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LEADERSHIP: THE STRUGGLES AND THE BLISS.

An experience based discussion with Her Royal Highness, Falowo Moyinoluwa, the regent of Ibule-Soro kingdom in Ifedore Local government area of Ondo state, Nigeria.



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W3: Tell us briefly about your family background ma.

HRH: I was born into the wonderful family of Oba Joseph and Olori Ebun Falowo. I'm the 8th child of my father and 2nd of my mum. I was born and raised in Akure.

I was born into a polygamous home. I have brothers and sisters. We attend the Anglican Church. My father retired as a permanent secretary, ministry of education while my mum retired as a secondary school principal. That's a little about my family background.

W3: Thanks for sharing with us ma. So, now we know that just like everyone of us here, you were born and raised in the community of humans. Thus, you can relate well with us based on your experience in terms of leadership.

HRH: Smiles. I'll share from my little experience.

W3: Something puzzled me in this brief intro ma. You're the 8th child of your father which means there are other 7 ahead of you among whom are guys/men. Have you ever for once thought you could fit into the shoes of your father should he be transformed some day?

HRH: Fit into his shoes as an Oba? I never desired his shoes. I never thought I'd ever accept to wear the shoes.

W3: Wow! You must have had some struggles with accepting the call when it found you. How easy was it for you to accept?

HRH: Initially, it wasn't easy. I had serious struggles. It was like I should disappear from the whole situation. I had no love for the position, had personal plans i needed to pursue and didn't like some unacceptable things attached to the position.

When I came into understanding and acknowledgement with God and loved ones on why I should occupy the position, it became easy to accept.

W3: Great...

Can we say then that a potential leader needs to understand why she/he is needed in a capacity before accepting to take it no matter how appealing it looks?

HRH: Yea. A leader should understand why he is needed, the expectations of God and followers and what could be at stake if he accepts or do not accept the position.

W3: There is an expectation of God for a leadership post declared vacant. Message gotten!

HRH: Yes sir. God has an expectation for every office.

W3: Ma, I follow you well on Facebook and I notice that a day hardly passes by without you writing something meaningful and share with the public. How do you manage being that consistent despite the tight schedule your responsibilities as a regent has placed on you?

HRH: I manage it just like you manage yours.

HRH: The moment I get inspired, I put it down on my phone. Or I just write the theme. And develop it later when free.

W3: Hmmnnn... When the Regent is also a passionate writer...

HRH: And concerning my schedules generally, I sometimes multitask.

W3: Great... So, a leader should learn to multi-task.

HRH: For example, since this meeting started, I have eaten something, drove and even just finished a meeting with my second in command. I'm about driving back home now. And I'm still responding to your questions.

I just arrived home. I have a lot that runs through my head always. I manage by prioritizing, arranging plans in my head and at the same time making sure nothing lacks. I run my master's program so I have to combine royal duties with schooling.

W3: Ma, I would like you to enlighten us more on the qualities of a good leader with practical examples of how they've worked for you.

HRH: Being Decisive at the same time taking decisions cooperatively with fellow leaders and followers.

- Making your stand known, making people know what you would and won't stand for
- Be respectable, doing things worthy of respect, not disrespect
- Be prepared to face pressure and stress. Leadership comes with pressures from expected and unexpected sides.
- God fearing, Fear God and you won't have to worry about people that don't fear him.
- When I have a vision or program, I involve my chiefs and we do the planning together. There are some decisions I take alone, and there are some I involve people. Knowing which should be which, that's wisdom.

W3: Hhmmnnn... Not all decision-making needs the whole team. A leader must deal wisely with this. Let me put that in a safe place.

HRH: As a leader, you don't need the approval of everyone. But you should have a very small circle among your followers who are like minds, those that their approval and disapproval carry substance to you. They are the litmus paper through whom you test your decisions and plans with before knowing whether they are stuffs you should go or not go ahead with. They are people who can be real with you and have your interest at heart.

Leadership is something we all can't dictate the path. Let one person or group of persons show us the path. So we can go together.

When you're a leader, a lot is on your shoulder, a lot is at stake. Your failure is not your failure; it goes down to everyone under you. Everyone benefits from your success and suffers from your failure.

One important thing I won't forget to say... as a leader, no matter how capable, anointed or qualified you think you're for a position, never forget this, **YOU'RE STILL HUMAN**. It is not a crime to be human. You have your weaknesses and limitations.

Don't allow anyone shame you for being human. No one is a perfect leader. When you carry yourself as human, your followers will not see you more than they should see you. And that's better.

Leaders make mistakes. I do. We all do. So don't feel bad for making mistakes. Just learn from it and move on. You're not God. You're a human leading another human.

QUESTIONS FROM SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Question1: How can a leader manage his or her emotions to suit communal benefits?

HRH: Our emotion is part of us. Feeling of gentleness, quietness, anger, sadness, excitement, tears, fulfillment, fulfillment etc. are all part of our human nature and emotions. It's just the level at which we express each of them that makes us different from one and other.

However, when you express any of such emotions, ask yourself, why did I just express it, what caused it and what do I want to use it to achieve?

W3: Hmmnnn... One has to critically think it through.

HRH: For example you're angry, ask yourself:

Why am I angry?

Who and what made me angry?

What will this anger do to this situation?

In what way can I resolve the issue that has caused this anger?

Emotions can be negatively and positively directed.

Emotions can build or destroy things. Know that a lot is at stake depending on how you use your emotion. Let what is at stake come to your mind each time.

Question 2: I believe leadership is first personal before it is public. So, knowing the current leadership challenge in the country, how would you have helped today's youth to embrace leadership as a lifestyle or second nature?

HRH: Leadership as a lifestyle is a directed life. A life that is directed can take care of our country. I'd advice young people to take charge of their lives and move with direction. If you have direction, you'd know habits to kick out, friends to have, business or career to go into etc.

A life that will lead us must first be led by God. Only a man who is successful in managing his own affairs can manage public office.

W3: Hmnn... Proper direction

HRH: When I mean success, I'm not referring to money; I'm referring to all round sound individual. A man who can be whole with 30k salary will be whole when given the entire resources of a nation to manage. Wholeness is within; it is what you're able to make of your life as an entity.

Question 3: Have you made any mistake in the course of making decisions? If yes, how were you able to address and correct it?

HRH: Yea. I have. Acknowledging that I'm wrong, apologizing to those affected if there are and moving on with what should have been done initially.

W3: First, acknowledge you are wrong. Then, apologize if necessary. And do what should have been done. Value added!

Question 4: How did you start to get to where you are now? What steps did you take dimensionally to reach that level?

HRH: Getting to where I am right now was not a plan I have once had. I just moved step by step with what next comes my way.

Life is sometimes spontaneous and unpredictable. A man can be an unemployed graduate in his small sitting room on Thursday and be called by an employer to come be the director of a team in a company on Friday.

The question is not if he had ever planned to be director, it should be whether he is trained enough to be director.

The steps I know are every day growth, learning, mistakes and decisions....because they are what culminate to whom we are today and whether we will be prepared for the next unpredictable assignment.

W3: Hmmmmnn... So, even when we can't see what exactly the responsibility is like yet, we keep making daily deposit into our lives.

HRH: That's it.

Question 5: In Africa there is a negative notion in which, good leaders are pushed onto the wall (mostly a Lion's den situation) just because they are about to make a change... The question is; should such a leader save his life running or stay enduring?

HRH: I get you. In a country like Nigeria, you're going to face serious opposition if you want to make a change especially in areas where some people benefit from. One thing I mentioned earlier, before accepting a position, is that you know the demands, what is at stake etc. Know whether it is a building you can raise without leaving it half way.

Not everyone can be like Daniel. You can end up losing your life standing up to this evil and corrupt people that are profiting from problems you intend to fix as a leader.

Wisdom tells you when to persist and when to go away. Pray to God for guidance. If you know you have no solutions, quit. If you know your faith in God can carry you, forge ahead no matter the opposition.

It is better to die a true leader than to be a corrupt leader that joined them. It is also wiser to step down than joining them in their evil. A good name and reputation is better any day anytime

W3: Any day, anytime... Yeah

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We are really grateful for the honor and respect given to this platform.

Keep increasing in everything that is good and of good report ma.

We cherish and honor you.

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