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"FOUR MARKS OF A GREAT LEADER"

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As we honor Pastor John Greene, we honor Christ. Christ in us is the hope of glory.

Acts 20:17ff

Four marks of a great leader:

1. AUTHENTICITY THAT EMBRACES BROKENNESS (v. 19)

Pastor John loves us with all humility. He does not claim to have it all together. God calls us, breaks us, then He blesses us as we depend upon Him. Whatever sphere of influence we have, He is still working on us.

2. CONVICTION THAT DOES NOT CHANGE WITH CIRCUMSTANCES (vv. 20-21)

Our culture has changed greatly in the past 50 years, but our pastor's conviction has not. He continues to preach the truth of God's Word. Standing on the foundation of God's Word, we will not falter. Conviction is not truth that we hold, but truth that holds us.

3. RESOLVE THAT ADVANCES THE MISSION (vv. 22-23)

Affliction will come, but we must press on (Phil. 3:12-16). In our pain, we may ask, "God, why are doing this to me?" God is not doing this to us but through us. He redeems our pain for the sake of others. He redeems our sorrows for His glory.

4. PERSPECTIVE THAT FOCUSES ON WHAT MATTERS (v. 24)

Our objective, our reward is His glory!