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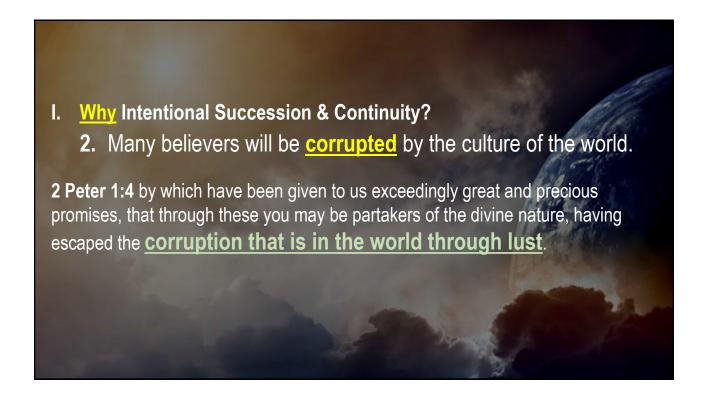
2 Timothy 3:1-5

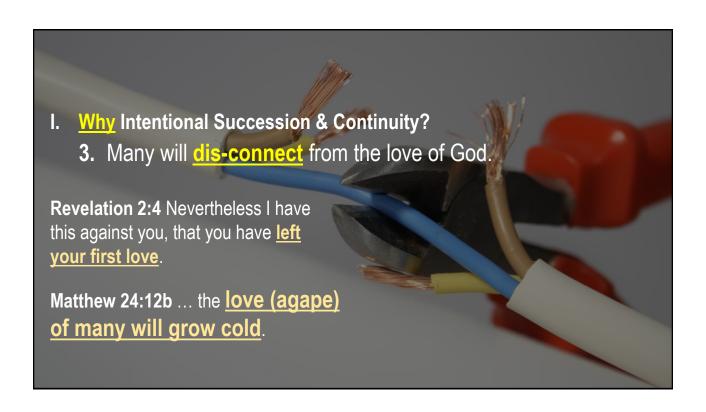
1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

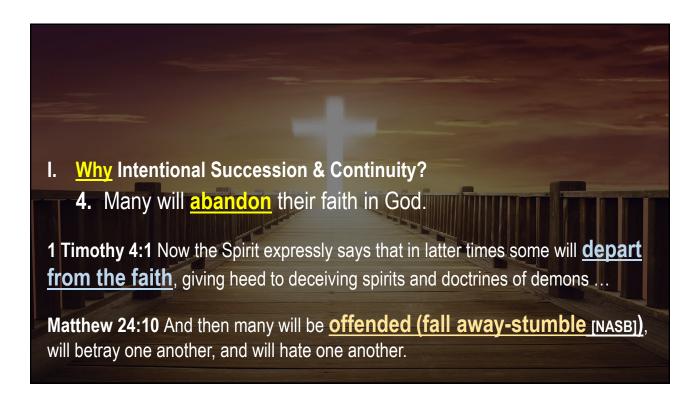
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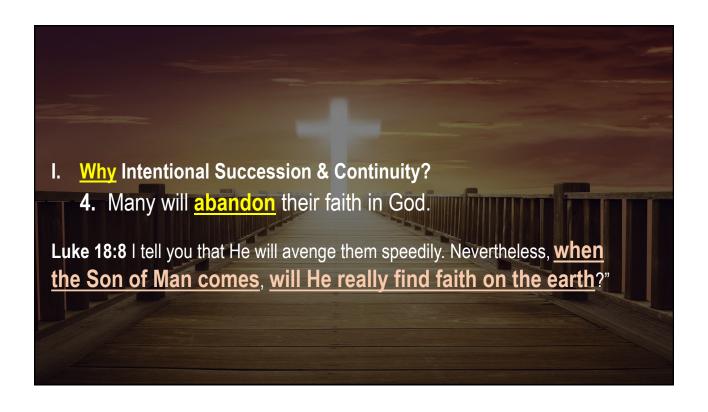
James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.









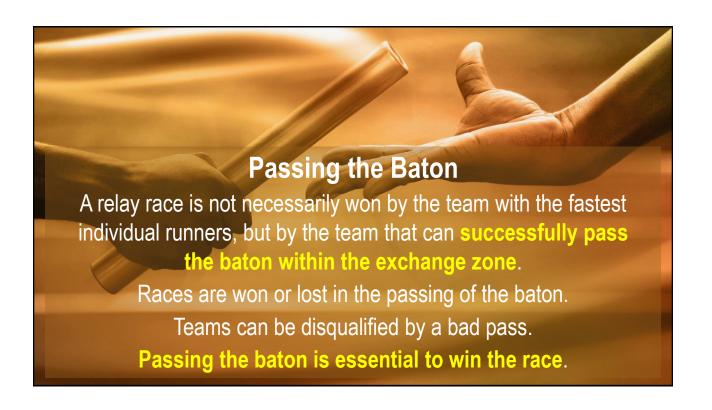


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 - 1. Increasing <u>lawlessness</u>.
 - 2. Many believers will be corrupted by the culture of the world.
 - 3. Many will dis-connect from the love of God.
 - 4. Many will abandon their faith in God.

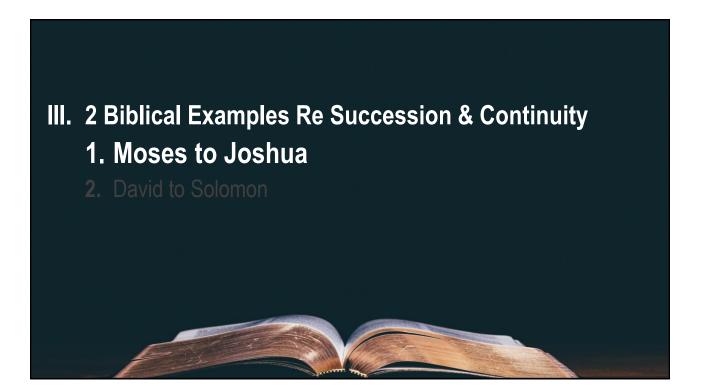
We would have failed to pastor-shepherd the flock! It will then be a Leadership Failure!

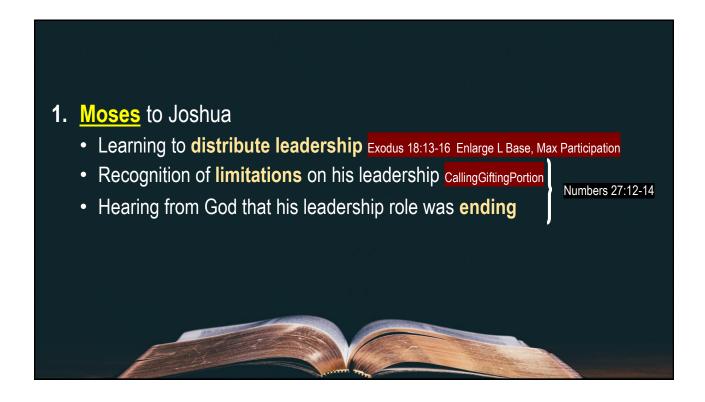








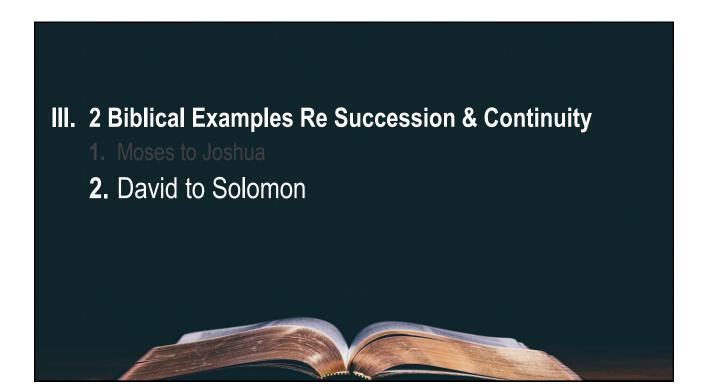




1. Moses to Joshua

- Served as Moses' assistant Joshua 1:1
- Mentored by Moses Joshua 1:7
- Faithful in assignments Numbers 13:16-20
- Went through difficult times with Moses when people rebelled Numbers 14:1-14
- Observed and learned from Moses' leadership

- Accompanied Moses to Mount Sinai to meet with God
- Lingered in God's Presence even after Moses had left Exodus 33:7-11
- Distinguished himself along with Caleb as wholehearted followers of God Numbers 32:12



2. David to Solomon

- David did NOT appoint Solomon as his successor 1 Kings 1:28-40
- He held onto power until he was weak and near death 1 Kings 1:1-4
- Family (children) not in order; David was losing respect for his leadership within his household
- Adonijah, the 4th son conspired and had himself appointed as king 1 Kings 1:6
- Rebellion
- Bathsheba & David's loyal men's lives at stake!

2. David to **Solomon**

- Solidified his leadership after David's death
- Followed David's clear instructions and coaching
- **Did well in the early transition** to deal with problems and unresolved issues from the previous administration
- Failed subsequently when distracted with many women and fascination with their gods

Biblical examples Re Succession & Continuity

Joshua 24:31 <u>Israel served the Lord</u> all the days of <u>Joshua</u>, and all the days of the <u>elders</u> who outlived Joshua, <u>who had known (seen Judges 2:7) all the works</u> of the Lord which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10 When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, <u>another</u> <u>generation</u> arose after them <u>who did not know the Lord nor the work</u> <u>which He had done for Israel</u>.

Amalekites-Jordan-Jericho-Ai-SunStill

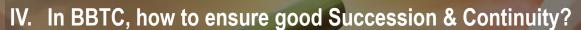
SUCCESSION & CONTINUITY IN BBTC

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II. Passing the Baton

III. Lor at examples Re Succession & Continuity

IV. In BBTC, how to ensure good Succession & Continuity?



- 1. Strong Spiritual Leadership
- 2. Purpose driven instead of Personality driven.
- 3. Increasing **Bench Strength**.
- **4.** The <u>7 Pillars-Anointeds</u> as Desired Outcomes of our Purpose-Mission. This is our <u>Strategy</u> as an Intentional Disciple-Making Church.
- 5. Core-Values to shape our particular DNA-Culture.



- 1. Strong Spiritual Leadership
 - A. Leaders must be spiritual.
 - <u>Conscious</u> of living the <u>Christ</u>-life vs Carnality & Worldliness (1 Corinthians 3:1-5)
 - Living out of the Spirit of Sonship vs an Orphan Spirit (Romans 8:14)
 - Serving from the overflow of their walk with God (Acts 3:6)

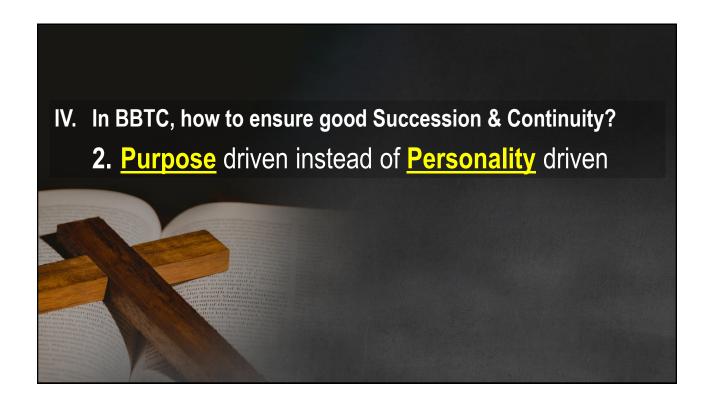
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- B. Leaders must strive for <u>unity in the SPIRIT</u>.

 EPHESIANS 4:3 endeavoring to keep the <u>unity of the Spirit</u> in the bond of peace.
 - For every situation and decision, the first reference must be from the <u>Word</u> as revealed by the <u>Holy Spirit</u> (John 16:13; 17:17)
 - Love covering over a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8 & Romans 5:5)

Amos 3:3 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Psalm 133





How to ensure good Succession & Continuity?

Purpose driven instead of Personality driven.

1 Corinthians 3:3-4
3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? 4 For when

one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?



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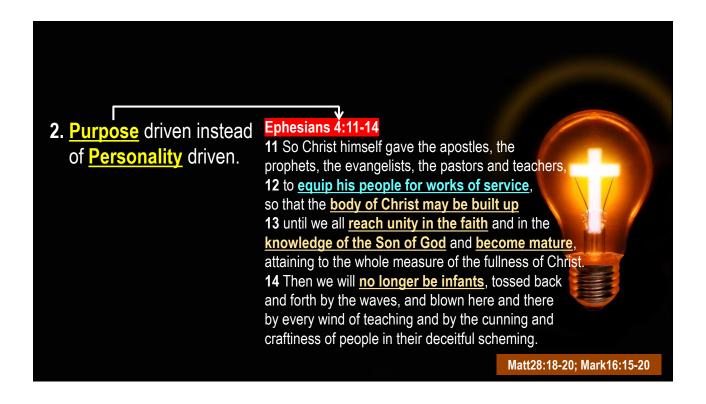
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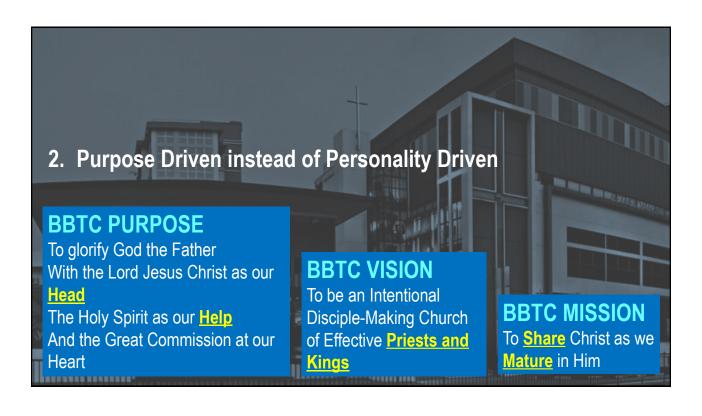
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of the Spirit through the bond of peace
4 There is one body and one Spirit,
iust as you were called to one bone

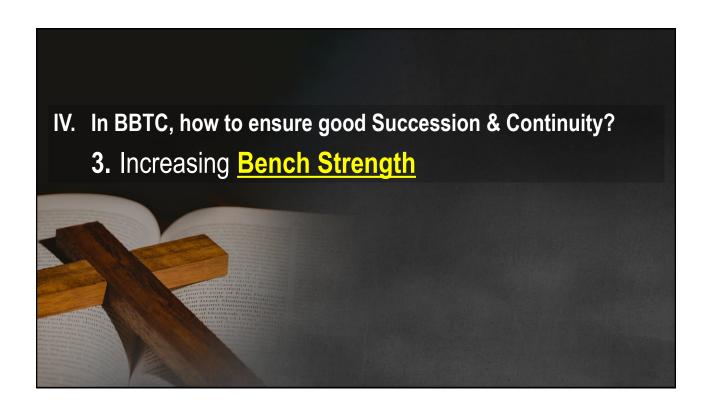
just as you were called to <u>one hope</u> when you were called; 5 <u>one Lord</u>,

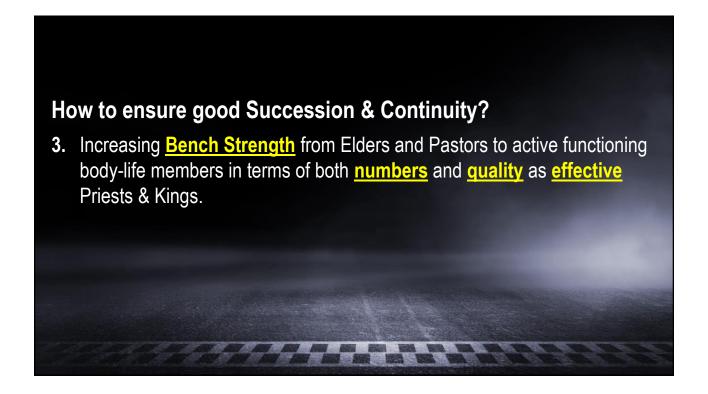
one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through

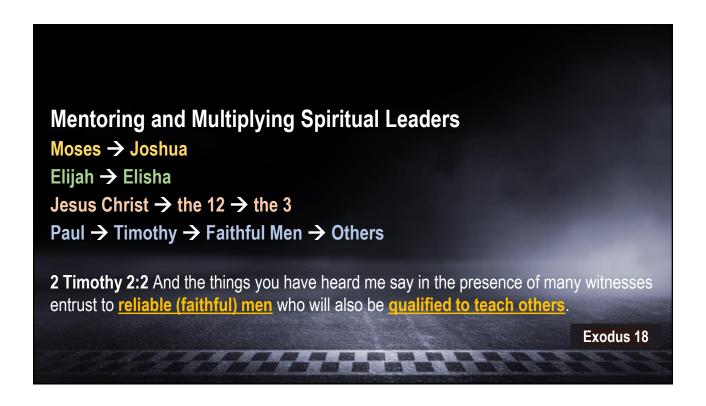
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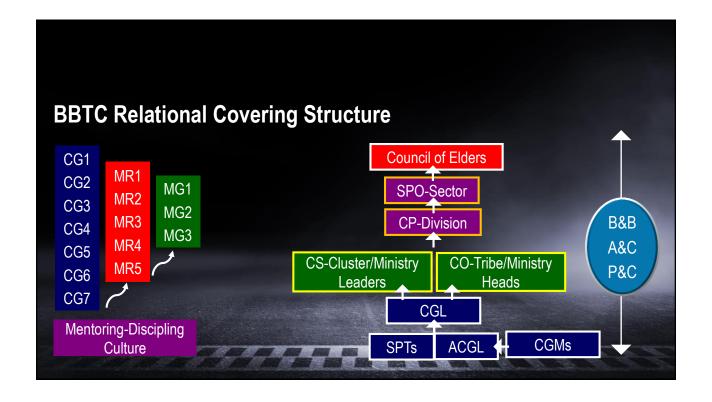












How to ensure good Succession & Continuity?

- 3. Increasing bench strength.
 - SPO-led with CPs and Staff
 = Greater competencies-skill-sets
 - "Star-Fish vs Spider Models"
 - Nothing bottle-necks with a person or structure
 - Abraham-Isaac-Jacob: Model of Leadership

- Family Relationships Foundation
- Shared Common Core-Values
- Calling, Gifting and Portion

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 - Succession & Continuity.
 Avoid mistake of King David.
 - "Re-tyre"
 - EMG: Ex-elders still connected and engaged.
- Continuity emphasis vs
 Secular models of succession
- Multi-Generational Leadership
- Still part of body-life of BBTC





Pillar #4 - Anointed Leaders

The Kingdom of God - Church is **not** a democracy, it is a theocracy.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. **28** And God has **appointed** these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and **appoint** elders in every city as I commanded you—

