

ED 633

Leadership and Resilience

Number of credits: 3

Prerequisite:

NA

Semester: Fall, 2014

Aug 18 to Oct 10, 2014 Days:

> Weekly postings and **Scheduled Go-To-Meeting**

Events

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hours:

Course Description:

In these turbulent times, nearly everyone is facing the need for greater resilience. Resilience is the ability to adapt and then thrive in the face of multiple, ongoing changes and challenges. Resilient leaders and organizations develop skills to persevere and focus their efforts when the going gets tough. The biblical calls to endurance and perseverance will be studied, followed by an examination of historical and contemporary research and case studies. Our goal is to increase our skills in navigating through and at times coming back from the many pressures and adversities we encounter in diverse leadership contexts.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

General Objectives:

- To understand resilience and the research in the field that has shaped our current understanding of the concept
- To establish a biblical template for endurance in adversity
- To assess one's own resiliency through the use of personal reflection and assessment tools
- To shape a clear resilience model for future leadership that will allow the individual student to leave this course with a personal plan for shaping a more resilient life.

Cognitive Gains: Participants will understand the patterns and processes that contribute to collapse and/or burnout AND those that contribute to flourishing essential to personal and team resilience. Participants will understand the vital dimensions of the spiritual, mental, emotional, and practical disciplines

Affective Gains: Participants will come to appreciate and value the benefits and outcomes of a resilience life. Participants will come to value the disciplines essential to healthy life management and hopefully long for a more resilient life.

Action Gains: Participants will begin to master the skills for shaping greater personal resilience regardless the circumstances. Participants will possess a personal action plan for shaping a more resilient life and leadership.

Important Dates:

First day of classes: August 18, 2014

Registration revision August 22, 2014

period:

Last day to request NA revised examination:

Last day to withdraw One month prior to from course: the official end date

of this class

Last day to apply for

time extension for

Friday4:00PM September 26, 2014

coursework:

Last day of classes:

October 10, 2014

No Final Exam for this Course

The Big Questions of This Course:

Throughout this course I encourage you to have these questions in mind. We will seek to weave these questions and some attempt at answers as we journey over the next two months. Our weekly guide for posting and your own Personal Resilience Story will touch in on some of these questions directly. Feel free to add your own big questions as well...

- 1. What does the work of the Spirit have to do with my personal resilience?
- 2. Is building resilience through skills, attitudes, and effort a sign that I lack faith to believe God for strength and perseverance?
- 3. Hebrews 12 makes it clear that I am to "run the race with resilience" the question is how do I do this in a God-honoring way?
- 4. Is resilience a fixed attribute or does every situation call for its own resiliency response?
- 5. What bearing does gender have on the matter of resilience? Is there any inherent difference between men and women in terms of coping skills, style, and strength?
- 6. When bad things happen we often move from the adversity to an emotion or an action is response to the adversity. Why is a cognitive step needed in order to examine and then reframe all adversity?
- 7. Is there a qualitative difference between being a survivor and being resilient?
- 8. Why is it that two people going through the exact same adversity respond so differently one climbs through it, the other collapses under it?
- 9. Why is burnout and leadership attrition so great among pastors, teachers, business leaders? Should we not be models of healthy endurance under pressure?
- 10. Is there something missing in our training process that undermine resilience or that ignores the development of greater hardiness in the face of life, business, and ministry pressure?
- 11. How could a thorough going theology of suffering make a difference in the life of a leader?
- 12. How does a weak or absent theology of adversity and suffering make us vulnerable to easy "quit points" on our journey?
- 13. How would I respond to this question Do I have the spiritual, emotional, physical stamina to run the entire race of life and cross the finish line with the kind of kick for which so many great runners are known?
- 14. How do I overcome the life patterns and messages of my past that cause me to reach for and then throw in the towel so easily? How is it possible to re-grow a back bone and to become a person of perseverance in the face of any trial?
- 15. What is the proper balance in my life between what is my part, what is God's role, and what is the role of the organization I serve in fostering my resilience? Is it all up to me to become more hardy or is it more complex than me against the world?
- 16. How can we best respond to those who collapse under the burdens of life? How can I best help someone who is simply not resilient?
- 17. What must the church do differently if we are to raise up men and women of resilience? How important will this task be in the face of mounting pressures on those who claim to follow Christ in this world?
- 18. How does resilience research inform us and challenge us about the way we are raising our children and youth? Is resilience a vital life skill or something that is optional equipment designed for those who may venture into dangerous territory or excessively demanding roles?

Outline:

Moodle will provide the guide for each weeks posting and serve as the forum for group or huddle interaction and responses. Full instructions will be given on how to navigate on a weekly basis.

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Go-To-Meeting Session #1 – Monday, August 18 @ 11am (MST)
Aug 18 Week One
       Tues – 19th – Post on pp. 1-43 – What is Resilience? / Optimism? AND pp.1-36 MacDonald
       Fri – 22<sup>nd</sup> - Post Considered Response on pp. 1-43 AND pp. 1-36 MacDonald AND Group Posts
Aug 25 Week Two - Completion of Resilience Scale (RS) - Provided through Moodle
        Mon – 25<sup>th</sup> – Post on pp. 46-62 – Facing Fear
       Fri – 29<sup>th</sup> - Post Considered Response on pp. 46-62 and Group Posts
Sept 1 (Labor Day) Week Three - Posting of Your Personal Resilience Story
        Tues – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Post on pp. 64-97 – Moral Compass / Religion and Spirituality AND pp.37-66 MacDonald
        Fri – 5<sup>th</sup> – Considered Response on pp.64-97 AND pp. 37-66 MacDonald AND Group Posts
Go-To-Meeting Session #2 – Monday, September 8 @ 11am (MST)
Sept 8 Week Four –
       Mon - 8<sup>th</sup> – Post on pp. 100-126 – Social Support / Role Models AND pp. 197-238 MacDonald
       Fri – 12<sup>th</sup> – Considered Response on pp. 100-126 AND pp. 197-238 MacDonald AND Group Posts
Sept 15 Week Five – Posting of Theology of Adversity
        Case Study – Louis Zamperini - personal web research on Zamperini
        Mon – 15<sup>th</sup> – Case Study and Theology of Adversity – Post on Case and your Theology of Adversity
       Fri – 19th – Post your refined Theology of Adversity and final thoughts on Zamperini Story
Sept 22 Week Six –
        Mon - 22<sup>nd</sup> – Post on pp. 128-161 – Physical Training / Mental Training AND pp. 147-172 MacDonald
        Fri – 26<sup>th</sup> – Considered Response on pp. 128-161 and pp. 147-172 MacDonald AND Group Posts
Go-To-Meeting Session #3 – Monday, September 29 @ 11am (MST)
Sept 29 Week Seven -
        Mon - 29<sup>th</sup> – Post on pp. 165-196 – Cognitive & Emotional Fitness / Meaning AND pp. 173-195 MacDonald
       Fri – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Considered Response on pp. 165-196 AND pp. 173-195 MacDonald AND Group Posts
Oct 6
       Week Eight
        Mon - 6<sup>th</sup> – Post on pp. 198-213 – Practice of Resilience AND pp. 93-141 MacDonald
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Fri – 10th – Considered Response on pp. 198-213 AND pp. 93-141 MacDonald AND Group Posts

Go-To-Meeting Session #4 – Monday, October 13 @ 11am (MST)

OCT 24 – "My Resilience Strategy" Project Due

Requirements:

#1 – My Resilience Story & Personal Resilience Assessment – 20%

In no more than **three pages** reflect on a personal story of resilience in your own life. Pick an experience of challenge, trauma, or great pressure and describe what happened and then how you handled it mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. This need not be a success story – it may be a story of a challenge handled poorly. As you frame your Story navigate through the following questions:

- 1. What was your experience the challenge, the crisis, the test or trial you faced?
- 2. What were your early (first) reactions? Emotions? Thoughts? Behaviors? Conclusions?
- 3. What resources did you call in? People? Counsel? Personal spiritual disciplines? Other?
- 4. When were you at your best during this time of testing and adversity?
- 5. When were you at your worst?
- 6. Looking back How would you have handled this situation differently with the advantage of hindsight?
- 7. What is one major thing you have gleaned about your own coping style from this story?

The Story will be POSTED in Week Three of our Course for your Group members to read and reflect upon. The Assessment will be handed out on Week One and your results will be shared with the Instructor

Due – September 2 Posting

#2 – My Theology of Adversity -10%

In one page summarize ten declarations, principles, or statements that summarize your theology of adversity or suffering. Take time to think on biblical truth (stories and propositional teachings) that informs you about the reality of suffering and adversity in our world and then set them down in simple statements. Cite biblical foundation for each declaration. Your guide for length is to fit these on one page and one page only. We will post our respective "Theology of Suffering" and take time to fine tune these during Week Five of the Course.

Fine Tuned "Theology" Due – September 19 Posting

#3 - Journey Through *Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life's Greatest Challenges AND A Resilient Life* - 50%

These will be the two texts we will reflect upon over the nine weeks of this on-line course. We will follow the following route in capturing this text

Pre-course - Begin to Read *Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life's Greatest Challenges AND A Resilient Life.* Familiarize yourself with the Course Overview in Moodle

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#4 – My Resilience Strategy - My Personal Plan for Crafting a More Resilient Life – 20%

As a result of our class discussions/deliberations, your readings and reflections – shape your thoughts using the **template provided** for framing the ingredients of a resilient life. This template must honestly assess your current reality in each ingredient and then your sense of next steps for strengthening each aspect of resilience. The use of rich pictures or metaphors will be the key to this strategy project so think visual. This project will be ongoing as your read, reflect, and interact week by week. If you stay with this weekly your project will be 90% complete by the last week of our postings.

Format is provided - Key is being concise with your plan – Remember "less is more" but a rich picture is also a thousand words

Due – October 24, 2014 (Two Weeks After Our Last On-Line Posting)

Initial Response / Considered Response Framework

TEXT - RESILIENCE (Southwick & Charney) & A RESILIENT LIFE (MacDonald)

Saturday – Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday to Thursday	Thursday & Friday	Friday Night
Read the Concept Paragraph and Assigned Segment from TEXTS Begin to write	POST your initial reflections and response	Read the posts of those in your group / Post some brief comments / interact / engage with what has been written	Write our your considered response through the questions provided	POST your considered reflections and response
out your initial responses to the questions provided	Outside of these weekly POSTS and Group Interactions – Work on framing of your RESILIENCE STORIES and RESILIENCE Map Project			

Group Formation:

Students will be formed into groups of three (triads) at the start of the course and it will be in these groups that your postings will be read, reviewed, and interacted with. Instructions and group settings will be provided on Moodle at the start of the course. The instructor will also engage across all groups and with all students on their weekly postings. The key to making the most of this course is to set aside time weekly to focus and engage fully with your own thoughts and the thoughts of your fellow group members.

Go-To-Meeting Sessions:

The Course Outline highlights FOUR sessions for on-line interaction. NOTE these dates and times and set aside one hour for being on-line through the GTM portal. Please do not do this in a coffee shop or any other noisy environment. The Ambrose IT department can help you to make sure that your computer is compatible with GTM and that your audio and microphone functions will work properly. Please take care of this prior to our first GTM session on August 18, 2014 @ 11am (Monday Morning). We will give you full instructions as to how to navigate into these sessions on Moodle before Session #1.

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Evaluation: Determination of Final Grade:

		Due Date
#1 – My Resilience Story	20%	Sept 5
#2 – Theology of Adversity	10%	Sept 19
#3 - IR/CR on Southwick Text & MacDonald Text	50%	Weekly
#4 – My Resilience Strategy	20%	Oct 24

Rubric for Grading: Personal Resilience Story – 20 Credits Total – Due Sept 5

Story is presented as required in the assignment- Key Questions addressed and engaged with at one of the following levels:	comprehensive. The story is told in a compelling fashion and evidences deep wrestling with the experience	way that it is good . Time has been taken with each question and answered in a clear and concise manner	event in your life appears adequate. We can get a general sense of this event in your life but there is color and light missing in how the story is being told.	content is inadequate . Sorry, not quite sure what really happened and how this event affected you
	15 credits	13-14 credits	10-12 credits	<10 credits
Quality of writing	Quality is at the level expected of a graduate student. Almost no errors in grammar or spelling. APA format with almost no errors. 5 credits	Quality is approaching the level expected of a graduate student. Almost no errors in grammar and spelling. APA format with almost no errors.	The message has been communicated but the quality of writing is not at the level expected of a graduate student. APA format but has errors. 3 credits	The quality of writing makes the message difficult to interpret. Student does not use APA formatting.

Rubric for Grading: Weekly Postings – 50 Credits Total – Final Assessment Oct 15

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Quality of Posting You are expected to enter each discussion at least once to contribute to the construction of understanding around the topic in view. Do so by citing the authors, your own experience, and any other reading that you have engaged in around the topic. You are expected to be critically reflective and to demonstrate engagement with the others in your group.	Your discussion contributions are of the highest standard all the time. You often respond more than once.	Your discussion contributions are of the highest standard most of the time.	Your discussion contributions are acceptable all of the time.	Your discussion contributions are acceptable most of the time.	Your discussion contributions rarely build into the construction of understanding.
	25 credits	20-24 credits	15-19 credits	10-14 credits	<10 credits
Expectations 1. Presents in postings to group members a critical and personal response to material from readings 2. Supplement the reading with links to other resources and ideas as necessary. 3. Focus the discussion and move it forward. 4. Give feedback & encouragement to group members weekly.	Outstanding 25 credits	Very Good 20-24 credits	Satisfactory 15-19 credits	More Engagement Expected < 15 credits	I will provide each student with a mid course evaluation of their posting quality so as to improve participation and value in this course.

Rubric for Grading: Theology of Adversity – 10 Total Credits – Due Sept 19

This assignment is a simple one-page summary of your Theology of Adversity. These ten declarations or principles drawn from your own reflection on Biblical stories, propositional truth, and other reading are to be concise statements backed up by biblical references. The 10 full credits will be based on a very well framed page that reflects depth of thinking and expression. 8-9 credits will be granted for a good summary / 7 or less credits for a page that is incomplete in terms of principles and references.

Rubric for Grading: My Resilience Strategy – 20 Total Credits – Due Oct 24

Following the template provided for this project, the student has taken time and expended effort to seriously self reflect about their current reality and their future goals in at least two of the ten dimensions.	Excellent coverage of the ten dimensions in view and a well thought through strategy for strengthening one's resilience in at least four categories. The template is completed with rich word pictures or metaphors for each of the ten dimensions — reflecting current reality and future desires.	Good coverage of the ten dimensions in view and a strategy for strengthening one's resilience in at least three categories. The template is completed in with good word pictures for at least 8 of the dimensions – reflecting current reality and future desires.	Satisfactory coverage of the ten dimensions in view and a strategy for strengthening one's resilience in at least two categories. The template is completed with adequate word pictures for at least 6 of the dimensions – reflecting current reality and future desires.	Unsatisfactory coverage / incomplete template / Lack or deficiency of word pictures or metaphors reflecting current reality and future desires.
	19-20 credits	17-18 credits	15-16 credits	14 or less credits

Submission of Assignments:

Students are expected to stay current week by week with the posting schedule as outlined in the syllabus. Students are also expected to attend each of the on line session via Go-To-Meeting. Given that this is an on-line course, it is extremely important that you log in to these sessions. It is also vital that you post every week as the schedule directs – for the sake of your own learning and the learning of those in your small group.

Late Submission of Assignments:

The due dates for three assignments are posted clearly in the syllabus. These are to be submitted via Moodle on the date noted prior to midnight. Any late submissions will receive a one credit deduction for every forty eight hour period beyond the due date.

Grade Summary:

The available letters for course grades are as follows:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	% Equivalent
A+ A	Excellent	97-100 94-96
A-		90-93
B+		87-89
В	Good	84-86
B-		80-83
C+		77-79
C	Satisfactory	74-76
C-	•	70-73
D+		67-69
D	Minimal Pass	60-66
F	Failure	0-59

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform College-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor's assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously. Please note that final grades will be available on student registration system. Printed grade sheets are no longer mailed out.

Textbooks:

REQUIRED TEXTS

A Resilient Life by Gordon MacDonald, Nelson Books.

Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life's Greatest Challenges by Steven Southwick and Dennis Charney, Cambridge University Press.

<u>The Resilient Leader</u> Reader – A compilation of articles and materials on the theory and practice of resilience. This will be made available on the first day of the Session. *For under-graduate level students this Reader will not be required reading for this course.*

Policies:

All students have received an Ambrose e-mail account upon registration. It is the student's responsibility to check this account regularly as the Ambrose email system will be the professor's instrument for notifying students of important matters (Cancelled class sessions, extensions, requested appointments, etc.) between class sessions. If students do not wish to use their Ambrose accounts, it is highly recommended that they forward all messages from the Ambrose account to the other account.

During the **Registration Revision Period** students may to enter a course without permission, change the designation of any class from credit to audit and /or voluntary withdraw from a course without financial or academic penalty. These courses will not appear on the student's transcript. Courses should be added or dropped on the student portal by the deadline date, please consult the List of Important Dates. After that date, the original status remains and the student is responsible for related fees.

Students intending to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period must apply to the Office of the Registrar by submitting a Request to Withdraw from a Course by the **Withdrawal Deadline**, please consult the List of Important Dates. Withdrawal from courses after the Registration Revision period will not be eligible for tuition refund. A grade of "W" will appear on the student's transcript.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus. A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration.

Students, who find a conflict in their exam schedule must submit a **Revised Examination** Request form to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date, please consult the List of Important Dates. Requests will be considered for the following reasons only: 1) the scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another exam; 2) three final exams within three consecutive exam time blocks; 3) the scheduled final exam slot conflicts with an exam at another institution; 4) extenuating circumstances. Travel is not considered a valid excuse for re-scheduling or missing a final exam.

Electronic Etiquette

Students are expected to treat their instructor, guest speakers, and fellow students with respect. It is disruptive to the learning goals of a course or seminar and disrespectful to fellow students and the instructor to engage in electronically-enabled activities unrelated to the class during a class session. Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Laptops should be used for class-related purposes only. Please do not use iPods, MP3 players, or headphones. Do not text, read, or send personal emails, go on Facebook or other social networks, search the internet, or play computer games during class. The professor

has the right to disallow the student to use a laptop in future lectures and/or to ask a student to withdraw from the session if s/he does not comply with this policy. Repeat offenders will be directed to the Dean. If you are expecting communication due to an emergency, please speak with the professor before the class begins.

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies as stated in the Academic Calendar. Personal information, that is information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual, may be collected as a requirement as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@ambrose.edu.

Extensions

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a "Course Extension" from the Registrar's Office. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline date, please consult the List of Important Dates. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control".

Appeal of Grade

An appeal for change of grade on any course work must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar in writing within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal to review final grades. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded.

Academic Integrity

We are committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as plagiarism and cheating. Academic dishonesty is taken seriously at Ambrose University College as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is academic dishonesty. Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to give credit to another person's ideas or words. Plagiarism and cheating can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the university college. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean and become part of the student's permanent record.

Students are strongly advised to retain this syllabus for their records.

The Resilient Leader

Resources

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