

# THE 7 PEOPLE YOU NEED AS A LEADER



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## Teacher

Who are you learning from?

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## Counselor

Who do you turn to when you need to process challenging moments to help you heal and grow?

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## Friend

Who can you take off your "clergy hat" with and be yourself?

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## Leader

Who keeps you accountable?

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## Coach

Who is asking you the hard questions? Who is cheering you on from the sidelines?

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## Mentor

Who do you turn to for wisdom or guidance?

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## Self

How can you show yourself grace and kindness?

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# The Inner-Work of Peacemaking as a Religious Leader

Many leaders from our historical texts experienced extremely tough times where they questioned and struggled with God. Rather than turning away from God, they sought the answers to help them understand how God would rescue them from or meet them in their suffering. In their quest for answers, they voiced their confusion and frustration very honestly and openly to God. They were often so honest and open, you might duck from the lightning that you might expect to fall on them as you read these pieces of Scripture from their stories.

Below is a list of people whose story is told in the Bible along with a list of verses from our texts. Look up the verses and draw a line to the quote (or summarization) that it represents.

## Bible Character

## Who Said It?

Job (Job 10:1-3)

*"God is hiding."*

Solomon (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2)

*"How long do I have to pray before you listen to me?"*

David (Psalm 44:23-24)

*"God, why have you turned your back on me?"*

Isaiah (Isaiah 45:15)

*"I hate my life!"*

Jeremiah (Jeremiah 14:8-9)

*"God, pull up a chair and stay a while, or are you powerless to help me?"*

Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:2-3)

*"Wake up and listen to me, God!!!"*

Jesus (Matthew 27:46)

*"Everything is meaningless."*

- What stands out to you as you think about leaders from our texts struggling with God in these ways? What surprises you most about it?
- Do you identify with any of the above statements? How?
- When you are struggling with God, who do you turn to for support? What do you do to support and care for yourself?
- What is a current pressing question you have for God?



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