

So today we are talking about *Aaron- His Life*

I would have loved to say that Aaron was one the world greatest assistants, but then I'll just say He was a great assistant, he had his shortcomings but still, he tried.

Now, for people who find themselves in assistant, vice-kinikan, deputy a something, and all such job roles that involves helping the boss, you can learn quite a few things from Uncle Aaron.

Aaron was older than his boss, Moses. Infact they were siblings, so technically he was assisting his younger brother.

Exodus 7:7

Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Exodus 6:20

Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.

Again, about assisting, if God has called you to walk in this path, don't worry about it being a less than appropriate job for you.

I have learnt from my own life of assisting and vice-ing at different times that *servanthood is the ladder to leadership*

Aaron was the first official priest for the Land of Israel.

Exodus 35:19

the woven garments worn for ministering in the sanctuary--both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests."

As he followed diligently, eventually he also received a level of leadership that was conferred on his generation by God.

Like any human, Aaron had his errors.

Most popular is his lack of spine when the whole golden calf ish came up, but I will touch on another.

Numbers 12:1

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.

He talked against God's chosen.

Whether we agree or not, it's not our place to speak against the called of God.

They may make mistakes too, but talking against them has got consequences, even if they are your children or siblings.

Aaron died on the mountain knowing it was time.

Numbers 33:39

Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Numbers 20:25

Get Aaron and his son Eleazar and take them up Mount Hor.

Numbers 20:26

Remove Aaron's garments and put them on his son Eleazar, for Aaron will be gathered to his people; he will die there."

Fun fact.

Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mummy came from the lineage of Aaron

Luke 1:5

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.

Our priesthood is not of the order of Aaron.

Hebrews 7:11

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

We have been called to higher order of priesthood than Aaron's.

So, I trust that as the review progress through the week, we will see some deep stuffs about Aaron.

My job, today was to lay out basic things about the life of Aaron- the easy part

TeeFaithy: Question.

How do you manage being in the second place without feeling intimidated?

And what if the person in the second position is a strong head person that is too full of themselves?

Also, like Aaron, how do you manage working "for" someone that you are supposedly older than age-wise or in any form at all. Or when you know you should have been the one there instead, but now, you have to be second place

Aremotobi: First paragraph.

Intimidation is usually a result poor awareness.

I tell people that second place is on of the most strategic places of growth God can give a person.

Understand simply that you are suppose to make the boss look good and do that with the whole of your heart.

Aremotobi: 2.

If the person is strong headed person, choi, your lesson is a strong one.

But really, the reason you are vice is to balance the string headed person, also understand that your job is not to flaunt your own intelligence and all, but to make that strong headed boss look good.

Sometimes, this will mean making your own ideas look like the boss's own.

Let your value and worth be expressed, the strong head will come to see your importance.

Aremotobi: Third paragraph:

Working for someone you are older than can be one kain, but when you realize that time and chance happens.

3. If this person is in this position, it's because they apparently have something you *may* not have.

Learn and submit. That's the way to go up.

Its tougher if its a place you should be and the person sef is a figure head, just follow the rule and make the boss look good.

Question continued.

Brings me to ask if being in the second place could be one's "ministry".

I have a friend that feels it's what God has called her to do. To help and support others. More like, be in the second place and she's aware of that and functions well in it.

I know a few others like that too but they didn't SAY it (or tell me) like this did. Just noticed.

Answer:

Yeah, it can.

For Aaron it was.

It is for me to. even though I have places I lead directly. Assisting and vice-ing people just comes 'easy' for me.

I asked God at some point, and that when the servant is the ladder thing came.

Not long after that, the vision for VOW was birth.

So, yes, it can be.

Question:

You said servant hood is the ladder to leadership

What if all you get to be appointed as is assistant-something, vice..

Aremotobi:

Enjoy the process.

I was there and still there.

At some point in my life, all I had was assistant, vice, etc...and everyone I worked with knew for a fact that I was a huge part of the successes they recorded.

Some acknowledged it, some did not, but I stuck to the plan, make the boss look good.

Eventually, God Gave me my own turf but I still love assisting.

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Servant hood; a ministry

ACHIEVEMENTS

So we'll be continuing on our study on Aaron, highlighting his achievement or strengths

1. Aaron could speak well. (Exo 4: 14) This was what qualified him for being Moses helper. As Aremo said last night, the job of an assistant is to make the boss look good. Aaron's job was to cover for Moses inability to speak well. If Aaron hadn't honed this gift or even learnt to make use of it in some way, he wouldn't have been called up for the job. Which takes us to the second point:

2. Aaron was confident. Part of speaking well is confidence. You know how anxiety can make you turn to instant stammerer? Aaron could speak well and he knew it. He flaunted it. I believe he wouldn't have been a qualified candidate if he himself would need some cajoling to boost morale before he could speak before the king like Moses. Exo 7:2

3. Exo 4: 27-28

Aaron was a man that had a relationship with God. Might not have been topnotch but there was something Else, I don't think he would have heard God here and then obeyed immediately. I suppose there might have been a supernatural experience for him to have heard, maybe an Angel came or something. Point is, he sha heard and recognised that this was God causing him to promptly obey.

4. Aaron had faith. The fact that Aaron believed all Moses told him in verse 28 showed Aaron had faith. He didn't doubt. The fact he confidently went on with Moses' self, following him, going with his vision... It showed he had faith in Moses and in the God of Moses. Remember scenarios Moses told him to do stuff that seemed foolish and they turned out to be miracles. E.g. Exo 7: 9-12, 19, Exo 8:5, 16-17

5. I perceive Aaron was a phlegmatic. At least, this had to have been a huge part of his temperament. Even though this was an element of weakness (I believe it was part of why he was easily movable during the golden calf and rebelling with Miriam scenarios), it was also an element of strength. It was what made

Aaron suitable for the job. Imagine if Aaron was Choleric. Lol.

This tells us, the way we are is the perfect prescription for a need here on earth. Infact, God knows the end from the beginning, yeah? I won't be surprises if God created Aaron because he knew Moses would one day need a phlegmatic well-speaking brother to help him.

Others include:

-Aaron was a prophet to Moses. Exo 7:1

-Aaron was the first priest. Exo 28:1

-Aaron was skilful. How else could he have known how to make a gold calf from ear rings?

-Aaron was humble to admit his wrongs. Numbers 12:11

-Aaron's name was mentioned 333times in the bible and it's very common to see "Moses and Aaron". For a man who was second place, this is pretty remarkable

In conclusion, Being called to service of another man isn't a bad thing. Think about who Moses would have been without Aaron. Yes, Moses was the man of the moment but Aaron was the polish of his shine. Infact. I believe Aaron was a major reason the Israelites listened to Moses in the first place. If we look at it well, it wasn't really about Aaron's Position on an organogram, it was about God's big picture being established and Aaron having a pivotal role in that big picture.

When we look at it like this, no one is really first place or second place or third place. We all just have different purposes and assignments in the big picture. No assignment is small or irrelevant. No One, even the leader, is perfect on his own, we all need each other.

God didn't put the entirety of the answer this generation needs in a single person and have the rest trail him, no. He put a bit in you, a bit in me, a bit in the person next to you. I am not more relevant than you are. We need each other. We were meant to complement each other. That your strengths cover up for my weakness and my strengths cover for yours. My Pastor said something like 2 weeks back, if God put everything in one person, that person will be God.

So now, the koko is to face my corner and by God's help do it well, even if that means being "second place".

MISTAKES OF AARON

Just like everyone, at some point Aaron also made a few mistakes

The golden calf Exo 32: 1-6

Moses left the house of Israel in Aaron's only to come back to meet them worshipping a calf.

Aaron allowed the people to pressure him to sin against God.

One thing a leader should never do is submit to pressure... It's better to keep silent and wait for God's leading than to act on impulse so that our followers will be pleased.

God also expects that we would not compromise as leaders in wherever he has placed us.

Aaron went from being a faithful vice to being an idol worshiper at the sight of pressure.

As followers too we can learn that our leaders are subject to God and his leading, so we should not expect or pressure them to take every one of our advice's.

A leader most times has a lot of things going through his head a lot of people to direct, your harmless idea can put him/her under pressure. It's better to pray for them than to walk up to them and "show them how it's done" except you're lead to do so.

Aaron's excuse was that the people of Israel are hard and mischievous so he had to do their bidding....One thing we should note is that *God won't give you a people that you can't handle*

For every leadership position that he places you he has made wisdom and grace available *he doesn't expect you to lead by your own power or experience but "as He leads" : so as he leads you, you lead them*

You followers might be older and more experienced but you must take your place as leader.

2 *Aaron and Miriam spoke against Moses* Num12: 1-2

They complain about the Ethiopian woman that Moses married but when we look at verse 2 we'll see what was pinching them. It was jealousy, it had nothing to do with Moses's wife.

Before we start blaming Aaron, *It takes a great level of humility and brokenness to be a vice/assistant*

Aaron already started to feel like Moses was doing too much, he was showing himself.

See verse 2 "and they said, "Has the Lord really spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken also

through us?" And the Lord heard it."

NUMBERS 12:2 AMP

Those thoughts will always come especially if you're an assistant.

You'll feel like I'm the one doing all the work yet they're praising some else. You'll feel like I'll spend the night writing that report he'll just go and read and get all the applause. *Friend! don't let those thoughts dwell in your heart, as they come cast them away, because the end result is jealousy and strife*

In conclusion.

Your followers are not going to bear the consequences of your actions, so don't let them pressure you. This is not an excuse to be inconsiderate or bossy.

God will give us to know when we're taking firm decisions and when we're being inconsiderate ...i tell you there's a thin line between the two.

Like it was stated earlier, we'd be discussing on **Moral Lessons from the Life of Aaron**

In previous review this week, we've been made to understand who Aaron was with Bible references.. Today, I'd just go straight to the lessons learnt

1. We cannot compromise with the Truth; we cannot water the Truth down.

We cannot do that. So, despite everything that Aaron had witnessed first hand—all the miracles, God speaking to him directly, the visions—he compromised with God's Law when he was put under pressure, despite what he had seen and heard. When pressure arrived, he caved in.

The question we have to ask: "Would I have done that? Would I have done exactly the same thing?"

There is a lesson here because we know we as believers would be pressured. And we know there is going to come a time on us as Christians where there will be tremendous pressure to compromise just as there was pressure on Aaron to compromise.

Just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, they stood their ground on what they believed in.

There is going to be a time where you can't feed your family if you don't compromise. You can't work if you don't compromise. You can't trade if you don't compromise. There'd even be a time that you just feel tempted to do what others are doing to have your way.. Aaron compromised. And we know that the penalty for compromise, ultimately, is death. And that should be a tremendous lesson for all of us that when pressure comes, we need to learn from Aaron despite what all Aaron saw. We cannot cave in and compromise. Pressures would definitely come, it could be in our work places, school, church or wherever

The second lesson I'd be talking about is

We cannot please people at the expense of obeying God.

Aaron caved in to the will of those people around him who wanted him to do something that he knew was wrong.

And in order to please the people or to appease the people, he caved in. He feared the Israelites more than he feared God. He feared for his life more than he feared God.

That happens to us in our Christian life today.

Let's go to Galatians 1 and verse 10.

Paul was faced, I'm sure, on a very frequent basis [with the question]: "Do I obey God or do I please men?" And all of us face this every day. We face it on our jobs.

Galatians 1 and verse 10, Paul says:

Galatians 1:10. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (KJV)

If our goal is to please men, we are in the wrong Church! If our goal is to please men, we are on the wrong track. And Satan would want us to do that—to put men before God.

Now, the fact is all of us, humanly, we want people to be pleased with us. We want people to be happy with us. We all do. We don't want people throwing rocks at us. We don't want people calling and shouting over the phone or writing us e-mails that are flaming at the edges or anything like that. None of us want that! We want people to give us epistles on their status, we just want people to talk good about us at the expense of displeasing God. Let this stop. We shouldn't be men pleasers.

The third lesson I'd be talking about is..

We must take responsibility for our actions.

Now, what did Aaron do? The first thing? What did he do? He blamed the people. And then, he denied he had anything to do with that molten calf. "Out popped this calf. The calf-fairy did it. I didn't do it. I had nothing to do with it."

Especially some students, they can like to push blame on someone else, or give excuses for their failures. Always remember that each time you do that, you're acting like our brother Aaron

The last point I'd be talking on is..

We must stand on our own two feet.

Let's not be tossed around with different doctrine and teachings. Study and know God for yourself.

As long as Moses was there, Aaron was fine. Aaron was a prophet. Aaron was a facilitator. Aaron was spokesman. He did everything God asked him to do. He did everything Moses asked him to do. And, as long as Moses was there, Aaron was fine. But when Moses was absent, trouble began.

There's a huge lesson in that for us today because Aaron looked too much to Moses.

He walked by sight. He walked by sight. He saw the people surrounding him. He saw maybe their anger or their threats or their perceived threats. And he just wanted to do what they'd love to see him to so he caved in. Remember

2 Corinthians 5:7?

We won't turn there. Very simply it says: "We walk by faith and not by sight."

Some people look to pastors and mentors too much that they can't do anything of their own will.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying they are not important. All I'm saying is that you know your God for yourself and stand with Him.

So, the key—all of this comes down to a major point .

Are we being led by God's holy spirit?

Are we exercising God's holy spirit daily in our lives?

If we are, then we will not follow the example of Aaron.

However, if we don't allow God's spirit to lead us, if we drift far from God, then we will, indeed, follow the example of Aaron.

So, if we allow God's spirit to lead us, we do not need to witness these gigantic miracles to obey God without compromise. If God's spirit is with us, we don't need them because we have God's spirit.

They saw the miracles; didn't have God's spirit and they disobeyed.

We didn't see the miracles. We have God's holy spirit. And we are told we can make it by allowing God's spirit to lead us and guide us.

So, let's all learn "The Lessons from the Life of Aaron."

I pray that these words we've read will sink in, minister to us the more and cause us to be more obedient In Jesus name.

I will be talking on the **impact of Aaron**.

Just like everyone has spoken ahead of me. I will be talking about both his positive and Negative impact.

The major impact of Aaron was that he was able to have a priesthood heritage for himself and his male children

Exo 28:1

Aaron was able to make the ministry of Moses more easier and faster because what would have taken along time to achieve, he was able to achieve within a little period of time. I think if Aaron has not been able to assist him maybe one of the magician or the king himself would have throw him out because by the time Moses use like 30mins to say "GOD SAID" they wouldn't be interested about what he was about to say but rather abuse him and his God. And that was why God made him a prophet to moses

Exo 7:1-2.

Aaron was also able to speak to the elders of Isrealite Exo4:29-30.

Since Aaron had become a prophet to moses, then he became the Saint of the Lord ps 106 :16 .God realised that he was important to the ministry of moses then He decided to draw him closer. When God realises what we have been able to do with the little he has given us then he can decide to increase it or leave at that same level. God expect use to influence pple around us with the little he has given to us.

Those are the positive impact he made.

But the negative impact are the mistake he made and Miss Tinuade spoke about it yesterday

He was carried away by the affairs of this world, And that was why the children of Israel could access him with their methods and way of life in Egypt. And that was why he helped them in making a golden calf. Act 7:40-41. He had a negative impact in that area. Exo 32:25-35

Number 12 when Aaron and Miriam spoke against Moses. Just like it was said yesterday. It was a negative impact. At that point Aaron might have poisoned the heart of Miriam or the other way round.

: At a point Aaron might be thinking that at least without him Moses can not continue and many series of thoughts would have come to him

In conclusion, Before God concluded on making Aaron a prophet, God realised that the little assignment he gave him, he was able to handle it well and that was why he made him a prophet. God called him in Exo 4:27 and he made him a prophet Exo 7:1. There is a period in our lives when God will give us little assignments and He is waiting to see how we will handle it before he can decide to give us more.

That gift God has given to you how are you handling it??

Lastly, Every individual has his or her own prophet, Take your time to locate yours.