

# Bianca Juarez Olthoff Session Handout





Bianca Juárez Olthoff understands the power of words and is known to wield them wisely. As a pastor and author in ministry for more than 20 years, her leadership has allowed her to reach people all over the world. As the founder of *In The Name of Love*, she is committed to serving the incarcerated. Describing herself as a Jesus-loving MexiRican, you can experience Olthoff's passion in her best-selling book, *Play with Fire* and her most recent book, *How to Have Your Life Not Suck*.



### **GLS21 Notes: Choose to Lead**

When the opportunity to lead comes our way, we all respond differently. While some of us eagerly embrace the call to lead, others require a little convincing. In fact, many leaders have feelings of being unqualified, not enough and that they will soon be "found out."

At The Global Leadership Summit, through her own story and experience as a leader, Bianca Juárez Olthoff helped us quiet the voices of negativity in our lives, embrace our roles as leaders and lead more boldly in our area of influence.

Enjoy these official session notes to help you dive deeper into what you learned!

#### The Inner Saboteur

- I'm comfortable with noise. Yet I wasn't comfortable with the noise of the voices in my head. That voice is the inner saboteur.
- "You don't belong here." I still struggle to define myself as able, competent. Have you been there?
- Imposter syndrome: feelings of inadequacy that persist despite evident success, a sense of intellectual fraudulence. (Harvard Business Review 2008)
- How do I lead when I am not enough?

#### You Are Chosen to Lead

- Let's assume you were chosen, chosen for a reason.
- The idea of being chosen has been something I've wrestled with my whole life.
- Will you lead when you are invited to?
- There are those that step into gaps against their will or their desire.
- You are chosen to lead.
- There is a mental mind shift that happens when you are chosen for something.

#### The Example of Gideon

- The story of Gideon Judges 6 Gideon's tribe was not really known for something, the least tribe
- The first time I had a chance to go into prison to teach, I was reluctant. I felt gravely unqualified, and the time was so inconvenient.
- I had to make a decision. I chose to lead. I couldn't see the direct outcome. I couldn't see the ROI. I couldn't calculate the investment. There was a seed that was planted in my soul.
- What are you missing out or who are you missing out on impacting by not saying yes to leadership?
- When leadership chooses you, you choose to lead.
- Gideon felt unqualified to lead. Even though he felt unqualified, he still led.
- Where was Gideon? He was hiding. Sometimes the best leaders are hiding. He was hiding in a winepress.
- The crisis may cause you to fear but you do not have permission to quit.
- Your crisis does not dictate your capability, competency or commitment.
- Choose to lead when inconvenient.

#### An Identity Shift - You Are a Mighty Warrior

- His name was Gideon. He had an identity shift. Judges 6:12 "The Lord is with you mighty warrior."
- When we realize our identity, it moves us into action.
- My dad made the critical decision to step into the calling.

When leadership chooses you, you choose to lead when the next generation is on the line.

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- Free 15-Day Leadership Guide: biancaolthoff.com/leadership
- We are all going to have moments where we feel the odds are stacked against us. This is your invitation to call those around you to rise.
- We cannot change the circumstances on the God-call on our lives. We can be nervous, but we
- We do not cower. We do not hide. We are mighty warriors.
- Judges 6:14 "Go in the strength you have... Am I not sending you?"
- God Almighty came and fought the battle for them.
- Lives are being impacted by your leadership. All hinging upon your leadership "Yes."
- The opposite of unqualified isn't qualified. The opposite of unqualified is chosen.



What is ONE action step you will take from this talk and when will you take it?

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