfulness**

God calls spiritual leaders to remain committed to His Word, His ways, and His work even when circumstances are difficult and results are not immediately visible.

Monday, September 28

Passage: Micah 6:6–8 NKJV, “And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” vs. 8

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Micah, who challenged God's people to move beyond outward religion toward lives characterized by doing what is right in Micah chapter 6.

Leadership Lesson: Substance: Spiritual leaders understand that who we are before God matters as much as what we do for God.

Ponder: Does the way I live demonstrate the same faith that I profess?

Tuesday, September 29

Passage: Amos 5:21–24 NKJV, “But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.” vs. 24

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Amos, an ordinary worker whom God called to confront injustice and spiritual complacency in Israel, whose ministry is found in the Book of Amos.

Leadership Lesson: Standards: Spiritual leaders stand for what is right even when what is wrong has become normal.

Ponder: Have I become comfortable with something God is calling me to confront?

Wednesday, September 30

Passage: Joel 2:12–17 NKJV, “‘Now, therefore,’ says the LORD, ‘Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.’” vs. 12

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Joel, whom God used to call His people beyond outward religious actions to genuine repentance.

Leadership Lesson: Surrender: Spiritual leaders understand that spiritual renewal around us must begin with spiritual renewal within us.

Ponder: What needs to change in me before I ask God to change what is around me?

Thursday, October 1

Passage: Habakkuk 2:1–4 NKJV, "I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me..." vs. 1

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Habakkuk, who brought his questions to God and positioned himself to listen and wait for God's response even when he did not understand what God was doing.

Leadership Lesson: Stillness: Spiritual leaders know when to stop searching for answers and position themselves to hear from God.

Ponder: When I don't know what to do next, is my first response to move or to listen for God?

Friday, October 2

Passage: Haggai 1:2–8 NKJV, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?" vs. 4

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Haggai, whom God used to challenge His people to reconsider their priorities and resume the work of rebuilding the Temple.

Leadership Lesson: Stewardship: Spiritual leaders refuse to become so occupied with their own priorities that they neglect God's priorities.

Ponder: What receives my best time, attention, and energy, and what does that reveal about my priorities?

Saturday, October 3

Passage: Zechariah 4:1–10 NKJV, "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts." vs. 6

Leadership Spotlight: Read about Zechariah, whom God used to encourage a discouraged people to continue God's work while trusting God's power.

Leadership Lesson: Strength: Spiritual leaders understand that God's work must be accomplished through God's power.

Ponder: Am I trying to accomplish God's work in my own strength, or am I depending upon His Spirit?

Sunday, October 4

Prayer/Praise: Join us for **Frats & Fellas Sunday** on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or [Facebook Live](#)