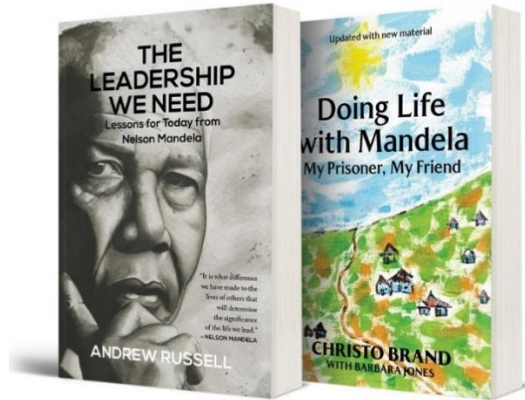


AN INSPIRATIONAL SESSION WITH **ANDREW RUSSELL**

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“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

– NELSON MANDELA



Talk 6: The Need for Youth Leadership

Andrew Russell is the author of *The Leadership We Need: Lessons for Today from Nelson Mandela* and the editor of the second edition of Christo Brand's book *Doing Life with Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend*.

Youths are often thrown into leadership positions without any coaching or preparation. They find themselves unprepared and overwhelmed by the challenges of leading a group for the first time. No one explains what is expected of them or what leadership is all about. They start asking questions: Are leaders born, or can they be made? If I am not captain of my sports team, can I still be a leader? Do I even want to be a leader? Why is he or she captain and not me?

As a teenager, Andrew found himself in a number of leadership roles. How did he navigate this process? What factors does he believe identified him as a leader, despite not always being the best player on the team or in the band? Who were his role models, and why did he respect and admire them?

Nelson Mandela began life as an unsophisticated rural boy, but when he was twelve his father passed away and he found himself being cared for by a stranger, far from his mother and home. This was the start of Mandela's leadership journey that culminated in his becoming one of the most loved, respected and admired world leaders of all time.

What can we learn from Nelson Mandela's leadership style and qualities, many of which were born in his teenage years? How did he manage to build such a powerful leadership reputation, despite being imprisoned for 27 and a half years?

What practical tips can we take away from these examples, to help us become better and more effective leaders in our own lives?

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