

KEEPING COMMUNION WITH GOD [THROUGH OUR LEADERS]

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Communion means to be one with something or someone, it is an altar, a relationship, an alliance that goes beyond physical encounter. And for Christians, it is the common union that one shares with Christ. It is through communion that we become joined to Christ in our way of being. Communion with God has lost its place in the lives of many believers. It is no longer tangible, for many, communion is just a superficial activity. Christians consider it as a duty or habits rather than a passionate pursuit. We need to go back and ask ourselves: where did communion start?

In the Bible, the first act of communion goes back to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, where God communed with men continually. Throughout the Old Testament, we notice the way communion was established. God did not want to be far away from His people, and that has not changed to this day. He wants to be close to us, and He wants us close to Him, and this happens through constant communion.

Therefore, He cannot reject all those that go to Him because His heart longs for fellowship. Communion has always been in God's plan.

God used to have communion with His people through the leaders He appointed to them, these leaders were His voice to the people. Leaders are important, and in as much as our relationship with God is personal, it does not negate the role of a leader. 1 Samuel 3:8 tells a story of when young Samuel was being called but could not distinguish who was calling Him. Here the Bible reveals the importance of a leader in someone's life, leaders are there to guide and steer one in the right direction. Leaders still have a place in a believer's life, God is a God of order, and He honours those that He has ordained as leaders.



Jesus Himself listened to the leaders in the temple way before He started His ministry (Luke 2:46), so be opened to being led and be intentional about your learning. Submitting to leadership is a sign of humility and rejecting it is a sign of pride. We should keep in mind that God cannot appoint someone in your life as your leader without revealing to the person the contribution they have to make in your life (Acts 9:17). Leaders appointed by God will always add value to your life and point you to Him. With every leader appointed to your life, God has a manual tailored for you which He gives to them.

Have moments of introspection and ask yourself if you have a relationship with your leaders. Remember we honour God through the leaders He has given us and acknowledging them is of high importance. Something to ponder on; does your communion in the body of Christ end with you going to church or Christian meetings without engaging with your leaders? If that is the case, then there is room for change, ask God to help you recognise and honour the leaders He has set before you.

