LETTER TO LEADERS

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Dear Friend:

It looks like the dust is not going to settle quickly. The news media wants to increase public awareness of problems in the Church. Faithful Christians have many sincere questions. How can leaders minister to people's questions in this hour?

HOLD STEADY!

Do not overreact to any new additions to new news. Keep your eyes on Jesus, and others will follow your example.

ENCOURAGE OTHERS!

When leadership role models have been damaged or removed, people become insecure and discouraged. They need your encouragement now more than ever. Be positive! We should especially encourage people that the satisfaction and security they have received through role models can be received directly from God and Christ.

ENCOURAGE FELLOWSHIP!

We have become Biblical experts on our relationship with God and Christ. It has not brought complete satisfaction to God's people. God never intended that knowledge of our covenant relationship would completely satisfy the hearts of His people. We must have fellowship along with our knowledge of relationship.

It is possible that we have substituted fellowship with our leadership role models for fellowship with God. That is possibly one reason why we are disturbed when our role models are shaken.

PRAYER, PRAISE, AND WORSHIP!

These three words are fellowship words. We as leaders must encourage God's people not to make religious rituals of these three: prayer, praise, and worship. God intended these three to be life flowing fellowship, not religious rituals.

CALLED TO GOD!

If we will lead God's people into the life flowing fellowship with God, He will satisfy them. With God's satisfaction through fellowhsip, people will begin to live to help others, not to find self(ish) satisfaction. To live to help others is the magnificent obsession.

CALLED OF GOD!

You are called of God to help others. You are anointed of God to help others. You are especially important to God and His people in this hour! Hold steady! Encourage others! Encourage fellowship! Pray, Praise, and Worship! Your are called to lead people to God! Lead them!

Sincerely,

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