

# LETTER TO LEADERS

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Dear Leader;

Greetings in the Lovely Name of the Lord Jesus.

I have been writing to share with you things I have learned about leadership through twenty years of experience.

## A POSITION

Leadership in the Church is a Biblical position. However, all positions are defined by relationships to other people and the positions around them.

## THREE RELATIONSHIPS

I have written of three relationships; with God, with others and with Satan.

We are sons of God.

We are servants of others.

We are lords over Satan.

If we confuse these three Biblical ideas of son, servant and lord, with the three relationships we get into serious leadership trouble.

## RELATIONSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

If we think we can have a relationship without fellowship we are thinking in Old Testament terms. The law defined relationship with God, but it provided no restoration of the fellowship that Adam lost through the fall.

Fellowship is essential to add vitality to relationship. Relationship without fellowship is sterile, dry, cold and unfruitful. Relationship without fellowship is as a marriage that has never been consummated.

## IDEAL FELLOWSHIP

We find ideal Biblical fellowship between God and Adam before the fall. God had created man for the purpose of fellowship. Adam was different than the angels. He had freedom of choice. So God especially enjoyed Adam's fellowship, since Adam entered the fellowship by choice.

## SPIRITUAL ROOTS

This relationship and fellowship between God and Adam was not just an outward social thing. It had its spiritual root.

When God made, formed and created Adam, He built into Adam's spirit realm intuitive knowledge of God and ability to commune with God, spirit to Spirit. Their relationship was a reflection of Adam's intuitive knowledge of God. Their fellowship was a reflection of their communion, Spirit to spirit.

This relationship that is vitalized by fellowship can be expressed in one word, Agape, the God kind of love.

## LEADERSHIP THROUGH LOVE

It was through this love relationship-fellowship that Adam followed God's example by choice, not by demand. God could lead only because Adam loved him enough to want to follow.

## FORBIDDEN FRUIT FRACTURES FELLOWSHIP

In this Agape relationship-fellowship, God gave Adam but one commandment. Do not eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil!

In Adam's freedom of choice, Eve was deceived and Adam chose to eat the forbidden fruit. With the fall, Adam exchanged his knowledge of God and communion with God for knowledge of good and evil. He exchanged his dependency on God and His leadership for dependency upon knowledge of good and evil within himself.

Through the fall Adam knew he was naked and he hid himself.

## GOD CAME LOOKING

Nevertheless, God came looking for Adam hiding in the garden. God knew Adam had fallen. He knew Adam was ashamed. He knew Adam was hiding. But God loved Adam so much, he came looking for Adam in the garden..

## GOD'S PATTERN

As leaders in the church of Jesus Christ, we should be examples of God's character to His people. We should manifest the same kind of love towards God's people as God had for Adam.

We need to cultivate a love relationship with God's people through fellowship. People will only follow leaders willingly when they have confidence in leadership through love. Confidence in leadership will only be sustained as leaders prove they only have God's best in mind for God's people.

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Even as Jesus talked of going after the one lost sheep, we must be willing to go after those who have failed in their relationships and have become ashamed.

## IMPOSSIBLE TASK

To move in the Agape love of God is impossible in ourselves. However, all things are possible with God. You are called to the high call of Agape leadership. There are other approaches to leadership, but they are of man. They will fail. Only Agape leadership will succeed in the Church.

Lead God's people with Agape Leadership. Feed God's people Agape Love.

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