



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

PROCESS TOOL

THE COURAGE LEADERSHIP REQUIRES—Bill Hybels

GOAL

- ▶ To reflect on the courage required to pursue your visions and uncover different strategies to overcome fear

SURVEY YOUR SITUATION

- ▶ After you have watched the video, we suggest that you take 20 to 30 minutes to process the content. Please begin with prayer. Ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to bring the right leadership situations to your mind—and to give you fresh ideas as you think through the implications of this message in your context.
- ▶ If you are at a table with more than eight people, we suggest dividing into smaller groups of four to seven so that everyone has an opportunity to participate.

PROCESS QUESTIONS

1. *Every significant vision that God births in you will put your courage to the test.* Building the Willow Creek Care Center, during an economic recession, was a challenge that created fear in Bill Hybels. Take some time for personal reflection.

Bill said some challenging words about leaders who “secretly abort” a God-inspired vision. Which of the following best describes your thoughts when you heard his words.

- a. I was convicted—because I have a secret vision that I have put on hold.
- b. I was frustrated—because I followed what I thought was a vision, but it did not turn out so well.
- c. I was encouraged to stay the course on a vision I am currently pursuing.
- d. I'm not sure if I have ever had a specific prompting or vision from God.
- e. Other: _____

Most of us hold visions that have had to be “aborted” for different reasons—timing, family, busyness.

If you have a vision that was “aborted” at one time, are there any new words that you sense God is saying to you now?

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What would need to happen to get the vision back on track?

If you feel comfortable, share your thoughts with your group.

2. Leaders utilize different strategies to overcome fear. As a group, brainstorm different activities, relationships or processes that help you gain the courage to follow-through on your visions.

Which one of these strategies might be helpful to you as you move forward with the vision you are currently pursuing or feel called to pursue?

3. One way to gain courage is to pray the “Joshua Prayer”. Take some time right now to pray this verse for each person in your group.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. For I am with you and will never forsake you. Joshua 1:9

CLOSE—Wrap up your discussion time by praying for the people in your group—that they might gain courage to pursue their God-inspired visions.