WHEN A LEADER IS TAKEN

Isaiah 5-6

Fellowship (T)

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- What happened in 740 BC? God took Uzziah.

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- See what Isaiah saw when a leader was taken
 - God's authority seated on the throne in control
 - God's presence a robe filling the temple
 - God's holiness set apart from all creation

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- Before we are filled, we need to be emptied
- Before we get strength, we need to be weak
- Before His ability, we confess our availability

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- <u>Hedonism</u> (5:11)
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Conclusion

- <u>Favoritism</u> (5:22)
 - "Woe to those who acquit the guilty for a bribe"

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- Isaiah responds...
 - "Here am I. Send me."

You are invited to follow the path that Isaiah walked.



