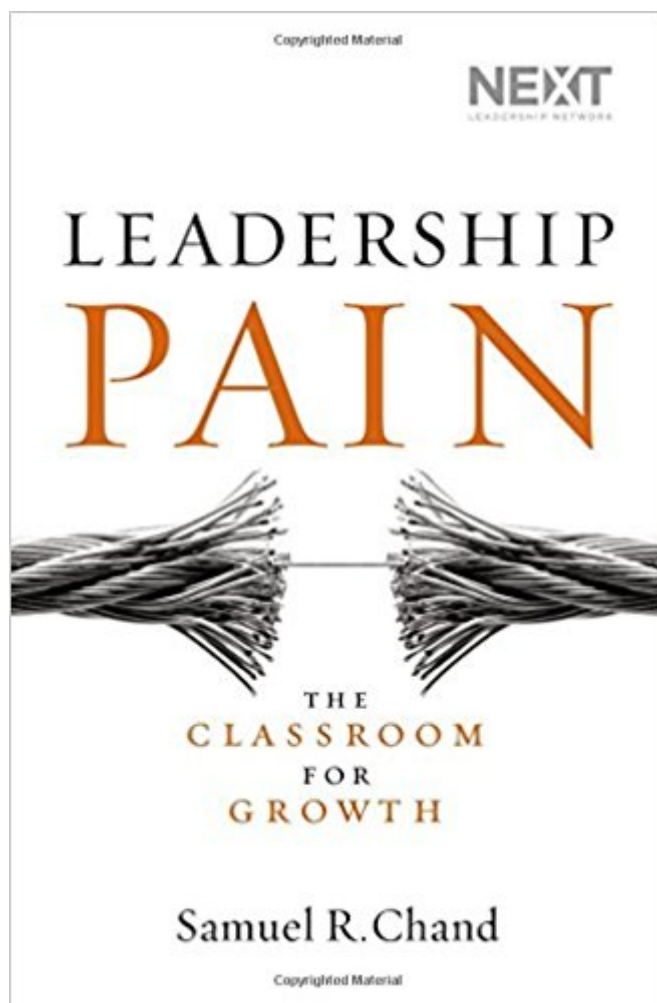


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Leadership Pain: The Classroom For Growth



Synopsis

Do you want to be a better leader? Raise the threshold of your pain. Do you want your church to grow or your business to reach higher goals? Reluctance to face pain is your greatest limitation. There is no growth without change, no change without loss, and no loss without pain. Bottom line: if you're not hurting, you're not leading. But this book is not a theological treatise on pain. Rather in *Leadership Pain* Samuel Chand – a best-selling author recognized as "the leader's leader" – provides a concrete, practical understanding of the pain we experience to help us interpret pain more accurately and learn the lessons God has in it for us. Chand is ruthlessly honest and highly practical as he examines the principles and practices that make our pain a means of fulfilling God's divine purposes for our churches, communities, and us. These features are included in this leadership treasure trove: **POWERFUL**, personal stories from some of the finest leaders in the world, such as Craig Groeschel, Benny Perez, Mike Kai, Lisa Bevere, Mark Chironna, Dale Bronner, Philip Wagner, Michael Pitts, and numerous others **REVEALING INSIGHTS** into the growth that occurs through pain in leadership roles **PRACTICAL EXERCISES** to help you apply the valuable principles you are learning

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Who would have thought, when in 1973 student Dr. Sam Chand was serving Beulah Heights Bible College as janitor, cook, and dishwasher, that he would return in 1989 as president of the same college! Under his leadership it became the country's largest predominantly African-American Bible College. In this season of his life, Dr. Sam Chand does one thing – leadership. His

singular vision for his life is to be a Dream Releaser – to help others succeed. As a Dream Releaser he serves pastors, ministries, and businesses as a Leadership Architect and Change Strategist. Dr. Sam Chand speaks regularly at leadership conferences, churches, corporations, ministerial conferences, seminars, and other leadership development opportunities.

A subject matter that has to long been in the dark is brought to light In Sam Chand's book Leadership Pain. This book clearly identifies the pains of many areas of leadership. I would recommend this book to EVERYONE, because everyone is a leader in some area of their life. Much of the book speaks directly to the pains of ministry but the foundational problem and the solution can be found in the everyday life of all people. Through reading this book you will learn to understand that "life is made up of hard knocks and incredible blessings and pain is unavoidable, but . . . it isn't eternal!" Every chapter begins with a real life story of a leader who has overcome a painful situation and come to understand the value of pain in the journey of becoming a successful leader. Likewise, each chapter ends with thought provoking questions to help guide you through your own personal leadership pains. This book provides invaluable insight from leaders around the globe. If you allow it, this book will provide healing, understanding and perspective in any area you lead. Most importantly through reading this book you will recognize that you have the ability to impact others as you walk with God in every situation allowing Him to use your pain for His glory. A key lesson found in this book is recognizing that "pain isn't the enemy . . . (but) the inability or unwillingness to face pain is a far greater danger." I have read dozens of books on leadership but none comes close to the candor provided in Leadership Pain.

If this is for you, then it is a 5 star book. Dr Chand has interlivened much encouragement and teaching on why to expect pain and how to respond to it with testimonies from pastors who have experienced pain along with quotes etc. The result is a book that I feel to be honest, authentic and real but at the same time dense with wisdom - not 5 point plans to fix the situation. Rather the call is to embrace the pain, to expect the pain and know that God is using the pain to grow you. But I found that especially from the testimonies, there is a sense that you are not alone, it will be OK. Dr Chand covers the issue from many angles and so it is hard to summarise. After having read it, I am sensitised to its message and will go back to it as required. How to know if this is for you? If you are a pastor, youth leader etc it is clearly for you. If you are a leader in business or a non profit it is also for you. But as we all have a leadership role in life, we can all benefit from this teaching - but you

probably have to be in a mindset that is ready for this, otherwise it may not gel with you in which case you can always leave it for a few years and come back to it. If you are in pain it should help, but perhaps it is better to read it before you are in pain.

This is a must read for all Christian leaders. I am the head elder of a local church and this year had been a very challenging year. As I have read through LEADERSHIP PAIN, I have been comforted to learn that the decisions we have a group of Elders have taken, were the right decision, despite the vocal challenges of many and even the choice of a few folks to leave. Stories of many large and successful churches and successful leaders that have made decisions, that the Lord told them needed to be made, only to see the numbers dwindle, members turn against them and even challenges to the point of physical illness, but they led their church through the struggles and are reaping the benefits and became stronger leaders through the struggles. Whether you are a Church leader or a Christian business leader, this book will help you understand a good leader sticks with the plan the Lord is leading you to follow, even through rough times and how to deal with the doubts that will come.

So often leaders move into leadership roles with rose-colored glasses believing that when they are in charge, nothing will go wrong and everyone will happily follow their lead. Sadly then, when faced with difficulties, they become discouraged and often lose the passion and zeal to continue to lead. Dr. Chand's book "Leadership Pain" provides authentic insight into the reality of leadership while encouraging the journey. His courage to write candidly about personal experiences in leadership roles lends strength and new hope for the reader. I thought Dr. Chand's book "Cracking Your Church's Culture Code" was his best work; however, Leadership Pain: The Classroom for Growth moves to the top of my list.

This book is a true encouragement and example of how important it is to not go through the pain alone. All throughout the book are examples of godly men and women who have been trained to reign at a higher level by the blessing of painful experiences. The mantra that sticks with me from the book is "you will grow only to the threshold of your pain". Knowing God's strength is made perfect in my weakness and that as a follower of Christ Jesus that we will face many trials the pain drives me to Him and prepares us to lead more excellently. I recommend this book to any pastor, minister or leader that needs to be encouraged through their pain as God has used the wisdom in this book to bring me to a better understanding of the awesome purpose pain has in my life. Buy this

for your pastor, elders or ministers it will be one of the most treasured books in their library. Trust Me!

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