



BATTLE READY

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

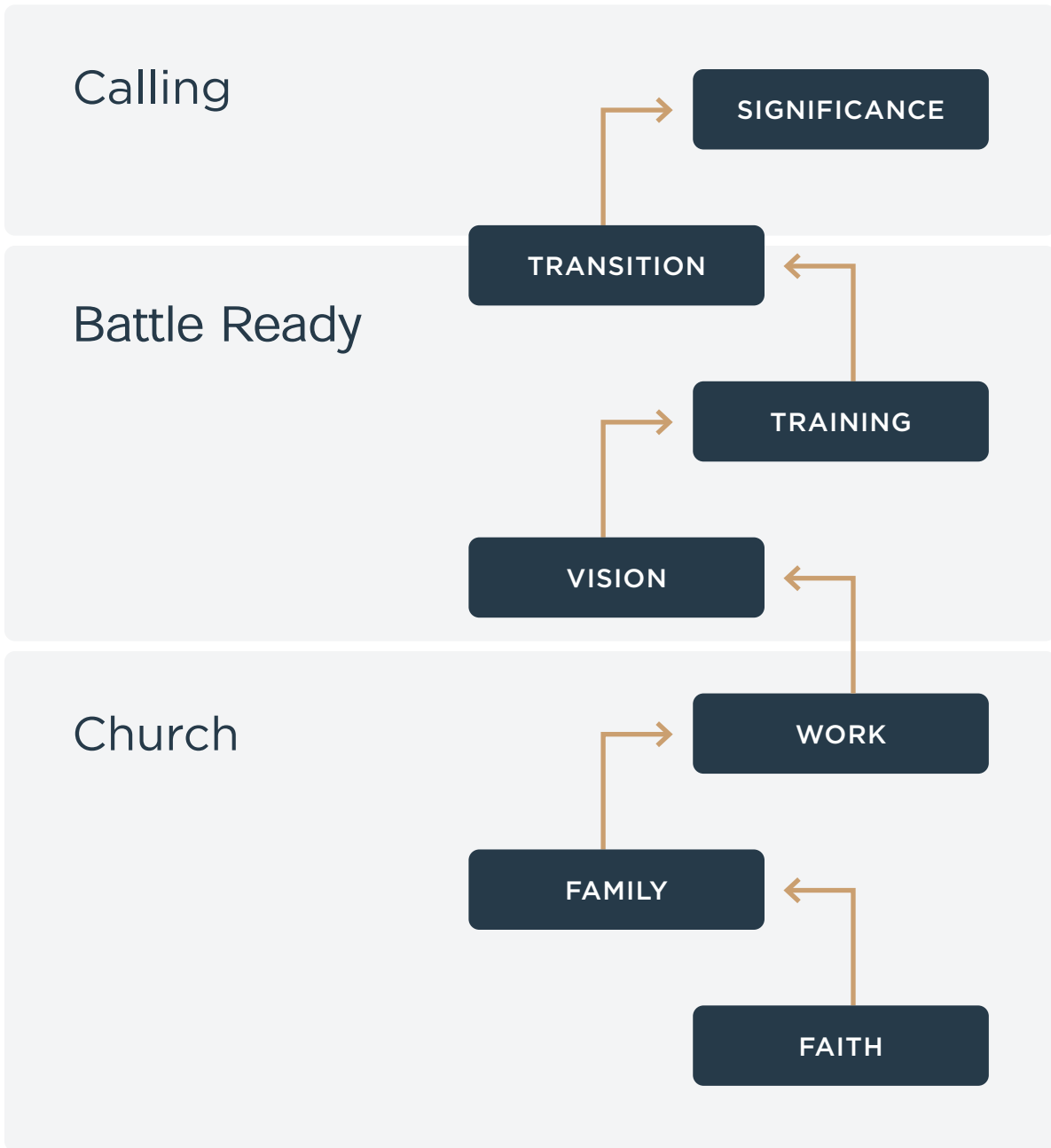
- Understand Jesus' leadership development process
- Defining where in Jesus' development process are you
- Begin to consider Jesus' vision for your life when you follow him

Is the “normal” Christian life supposed to be static, or dynamic? Is your unique creativeness set aside upon conversion, or does it point the way to a focused future? Is lifelong development as a follower of Jesus Christ random, or does it follow a biblical process? Should leaders be singled out for specialized training, or should they be left to figure it out for themselves? Is your greatest potential for leadership found in your career, or is it found in your calling?

Questions like these are best answered by following the tracks of those who have gone before us! Consider the life experience of the great Kingdom leader, Simon Peter. How did Jesus grow Peter as a leader?



JESUS' PROCESS FOR GROWING A BATTLE READY MAN





DISCUSSION

1. How far through Peter's process have you already come?

2. Do you believe that God wants you to continue the process?

3. Do you think that your life's process would end before Peter's did?
Why, or why not?

BATTLE READY Living:

- Knowing what it means to follow Jesus and believe in the cycle of vision to significance as an ongoing, repeating process of your life's mission being enhanced.
- The ability to continually re-evaluate and hone Jesus' specific vision/calling on your life.
- The ability to practice excellence in the responsibilities that the Father and Jesus have given only you.



SETTING THE BENCHMARKS

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understand how Kingdom leaders continually evaluate and implement investments into that which God has entrusted them.
- The rinse and repeat quarterly questions: Where have you been? Where am I now? Where am I going?

A foundational practice of **BATTLE READY** is to benchmark our status every quarter with other trusted Kingdom leaders who will challenge, encourage, help build, and shape your path.

STATUS: RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

In a journal, you'll consider the last 36 months of your life and what you have to show for those 1000+ days. Our sole focus is those places where achievements are evident.

What are your top 10 Achievements from the last three years? Write them down and indicate why each is important to you. What is further progress (if any) needed? And if it is a work-in-progress, what next steps would be required to keep the momentum going?

(ACHIEVEMENT + WHY IT MATTERS + WHAT'S LEFT TO BE DONE + THE NEXT STEP) X 10



PRESENT: CURRENT CONDITIONS

A key benchmark will come straight from your gut regarding these ten critical life assignments. How you feel about your current standing in these matters will be symptomatic of your actual conditions and will probably motivate you toward pursuing positive life change on multiple fronts.

With ten being the highest and one the lowest, in your journal, write your score for each of the areas listed in the grid below.

The goal here is honesty and clarity based on reality. Plot yourself as you view yourself against your Christian peer community on these vital dimensions of your life today.

Physical Condition	Relational Health
Spiritual Connection to God	Intellectual Development
Marriage Strength	Parenting Success
Career (the place you create)	Financial Well-being
Believers – Those Who Know Jesus	Unbelievers – Those who don't yet know Jesus



PLAN: NEXT INITIATIVES

What's on your radar for the next 36 months? Where are you planning or acting to initiate action, inviting God to join you powerfully?

What are your Top 5 dreams? And why is each set apart in that way? In your journal, write the first ten "next" initiatives you have. Then force rank them to find the top five most important to you. After you get the full five, write out the answers to the following questions for your top five.

- Why is this on your list?
- On a scale of 1-10, how close are you to achieving this? (10 being closest)
- What is your next action step towards achievement?

DISCUSSION

1. Share a recent achievement.

2. What's your highest current condition? Your lowest?

3. Share a future initiative.



BATTLE READY Living:

- The ability and focus to revisit where you've been, evaluate your current status, and chart where you're going every 90 days.
- The ability and discipline to measure your progress in the Personal, Family, Professional, and Kingdom Realms
- Awareness of your status while intentionally managing a plan will lead to a significant outcome.



ACHIEVING BALANCE THROUGH BATTLE READY

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understand the ten responsibilities that the Trinity has given only you.
- Define (and re-define over time) what Biblical success looks like in each area.
- Recognize how to live a strategic approach to LifeMastery and how doing so will naturally lead to your LifeMission

BATTLE READY PART ONE

Let's define **BATTLE READY**. It begins are your core – your inner world. For Jesus, it involved maturity in 4 areas outlined in the Bible verse that describes his mission preparation:

“AND JESUS GREW IN WISDOM (INTELLECTUAL) AND STATURE (PHYSICAL), AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD (SPIRITUAL) AND MAN (RELATIONAL). - LUKE 2:52

Jesus' calling had a foundation in these four areas. Your success in every other area of life will depend on the abundance of your Personal Realm.

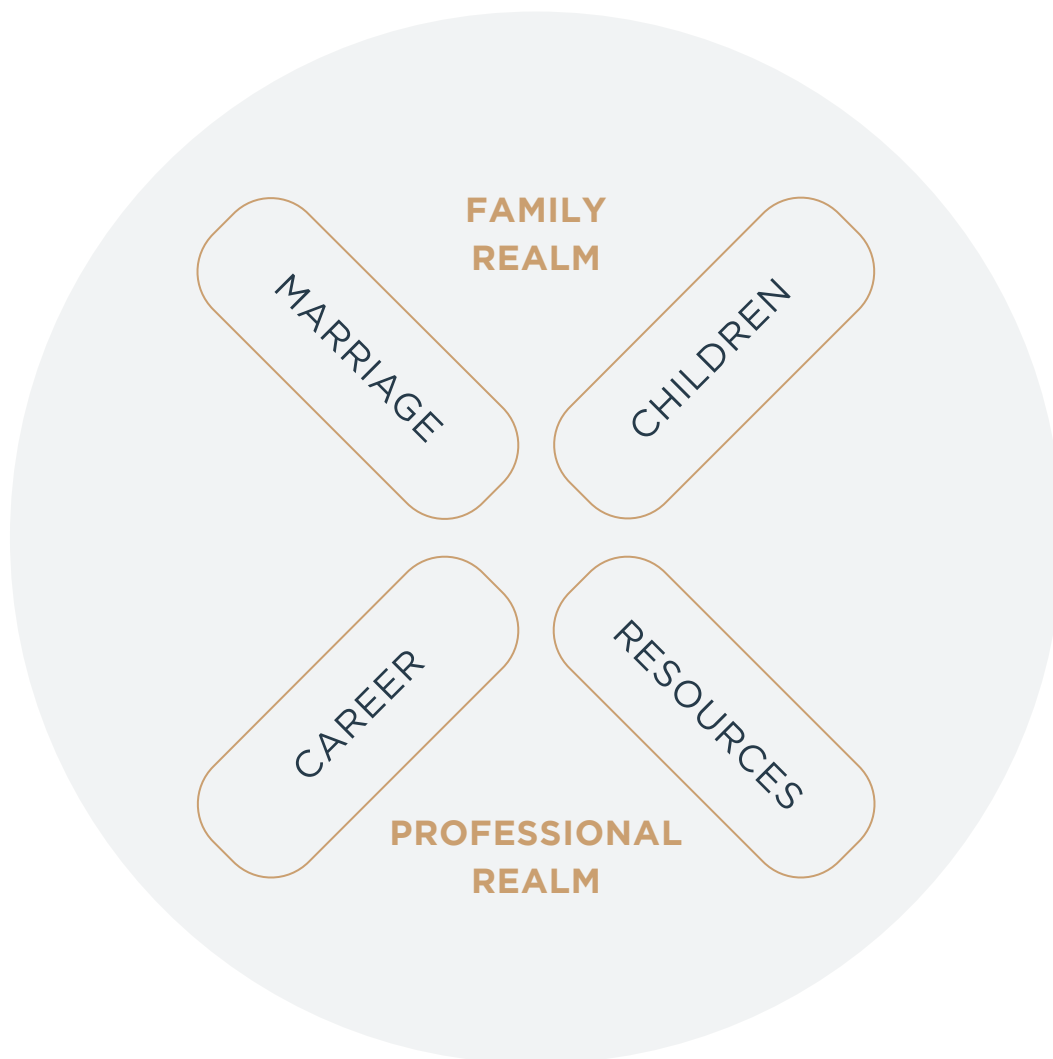




BATTLE READY PART TWO

1 Timothy 3:1-7 is Paul's description of the prerequisites for Kingdom leadership. Read these verses and spot some of the qualifications related to the next layer of the **BATTLE READY** model: the Family and Professional Realms.

We don't achieve fitness through competition; instead, we demonstrate our fitness in competition. In life, the real competition lies in the hands-on roles we are called to play in the family and the marketplace. These comprise the second part of **BATTLE READY**: our roles at home and work.





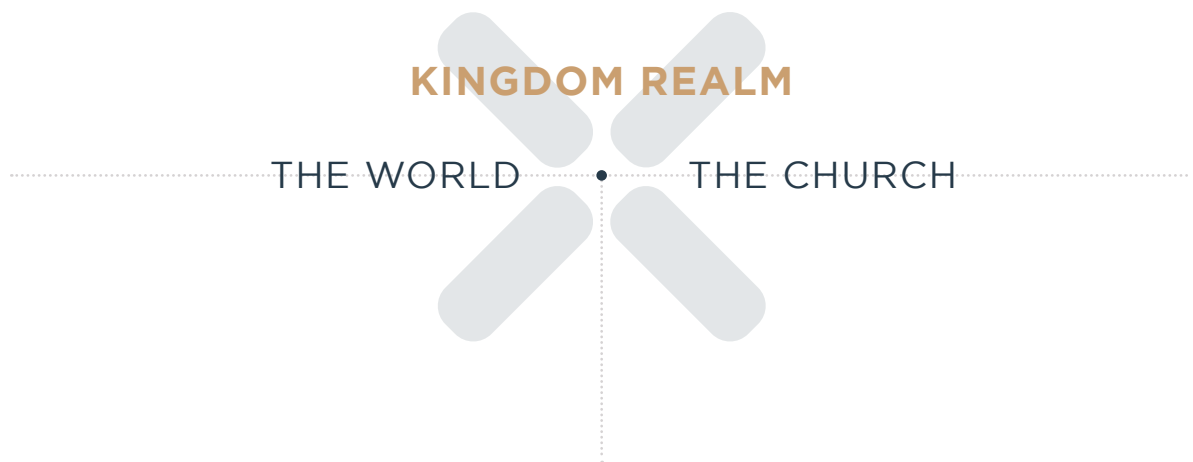
BATTLE READY PART THREE

BATTLE READY delivers the Christian leader fit, faithful, and free to the next level of life: Kingdom leverage and influence. Those are found in the third outer ring, which depicts the Kingdom Realm.

Strength flows from the center; then, success is realized in the second ring in the Family and Professional roles - and, finally, eternal significance is pursued in the outer ring.

BATTLE READY culminates in qualification for and participation in the active leadership service of the Kingdom of God, edifying and encouraging the church (believers) and evangelizing the world (unbelievers). The real significance is finding and fulfilling one's unique Kingdom Calling to do all that.

BATTLE READY puts these critical pieces of life together in a way that fits.





HOW TO GET BATTLE READY

BATTLE READY is easily described; the real challenge is realizing it as a personal experience. So how do you achieve **BATTLE READINESS**?

The Personal Realm requires exercised discipline in building healthy routines that support your physical, intellectual, spiritual, and relational fitness.

In the Family and Professional Realms, progress toward success is realized as you exercise authority in the roles God has given you: husband, father, worker, and steward. Authority is best exercised with bold initiatives or investments in these four roles. In other words, you have been given authority in your positions, but in practice, it looks more like making servanthood-style investments.

In the Kingdom Realm, the impact is realized through the exercise of influence. Influence is different from discipline and authority. When you exercise influence, you have no control over the outcomes; you only seek to positively affect the choices made by others regarding eternal issues. By practicing personal fitness and faithfulness in your God-given roles, God delivers provincial opportunities for Kingdom service and fruitfulness.





DISCUSSION

1. Which area(s) of balanced **BATTLE READINESS** do you desire the most improvement?

2. Why?

BATTLE READY Living:

- Adopt the realization that the health and fitness of your Personal Realm impact everything. You must get your own “oxygen mask” on to have an abundance for others.
- Believe that discipline brings freedom and opportunity.
- The ability to practice self-reflection and strategically manage your Family, Professional, and Kingdom Realms.
- Constant recognition that each of your roles has equal importance and that your career must be prevented from getting disproportional investment.