

Series:
Power Broker
Session Six:

“The Power of Release”
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A. What is the Power of Release?

1. People are empowered when they are _____ to realize their own destiny

B. The Record of History

1. What do you call a person who denies freedom?

... A _____

Examples:

2. What do you call a person who enables freedom?

... A _____

Examples:

C. Two Competing Philosophies

1. The Wrong Use of Power:
“You exist to _____ me . . . until I am ready to _____.”
2. The Right Use of Power:
“I exist to serve _____ . . . until _____ are ready to leave.”

D. Two Definitions of Success

1. “If you are freed from me and you exceed, I am a _____ . . . therefore, I will not release you.”
2. “If you are freed from me and you exceed me, I am a _____ . . . therefore, I will release you.”

E. Is This Success or Failure?

“My _____ don’t need me anymore. They get along fine today without me.”

1. For a _____?
2. For a _____?
3. For a _____?
4. For a _____?

- *Problem:* We call success a _____ and design systems to avoid it!

F. The Path to Release

1. Freedom by _____
2. Freedom by _____

G. The Recurring Commandment

1. To _____: Be fruitful and multiply!
2. To _____: Be fruitful and multiply!
3. To _____: Be fruitful and multiply!

Paraphrase: “_____ functional equivalents who can _____ functional equivalents.”

H. The Example of a Liberator

Barnabas: The Son of Encouragement

1. Barnabas offered Saul _____ to prove his position in the faith
Acts 9:26-30
2. Barnabas offered Saul _____ to prove his effectiveness in the church.
Acts 11:22-26
3. Barnabas offered Saul _____ to prove his effectiveness in the world.
Acts 13:1-3
4. Barnabas offered Saul _____ to prove his independence in the ministry.
Acts 15:36-41

I. What if You Don’t Release?

1. If you don’t disciple, you will produce _____
2. If you don’t mentor, you will produce _____
3. If you don’t partner, you will produce _____
4. If you don’t release, you will produce _____

J. The Bottom Line

“The love of liberty is the love of _____; the love of power is the love of ourselves.”
- *William Hazlitt*