

## **ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM 2001**

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### **PLENARY #2: DAVID GIBBONS**

- Pursuing the Path of Paradox; I Cor 1
- Reality: A gifted church can be a divided church
- Mark of an authentic community is weakness
  - People draw near because of the weakness
  - But counter that, to the fear of fallen ministry partners
- Pursuing the Path of Paradox
  - Movement of confession
    - Parker Palmers has 4 illusions: world, god, self, and output
    - Illusions become our reality
    - Drucker says the first task of a leader is an accurate vision of reality
  - Movement of embrace
    - In my ministry, who is the outsider?
    - The under-resourced include the last, least, and lost
    - Multiethnic coalitions
  - Movement of health/stability
    - How are you promoting stability in your ministry and home?
    - Are you being frightened by drivenness
    - While people say that the three ministry falls are money, sex, and pride, the next three ministry falls are personal health, family, and staff
    - Conflict resolution
    - What is the new language of our generation, for conversational starters?
      - Are we in the ministry of social entrepreneurs?
      - Systems management
    - What the business world needs is a Christian with a world ethic; what the Christian world needs is business systems thinking (Max Dupree)
    - Reproduction ministry – who is going to follow?
      - Incubator group of potential leaders?
      - Multi-site church planting to address credibility gap of leaders
      - Pastors in residence
  - Movement of choosing discomfort; we are called to a theology of discomfort
  - Movement of silence vs. creating a voice
  - Movement of Billy Graham to Mother Teresa
    - Getting bigger by promoting small things
  - Movement of collaborative transitioning (passing on the baton)
    - First to second generations and beyond (honoring the first generation, showing we are not mavericks, showing continuity)
    - Parachurch to church
    - Denominations
    - Gender
  - Movement of blessing (leading go and heading on)
    - How are you letting go?
    - What/who do you see
    - How will you bless them?