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So take seriously the story that God has given you to live. It's time to read your own life, because your story is the one that could set us all ablaze.

~Dan B. Allender

Christ never intended to cover up the dark side of life, but rather to illuminate a path through it.

~Dan B. Allender

The work of restoration cannot begin until a problem is fully faced.

~Dan B. Allender

Healing comes when our story is raw, bone-deep and full of hunger for what only Jesus can offer.

~Dan B. Allender

Strength is found in weakness. Control is found in dependency. Power is found in surrender.

~Dan B. Allender

If we want to create a different future, we must have the courage to look at the past.

~Dan B. Allender

Every addiction is an attempt to slay hope.

~Dan B. Allender

Most people want to grow, but the price of growth is pain.

~Dan B. Allender

Every marriage moves either toward enhancing one another's glory or toward degrading each other.

~Dan B. Allender

Stories don't give answers, but they do offer perspective.

~Dan B. Allender

The desire for beauty, the hunger for union, the passion to be part of something greater than self, all arise out of our bent to worship.

~Dan B. Allender

To experience brokenness and humiliation all you have to do is lead.

~Dan B. Allender

The sole reason to serve as a Christian is Jesus, yet He is easily lost in the various activities that consume our days.

~Dan B. Allender

Courage never takes away fear; courage simply redistributes fear to get the job done.

~Dan B. Allender

Grace. Loss. Fortune. Hardship. Victory. Sometimes the worst seat is best seat in the house and it comes as a result of leading.

~Dan B. Allender

The more you openly name your struggles, the less people can use your silence as a back door to blackmail you, to sabotage your leadership, or to subvert relationships within the organization.

~Dan B. Allender

Love cannot last without a foundation of forgiveness.

~Dan B. Allender

The cost for the recipient of God's grace is nothing, and no price could be higher for arrogant people to pay.

~Dan B. Allender

Buzyness, however, is moral laziness because it involves refusing to live with courage and intentionality.

~Dan B. Allender

If you are a leader, it is not possible to be at peace with all and friends with everyone.

~Dan B. Allender

Idealism may get us into the fray, but it is the loss of all we cherish that begins to form in us a heart capable of leading others reluctantly and humbly.

~Dan B. Allender

For most leaders, humility comes only by wounds suffered from foolish falls.

~Dan B. Allender

Life is war, and marriage provides us with a close and intimate ally with whom we may wage this war. The battle requires bold love, forgiveness, confrontation, and repentance.

~Dan B. Allender

It is God's design to use reluctant servants to usher in glory.

~Dan B. Allender

If you lead, you will eventually serve with Judas or Peter.

~Dan B. Allender

One of the best sources of perspective is enemies. If we can learn from them, then we can profit from anyone.

~Dan B. Allender

In order to reclaim the joy and passion of leadership, we must walk the valley of the shadow of death and name the cost of leadership.

~Dan B. Allender

To dream alone is fantasy if it doesn't move the heart to act.

~Dan B. Allender

The more we walk the path first while becoming last and least in our organizations, the more we become like the Alpha and Omega whom we long to serve.

~Dan B. Allender

What originally led us to serve others by leading them seldom remains our North Star.

~Dan B. Allender

A reluctant leader is highly suspicious of people who work to accumulate and hoard power.

~Dan B. Allender

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