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David McKenna finds the answer in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ--a divine act for him and a defining attitude for us. Philippians 2:11-15 sets the standard and gives the details. "Your attitude should be the same as Jesus Christ" means following his call to the cross, where we die to self and sacrifice all self-interest in position, power, and prestige in order to serve obediently, faithfully, and humbly for the good of others and the glory of God. Christ-centered leadership is not an extension of the highest and best of human leadership. Radical obedience to the call of Christ and utter dependence upon the Holy Spirit make a substantive difference. In the most practical terms, Incarnation continues in us when we live fully, lead freely, and go where he wants us to go.

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Review

At last! Someone writing about Christian leadership who takes seriously the incarnation of Jesus and the actual life, ministry, and writings of Paul. . . . With the insight of decades of leadership experience and an understanding of contemporary issues, McKenna brings the focus on Christian leadership to a fine point. The essential nature of Christian leadership requires a concerted and sustained discipline to be like Jesus. Nothing else can be authentically called Christian leadership.

--Jesse C. Middendorf, General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

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--Commissioners William and Nancy Roberts, USA National Leaders, The Salvation Army

I wish I had this book when I began my career as a CEO. David McKenna gives invaluable insights to a new generation of Christian leaders, yet his wisdom runs so deep I find much to learn in *Christ-Centered Leadership*.

--Richard Stearns, President, World Vision USA

There are a myriad of books on leadership but none like *Christ-Centered Leadership* by longtime leader David McKenna. It is the premier book on leadership. . . . What is written is not mere theory but very practical examples of leadership lived out in the context of large, complex institutions as well as smaller organizations. . . . A must for every leader, regardless of age or level of leadership.

--Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church

Expertly weaving Scripture, leadership research, and personal experience, David McKenna condenses five decades of senior leadership wisdom. I wish I could have read this book when I was thirty!

--Alec Hill, President, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship --Wipf and Stock Publishers

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David McKenna is the retired President of Spring Arbor University, Seattle Pacific University, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He is the author of thirty-five books ranging from *The Communicator's Commentaries on Isaiah, Job, and Mark* to *The Leader's Legacy* and *Christ-Centered Higher Education*, *Retirement Is Not for Sissies*, *When Our Parents Need Us Most*, and *When God Laughs with Us: The Lighter Side of Leadership*. He and his wife, Janet, celebrate sixty-two years of marriage and reside in Kirkland, Washington.

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