

Over the past week, I have been paying extra attention to the way my personality lends itself to my style of leadership in music ministry. This was observed mostly during our rehearsals on Wednesday and Sunday.

Last week, you asked me if I thought my feeling not authoritative enough had to do more with J. Paul or with myself, and upon further evaluation, I want to say this—I'm more of a sit back and let someone else take the first step kind of person, and so a lot of the time with J. Paul I don't take action unless he asks me a question or something along those lines. I almost feel like I'm holding myself back, like I know the things I want to be doing but I'm too nervous to actually put them in action, for fear of things being a little awkward and stepping outside of my comfort zone. I think that I need to express this to J. Paul, so that he can take a step back and kind of force me to take the lead.

And I have some thoughts regarding the few types of leaders we discussed last week:

- Although I am very much a punctual person, I also find myself wanting to be more of the cool, relatable leader for the freshmen, and so I may let things get a little off topic instead of keeping people focused on the task at hand at all times.
- I know I'm the kind of person who likes to know the maps of songs before we start singing them through the first time, and so I think I need to just speak up beforehand and say my thoughts on the matter instead of waiting until we fumble while we're singing.
- Sometimes I feel myself wanting to show more of my passion for what I'm doing and the songs that we're singing, but I have a hard time expressing myself in words in the moment.