

The Cruciform Leader

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"Learning lessons from the greatest leader of all time, this is a message of healing and hope for those who aspire to lead with the counter-cultural humility and defiant kindness of Jesus."

Pete Greig, 24-7 Prayer

"In the kingdom of God, if servanthood is beneath you, leadership is beyond you."

The church in the Western world is facing a leadership crisis. Tragic stories of scandal, abuse and decline, arguably stemming from the adoption of secular leadership values, have had a devastating impact on churches' witness to their communities.

And yet there is hope. For across the world, a new breed of leaders is rising up. These are the hungry, holy and humble ones, shaped and formed in the hidden places, finding their voices and leading the church into a fresh move of the Holy Spirit. These leaders have heard the cry at the heart of this book – to return to the cruciform way. Inspired by the first apostles who embodied the cross-shaped, sacrificial leadership of Jesus, the true model of perfect leadership, they too believe the power of such radical obedience will literally change the world.

From the author of the raw and profound *Luminous Dark* comes this heartfelt call to churches to return to biblical leadership. With unapologetic sincerity, Alain lays bare the failings at the heart of the church and points to the solution – cruciform leadership.

The Cruciform Leader is a clarion call for Christlike leadership in the church. With honesty, graciousness and simplicity Alain makes this call. The book leaves you with a hunger for God and a desire to serve him and His Kingdom like Christ did.

Pastor Agu Irukwu, Jesus House for All Nations

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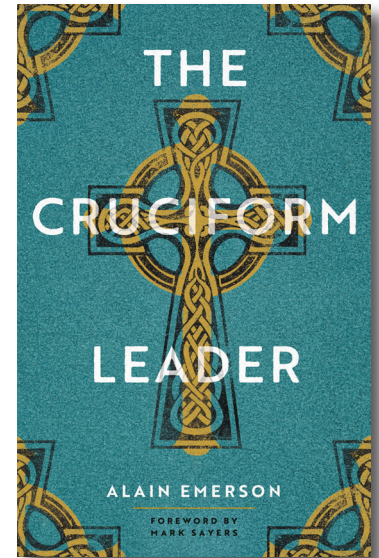
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Key Selling points

- A much-needed antidote to the celebrity leadership culture of recent years
- A lifeline for leaders, addressing a critical need in the church today, and offering them the opportunity to realign the course of their leadership
- Empathetic, real-life stories, with thoughtful end-of-chapter devotions to help leaders put principles into practice
- Draws on a wealth of coal-face leadership experience gained from leading the international 24-7 Prayer movement and a thriving local church in Northern Ireland
- Authored by a faculty member of Westminster Theological Centre teaching these leadership principles

Readership

- Any aspiring leaders in the church
- Pastors, those in other aspects of ministry such as youth work, and leaders within Christian organisations who want to re-centre themselves on Jesus
- Anyone who wants to lead authentically and well



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