



Redeeming Power

From Control to Compassion

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...the weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered...

► **Ezekiel 34:4-5**

Call to Examine. Invitation to Grow.

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- ▶ **Positional Power:**

Power and authority given to you because of the position you hold for the care of those entrusted to you.

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- ▶ **Power UNDER:**
Redemptive, serving, sacrificial, grace-based.

Power Under as Safety

With force and harshness you have ruled them...
and they became food for all the wild beasts...

- ▶ **Ezekiel 34:4,5**

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- ▶ **Honest Disagreement**

Power Under as Presence

...because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts...

- ▶ **Ezekiel 34:5**
- ▶ **Physically, Emotionally, Spiritually**

Power Under as Pursuit

...the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought...my sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountain and on every high hill ... with none to search for them.

► **Ezekiel 34:4,6**

Power Under as Pursuit

- **Be the first to move toward**
- **Seek the lost**
- **Remove distance**

Power Under as Service

You eat the fat...but you do not feed the sheep.
The weak you have not strengthened the sick you
have not healed, the injured you have not bound
up, the strayed you have not brought back...

► **Ezekiel 34:3,4**

Power Under as Service

- **Service is a posture of the heart**
- **Serve to give; not to get.**

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- ▶ **How am I using my power?**
For myself? My comfort? My control?
- ▶ **Do I exercise Power OVER or Power UNDER?**

“I myself will be your Shepherd” I seek the lost, I rescue the sheep, I bring them back, I feed them, I strengthen the weak, I bind up the injured.

- ▶ **Ezekiel 34**