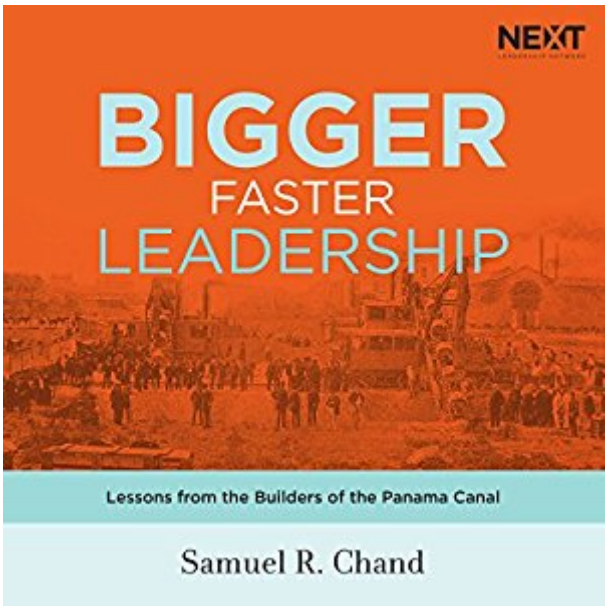
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Bigger, Faster Leadership: Lessons From The Builders Of The Panama Canal



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Synopsis

Renowned leadership consultant Samuel R. Chand details the account of the construction of the Panama Canal and draws parallels between it and successful leadership methodology. "More passion isn’t the answer, and bigger dreams aren’t always the solution. Every leader is asking two questions: How can we grow? How can we grow faster? The only way organizations can grow bigger and move faster is by accelerating the excellence of their systems and structures." (From Bigger, Faster Leadership: Lessons from the Builders of the Panama Canal) An epiphany during a visit to the Panama Canal led Sam Chand - one of the country’s most respected voices on ministry and marketplace leadership - to bold new insights on the life cycles of business or church organizations. Simply: The size and speed of an organization are controlled by its systems and structures.

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Customer Reviews

Very church centered. Not a bad thing. I thought there were plenty of great principles scattered through the book. I got some great ideas I will implement: a leadership development program, taking a more collaborating approach to the ’how’ of accomplishing goals, and more intensely focusing on the need I am filling in my market.It read much like a novel, a historical recap of the panama canal and the great leadership effort it took to achieve it, rather than a set of principles that could be implemented anywhere supported by the great wonder. Which is what I bought.4.5 stars rounded up. If I could wave the magic wand, it would have a very clear set of implementation items at the

end of each chapter.

Leader or not, you need to read this book. Leaders will understand how to think ahead and broaden systems and structures. Support staff should read this to understand WHY your boss/leader/pastor/ceo does what he/she does in the organization. Leaders...I recommend you have all employees read this book!

An excellent read. I plan to put it to use as soon as I can. The idea of "mosquitoes" and how powerful they are was an excellent insight that has changed my thinking!!"

Dr Sam Chand, with tremendous insight and candor, looks at the building and functions of the Panama Canal, and draws from it such powerful and challenging insights concerning leadership. This is a must read for every leader!

Sam Chand has done it again. He has taken the complexities of leadership and made them accessible, practical, and doable. Systems and structures are crucial for success and this book will empower you and your teams for greater and quicker results.

Seriously an amazing book! So excited to train the leaders around me!

I received a hardback copy of this book (before its release) as a part of the Sam Chand Leadership Institute, and I must say, I was really impacted by the book. As an avid reader, I have often told people that I have NEVER spent $20 for a book...but I HAVE spent $20 (or more) for WISDOM! And THAT is what you will get in "Bigger Faster Leadership" - WISDOM! Several individual chapters are well worth the investment of the whole book. It is NOT a book to read once, but a book to read, study, dissect, and implement. I will definitely be rereading the book, and getting my team in on the principles outlined by Dr. Chand in this leadership masterpiece! Thank you Dr. Sam Chand for sharing this with other leaders!

What kind of leadership would you need to undertake the largest engineering project ever, where success depends on the use of technologies which have not yet even been invented, and where a well-resourced team of experts had previously failed with massive loss of financial resources and lives? Sam Chand explores the issues in this book.The book draws inspiration from a number of

aspects of the history of the Panama Canal, including:ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¢ How the success of Ferdinand de Lesseps with the Suez Canal project blinded him to potential problems with the Panama CanalÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¢ How the engineers had the foresight to build the canal to accommodate ships larger than any then in existenceÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¢ How Colonel William Gorgas devised an expensive but effective way of controlling mosquitos to eradicate malaria and yellow feverÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¢ How President Theodore Roosevelt and William Taft were quick to address oppositionThe book is not so much a systematic overview of the attributes of strong leadership as a miscellaneous collection of leadership insights which suggest themselves from the history of the Panama Canal project. Nonetheless it is an interesting and entertaining book which is sure to provide some useful material for reflection for any leader who seeks to overcome significant obstacles.

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