

September 21, 2025
Sermon Notes: Beam Up, Bring Down

1. Introduction
 - a. Welcome to guests and second-timers
 - b. Tab's mission: Push through boundaries to share God's story from Norfolk to the nations
 - c. Leadership foundation: Love → Relationship → Communication → Prayer
2. The Foundation of Leadership
 - a. Leadership develops at the pace of relationship
 - b. Relationship depends on communication
 - c. Effective leadership must prioritize prayer
3. Prayer as the Starting Point of Leadership
 - a. Timothy encouraged to fight the good fight with faith and a good conscience
 - b. Leaders influence best when they begin with prayer
 - c. Prayer impacts all contexts: church, marriage, business, nation
4. Beam Up to Bring Down God's Blessings
 - a. Not treating God like a vending machine, but seeking His will and favor
 - b. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 – Pray for everyone, including kings and those in authority
 - c. Prayer's scope: personal, community, national, global
5. Four Types of Prayer (1 Timothy 2:1)
 - a. Petitions: Requests we make to God
 - b. Prayers: Ongoing communication with God
 - c. Intercessions: Requests on behalf of others
 - d. thanksgivings: Praise and gratitude for what God has done
6. Prayer Produces Peace and Character
 - a. Leads to tranquility, quietness, godliness, and dignity
 - b. Brings the peace of God through His presence
 - c. Character rooted in Jesus's teachings strengthens influence
7. Prayer Prepares the Way for the Gospel
 - a. Godliness and dignity clear the path to Jesus
 - b. The gospel remains the focus: know Jesus and make Him known
 - c. Salvation hinges on the truth of Jesus

8. The Central Truth of the Gospel (1 Timothy 2:5-6)
 - a. One God and one mediator: The man Christ Jesus
 - b. Jesus is unique: fully God and fully man
 - c. His ransom reconciles humanity with God
9. Paul's Example and Calling (1 Timothy 2:7)
 - a. Herald: Proclaimed the good news
 - b. Apostle: Eyewitness to the resurrected Christ
 - c. Teacher: Brought the message to the Gentiles
 - d. Carried out his calling in faith and truth
10. Application for Leaders Today
 - a. In times of turmoil and tension, leaders regain focus through prayer
 - b. Discipleship begins in an environment where the gospel can flourish
 - c. Live life above the noise by walking with Jesus
 - d. Keep the gospel at the center of our prayers and influence
11. Conclusion
 - a. God has ransomed us through the man Christ Jesus
 - b. Our prayers prepare people to come to the knowledge of the truth
 - c. Call to action: Lead with prayer, keep the gospel central
 - d. Closing prayer