



# At the Movies

## Leadership in the Crunch

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Week 4

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**Bottom Line:** Leadership that counts in the crunch is inside out.

**Icebreaker:** Who is an outstanding coach, teacher, or leader you remember from before you were 18? Why was that person so great?

**Key Verse:** *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!* Galatians 5:22-23

Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger woke up on January 15, 2009 feeling like he always did, ready to go to work like he always did, ready to pilot a large plane the way he always did, and after a day of flying, come home to his family, the way he always did. He had no way to realize this day would change the trajectory of his life, cause him to face the heaviest criticism and introspection of his life, bring him instant notoriety, and mark him forever. He didn’t have a clue that after hundreds of flights, safely transporting more than 100,000 passengers in thousands and thousands of hours, his life would revolve around 208 seconds. He had to go into the situation early in the morning with just exactly the skill, the attitude, the preparation with which he woke up. The event that happened to him was unprecedented; he had to face it with just what he had inside.

The same is true of you and me. The most important moments of our lives and influence rarely announce themselves. We don’t know they are coming. You have heard it said, “People die the way they live.” Truth. It is also true that people face crisis with the tools and character they developed before the crisis. We don’t become heroic, courageous, character-filled, and wise in the moment. We are like sponges: Whatever we have filled ourselves with before the crunch is on comes out. We get squeezed in the crisis, and there’s no hiding it then. Whatever is in us comes out.

The best preparation for the moments you can’t predict or write into your calendar is daily nurturing a transforming relationship with God. As we live in and through Him, He grows the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. When we are in the crunch, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control spill out of us. We find courage and wisdom and confidence in just the measure required. Today you are storing up what will come out of you tomorrow. Make it good.

### THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from today’s message?

Sully didn’t refer to those under his care as passengers or people, but SOULS. He said repeatedly, “We have 155 souls on board.” When the U.S. Coast Guard spot those in distress they say souls, not people, stranded at sea. It is sad to get the terminology right but not the actions. Why do you think we so easily lose sight of the eternal?

What was in Sully that came out. At the time of the water landing he had studied many airplane crashes and pilot error. He already had a consulting business dedicated to airline safety. How are you preparing for future possibilities? Are you prepared to make the right response in a crisis?

Sully: “My life is going to be judged on 208 seconds.” What are the unexpected moments in life most likely to be remembered by your family?

### LOOK IT OVER <<<

Many of life’s most significant moments are not in the manual. Agree or disagree? Why?

When was the last time you had to “land the plane” and you were not warned? What came out? Were there any injuries or fatalities? What did you need that you didn’t have? What DID you have?

Our lives are filled with “208 seconds” clips that we didn’t plan to be part of our history. Yet those moments often become defining. The fruit of the Spirit must be growing in us if we are going to be sufficiently equipped for those times. Which fruit is most lacking in your life right now? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control? How can you pray about that? What situations might God be allowing in your life right now to give you opportunity for growth and preparation?

God is assembling your miracle team right now! Reflect. Discuss.

## NEXT STEPS

**This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:**

- 1) Consider your instinctive, impulsive reactions the last time you had an unexpected conversation. Where does your character need to grow and develop? Make it a regular discussion with God.
- 2) Memorize Galatians 5:22-23 and ask God to help you see these “fruits” flourish in your life.

## EVALUTION/ACTION

**Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ**

**Bottom Line:** Leadership that counts in the crunch is inside out.

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| Rate yourself from 1 to 10<br>1 (never), 10 (always)  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Why did you give yourself this rating?  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |
| What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |
| Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?                 |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |
| What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |
| At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week? |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: Psalm 18:31-36

Tuesday: Matthew 23:1-5; 11

Wednesday: Romans 14:4

Thursday: Psalm 78:70-72

Friday: Acts 21:1a, 3-6

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***

*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*