

Foundations

Week 9/10

The Apostolic Leadership Structure

THE STONE THE
BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE
CHIEF CORNERSTONE.
PSALM 118:22



The Goal With This Teaching

Equip every generation of believers until Yeshua returns with how to fulfill the great commission and continue planting more Messianic Communities as instructed by the Apostles.

“I am writing these things so that if I am delayed, you may know how one should behave in the household of God, which is the Messianic Community of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.” 1st Timothy 3:14-15 CJB

- For a Messianic Community to hear from God and accurately represent truth, it must submit to God’s leadership structure; rather than building its own kingdom or being ineffective**

Authority - God's Chain of Command

“This is the revelation which God gave to Yeshua the Messiah, so that he could show his servants what must happen very soon. He communicated it by sending his angel to his servant Yochanan, who bore witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah, as much as he saw. Blessed are the reader and hearers of the words of this prophecy, provided they obey the things written in it! For the time is near!

From: Yochanan

To: The seven Messianic communities in the province of Asia:

Grace and shalom to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; and from Yeshua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the earth's kings.

Revelation 1:1-5 CJB

“The Church Never Replaced Israel - The Church Is Israel”

“This is the man who was in the (*Strong’s G1577. ekklésia*) in the wilderness, accompanied by the angel that had spoken to him at Mount Sinai and by our fathers, the man who was given living words to pass on to us.” Acts 7:38 CJB

Acts 7:38 Bible

[He]
Οὗτός (houtos)
Demonstrative Pronoun - Nominative Masculine Singular
Strong's 3778: This; he, she, it.

was
γενόμενος (genomenos)
Verb - Aorist Participle Middle - Nominative Masculine Singular
Strong's 1096: A prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be, i.e. to become, used with great latitude.

in
ἐν (en)
Preposition
Strong's 1722: In, on, among. A primary preposition denoting position, and instrumentality, i.e. A relation of rest; 'in, 'at, on, by, etc.

the
τῆ (tē)
Article - Dative Feminine Singular
Strong's 3588: The, the definite article. Including the feminine he, and the neuter to in all their inflections; the definite article; the.

assembly
ἐκκλησία (ekklésia)
Noun - Dative Feminine Singular
Strong's 1577: From a compound of ek and a derivative of kaleo; a calling out, i.e. a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation.

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"Then Adonai gave me the two stone tablets inscribed by the finger of God; and on them was written every word Adonai had said to you from the fire on the mountain the day of the (Strong's G1577. *ekklésia*)" Deuteronomy 9:10 CJB

TOOLS

Deu 9:10

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Inflected: [ἐκκλησίας](#)

Root: [ἐκκλησία](#) 

Strong's: [G1577](#)

Code: N-GSF

Long: Noun - Genitive Singular
Feminine

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Speech: [Noun](#)

Case: [Genitive](#)

Number: Singular

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- **Yeshua is the Prophet like Moses, (Deuteronomy 18:18, Acts 3:22 & 7:37) who appointed the 12 Apostles and plurality of elders to run the Messianic Congregations (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5, Acts 20:17)**

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“After appointing elders for them in every congregation, Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord in whom they had put their trust.” Acts 14:23 CJB

“Grace and shalom from God the Father and Messiah Yeshua, our Savior! The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that remain and appoint elders in every city as I directed you” Titus 1:5 TLV

“But he did send from Miletus to Ephesus, summoning the elders of the Messianic community.” Acts 20:17 CJB

- What does this mean for us today?...

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The 1 Man Celebrity Pastor/Preacher/Rabbi Model Is Not Biblical

- It prevents discipleship & growth for the next generation
- Many leaders fall to scandals because they don't answer to anybody else
- The Torah establishes truth on the evidence of two or three witnesses



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The apostles instructed only 2 leadership positions - Overseers & deacons

“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:1-2 ESV

The greek word episkopos for overseer (ἐπίσκοπος Strong's Greek 1985) can be translated as bishop, overseer, or elder and the New Testament uses this greek word interchangeably in regards to all the functions of a shepherd(pastor), or teacher(rabbi) etc. (Acts 20:17-28, 1st Peter 5:1-5, Titus 1:9)

The english term “bishop” historically is mainly used of overseers that have been appointed in a church that goes back to the apostles. This is why most Non-Catholic or Non-Orthodox churches will use the term Pastor or elder

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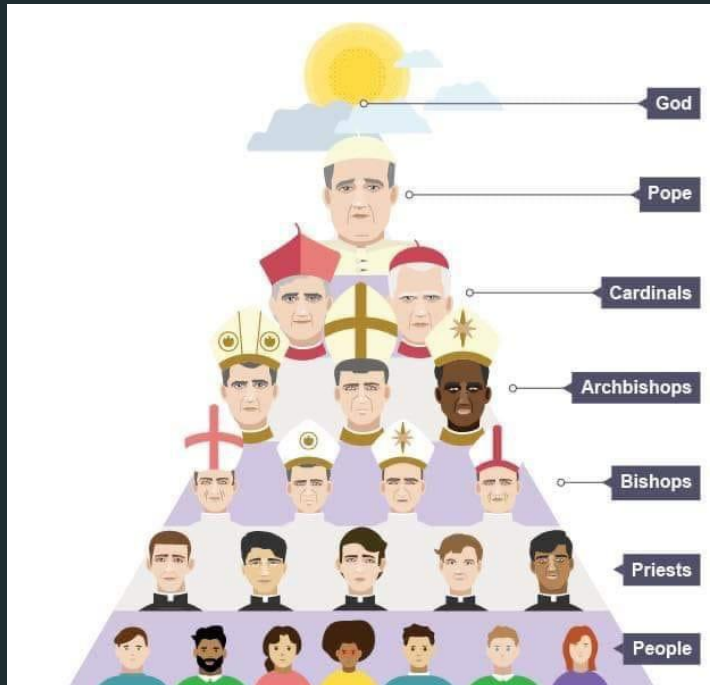
“Appoint, therefore, for yourselves, bishops (*overseers/elders*) and deacons worthy of the Lord, men meek, and not lovers of money, and truthful and proved; for they also render to you the service of prophets and teachers. Therefore do not despise them, for they are your honored ones, together with the prophets and teachers. “ - The Didache (1st Century Church Manual)

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Man Made Church Positions are Not Biblical

- We are commanded not to add/take away from what God has commanded (Deuteronomy 4:2) - Death penalty for unauthorized fire (Leviticus 10)
- This results in unnecessary confusion, payroll, and titles



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“There was also a prophet named Hannah Bat-P’nu’el, of the tribe of Asher. She was a very old woman — she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage and had remained a widow ever since; now she was eighty-four. She never left the Temple grounds but worshipped there night and day, fasting and praying. She came by at that moment and began thanking God and speaking about the child to everyone who was waiting for Yerushalayim to be liberated.” Luke 2:36 CJB

**“The following day, we left and came to Caesarea, where we went to the home of Philip the proclaimer of the Good News, one of the Seven, and stayed with him. He had four unmarried daughters with the gift of prophecy.” Acts 21:8-9
CJB**

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“but every woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled brings shame to her head — there is no difference between her and a woman who has had her head shaved.” 1st Corinthians 11:5 (14:34-35 is about being disruptive)

“Likewise, tell the older women to behave the way people leading a holy life should. They shouldn’t be slanderers or slaves to excessive drinking. They should teach what is good, thus training the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to take good care of their homes and submit to their husbands. In this way, God’s message will not be brought into disgrace.” Titus 2:4 CJB

“I am introducing to you our sister Phoebe, shammash (*deaconess*) of the congregation at Cenchrea” Romans 16:1 CJB (1st Timothy 3:11 Women Deacons)

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“Accordingly, I judged it all the more necessary to find out what the truth was by torturing two female slaves who were called deaconesses. But I discovered nothing else but depraved, excessive superstition.” - Pliny the Younger to Roman Emperor Trajan 110 AD



But appointing bishops/overseers/elders is only for biblically qualified men
“Let a woman learn in peace, fully submitted; but I do not permit a woman to teach a man or exercise authority over him; rather, she is to remain at peace.”
1st Timothy 2:11-12 CJB (Woman can serve in tandem with husband who is an overseer/elder - 1Cor 16:19. Rom 16:3-5. Acts 18:2)

How The Apostles Commanded To Appoint Overseers & Deacons

We don't take volunteers, we appoint leadership. They must be called/chosen:

“But you should choose from among all the people competent men who are God-fearing, honest and incorruptible to be their leaders, in charge of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.” Exodus 18:21 CJB

“Pick for yourselves from each of your tribes men who are wise, understanding and knowledgeable; and I will make them heads over you.” Deuteronomy 1:13 CJB

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Biblically Qualified Men

“The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that remain and appoint elders in every city as I directed you— if anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children of faith with no charge of wild living or rebellion. For the overseer must be blameless as God’s administrator—not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, devout, disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message in keeping with the teaching, so he can both encourage by instruction that is sound and convict those who speak against it.”

Titus 1:5-9 TLV

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Biblically Qualified Men

“Trustworthy is the saying: “If any man aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a good work.” An overseer, then, must be beyond criticism—the husband of one wife, clear-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine, not violent but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money, managing his own household well, keeping his children under control with all respectfulness. (But if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s community?) He must not be a new believer, or he may become puffed up and fall into the same judgment as the devil. Furthermore, he must have a good reputation with those outside, so that he will not fall into disgrace and the devil’s trap.” 1st Timothy 3:1-7 TLV

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Biblically Qualified Deacons

“Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not insincere, not prone to drink much wine, not greedy for money, but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. These men must also first be tested; then have them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. Deacons must be husbands of one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” 1st Timothy 3:8-13 NASB2020

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Anyone who doesn't profess Yeshua as Messiah is not allowed to teach anyone about the scriptures (Biblically Unqualified)

“holding to an outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people! For among these are those who slip into households and deceive weak women weighed down with sins, led away by various desires, always learning yet never able to come to the knowledge of truth.” 2nd Timothy 3:5-7 TLV

“Who is a liar at all, if not the person who denies that Yeshua is the Messiah? Such a person is an anti-Messiah — he is denying the Father and the Son. Everyone who denies the Son is also without the Father” 1 John 2:22-23 CJB

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From the plurality of elders/overseers there must be one head overseer designated for that specific location. James (Ya'akov) the brother of Yeshua was the head of the first Messianic Community in Jerusalem

“Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him for fifteen days. But I did not see another one of the apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.” Galatians 1:18-19 ESV

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“After they finished speaking, Jacob (*James/Ya’akov*) answered, “Brothers, listen to me. Simon has described how God first showed His concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for His Name. The words of the Prophets agree, as it is written: ‘After this I will return and rebuild the fallen tabernacle of David. I will rebuild its ruins and I will restore it, so that the rest of humanity may seek the Lord— namely all the Gentiles who are called by My name— says Adonai, who makes these things known from of old. Therefore, I judge not to trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God— but to write to them to abstain from the contamination of idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what is strangled, and from blood. For Moses from ancient generations has had in every city those who proclaim him, since he is read in all the synagogues every Shabbat.” Acts 15:13-21 TLV

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“Ananus was of this disposition, he thought he had now a proper opportunity [to exercise his authority]. Festus was now dead, and Albinus was but upon the road; so he assembled the sanhedrin of judges, and brought before them the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ, whose name was James, and some others, [or, some of his companions]; and when he had formed an accusation against them as breakers of the law, he delivered them to be stoned” - (Antiquities Of The Jews 20.197-203)

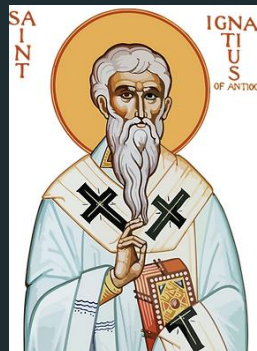


Josephus 93 AD

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“I salute your most worthy bishop (*Polycarp*), and your very venerable presbytery, and your deacons, my fellow-servants, and all of you individually, as well as generally, in the name of Jesus Christ, and in His flesh and blood, in His passion and resurrection, both corporeal and spiritual, in union with God and you. Grace, mercy, peace, and patience, be with you for evermore!”

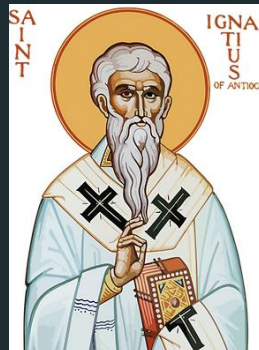


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“Ignatius, who is also called Theophorus, to the Church of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, which is at Philadelphia, in Asia... I salute in the blood of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal and enduring joy, especially if [men] are in unity with the bishop, the presbyters, and the deacons, who have been appointed”



- Ignatius of Antioch to the Philadelphians 110 AD

Our Biblical Structure:

- **Bob & Jacquie are Elders (Presbyters/Overseers), they function in the office of Prophet and Apostle above and to this congregation**
- **Jesse functions as the Leader (Head overseer), Pastor (Shepherd) & Teacher (Rabbi) with his wife Samantha**
- **Samantha is the “Shameshim” (Deacon)**
- **Saul has joined the Presbyters/Overseers in the Teaching (Rabbi) function**
- **Many are training to be messengers of the Good News (Evangelists)**
- **There are many who function in gifts here, through the authority chain that is from God, to the Messiah, to His servants by the apostles Rev 1:1. As we grow, so will elders (Presbyters/Overseers), deacons, and functions**

"Lo Beseder" Out - Of - Order

- **Demonic influence often disrupts congregations, causing chaos and disorder by confusing Gods chain of authority: 2Pe 2:10, 3Jn 1:9-10, Jud 1:8**
- **To correct a leader, is to place yourself above them in the authority chain.**
- **Matthew 18 applies to all, but words of personal correction are always private**
- **1Tim 5:19 Never listen to any accusation against a leader unless it is supported by two or three witnesses. (Read v20)**
- **1Tim 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren: 1Sa 24:6 (24:7) He said to his men, "Adonai forbid that I should do such a thing to my lord, Adonai's anointed, as raise my hand against him! After all, he is Adonai's anointed."**

Biblical Procedure:

- Like David, it's not a respect for Saul per say, rather a respect for the process and the anointing (calling) on God's commissioned leaders. Follow process = God rewards.
- When they are out of order, treat them like a father or brother. You approach them softly.
- When in obvious sin, after private talk, then two or three witnesses, then public rebuke
- This process is rarely followed, going on an out of order attack or they will just leave when due process needs to be followed.

Teachers(Elders/Overseers/Shepherds) Will Be Judged Stricter

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, since you know that we will be judged more severely.” James 3:1 CJB (Ezekiel 34, Ezekiel 9:6)

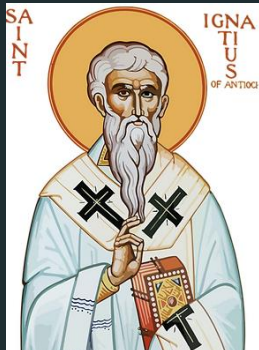
“But don’t forget doing good and sharing with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your lives, as people who will have to render an account. So make it a task of joy for them, not one of groaning; for that is of no advantage to you. Keep praying for us, for we are certain that we have a clear conscience and want to conduct ourselves properly in everything we do.” Hebrews 13:16-18 CJB

“The leaders who lead well should be considered worthy of double honor, especially those working hard at communicating the Word and at teaching. For the Tanakh says, “You are not to muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain” in other words, “The worker deserves his wages.” 1st Timothy 5:17-18

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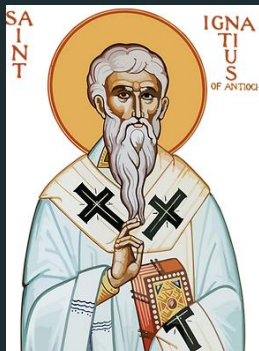
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“These persons neither have the prophets persuaded, nor the law of Moses, nor the Gospel even to this day, nor the sufferings we have individually endured. For they think also the same thing regarding us. For what does any one profit me, if he commends me, but blasphemes my Lord, not confessing that He was [truly] possessed of a body?... They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they confess not the Eucharist to be the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins, and which the Father, of His goodness, raised up again.”



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On hearing it, many of his talmidim said, “This is a hard word — who can bear to listen to it?” But Yeshua, aware that his talmidim were grumbling about this, said to them, “This is a trap for you? Suppose you were to see the Son of Man going back up to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh is no help. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life,” John 6:53-55, 60-65 CJB

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“ The “cup of blessing” over which we make the b'rakhah — isn't it a sharing in the bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah? The bread we break, isn't it a sharing in the body of the Messiah? Because there is one loaf of bread, we who are many constitute one body, since we all partake of the one loaf of bread. Look at physical Isra'el: don't those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? So, what am I saying? That food sacrificed to idols has any significance in itself? or that an idol has significance in itself? No, what I am saying is that the things which pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice not to God but to demons; and I don't want you to become sharers of the demons! You can't drink both a cup of the Lord and a cup of demons, you can't partake in both a meal of the Lord and a meal of demons. “ 1st Corinthians 10:16-21 CJB

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“and in connection with the cloud and with the sea they all immersed themselves into Moshe, also they all ate the same food from the Spirit, and they all drank the same drink from the Spirit — for they drank from a Spirit-sent Rock which followed them, and that Rock was the Messiah...” The “cup of blessing” over which we make the b'rakhah — isn't it a sharing in the bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah? The bread we break, isn't it a sharing in the body of the Messiah? Because there is one loaf of bread, we who are many constitute one body, since we all partake of the one loaf of bread. Look at physical Isra'el: don't those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? So, what am I saying? That food sacrificed to idols has any significance in itself? or that an idol has significance in itself? No, what I am saying is that the things which pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice not to God but to demons; and I don't want you to become sharers of the demons! You can't drink both a cup of the Lord and a cup of demons, you can't partake in both a meal of the Lord and a meal of demons. “ 1st Corinthians 10:2-4, 16-21 CJB

The Apostles Commanded To Follow The Biblical Calendar

“Get rid of the old hametz, so you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened—for Messiah, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast not with old hametz, the hametz of malice and wickedness, but with unleavened bread—the matzah of sincerity and truth.” 1st Corinthians 5:7-8

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“Now concerning the times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. When they are saying, “Shalom and safety,” sudden destruction comes upon them like a woman having birth pains in the womb—there is no way they will escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the dark, so that the Day might overtake you like a thief.” 1st Thessalonians 5:1-4 TLV

“So don’t let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to a Jewish festival or Rosh-Hodesh or Shabbat. These are a shadow of things that are coming, but the body is of the Messiah.” Colossians 2:16-17 CJB

The Apostles Commanded To Seek The Gifts Of The Spirit

“Pursue love! However, keep on eagerly seeking the things of the Spirit; and especially seek to be able to prophesy... What is our conclusion, brothers? Whenever you come together, let everyone be ready with a psalm or a teaching or a revelation, or ready to use his gift of tongues or give an interpretation; but let everything be for edification. If the gift of tongues is exercised, let it be by two or at most three, and each in turn; and let someone interpret... So, my brothers, eagerly seek to prophesy; and do not forbid speaking in tongues; but let all things be done in a proper and orderly way.” 1st Corinthians 14 CJB

“Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries (to build), some as prophets (to reveal), some as proclaimers of the Good News (Evangelists), and some as shepherds (Nurture/Pastor) and teachers (to explain). Their task is to equip God’s people for the work of service that builds the body of the Messiah, until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah’s perfection.” Ephesians 4:11-13 CJB We need them all!

What slows us down?

If any part of the “chain of command” is broken or out of order, the authority in the chain is also lost!

Some Examples:

- Lone Wolf Mentality (Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 4:9, Leviticus 23)
- Lack of calling (anointing): Building your own kingdom, eschatology etc..
- Biblically unqualified: A collegiate degree means nothing of itself
- Lack of Eldership plurality: “Pastor reigns supreme” (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5)
- No head leader: “I’m a facilitator in a home group” (1 Chron 24, Acts 15)
- Not being connected to God’s Biblical Calendar (1st Thessalonians 5:1-4)
- Not Spirit Filled = Cannot be apart of the chain of command! (1st Corinthians 14:39-40)
- Lack of Holiness within the congregation (Revelation 2:5)
- Spiritually Weak, Biblically Illiterate, and Cowardly Men (Malachi 2:14-16,, 1st Peter 3:7, 1st Timothy 2:8, Ephesians 5:25, Ephesians 6:4)

When We Follow The Apostolic Leadership Structure

When we are doing what we should, when we should: 2Chron 5:2-3

- God is approached properly: 2Chron 5:4
- Holiness in the Assembly: 2Chron 5:6
- Holiness in Leadership 2Chron 5:11
- The body in unity: 2Chron 5:12-13

Then....

- 2Chron 5:13-14 "then, when the trumpeters and singers were playing in one accord, to be heard harmoniously praising and thanking Adonai, and they lifted their voices together with the trumpets, cymbals and other musical instruments to praise Adonai: "for he is good, for his grace continues forever" — then, the house, the house of Adonai, was filled with a cloud; so that because of the cloud, the cohanim could not stand up to perform their service; for the glory of Adonai filled the house of God."

Tree of Life Tabernacle Confession of Faith

We believe the apostles of Yeshua planted churches with a plurality of elders (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5) that were seasoned in the scriptures and not recent converts alongside the head overseer to help instruct the sheep from scripture alone. These elders also provided wise counsel to the head overseer to prevent a one man show or from falling into error. In this way everything may be established on the evidence of two or three witnesses (1 Timothy 5:19). We believe the scriptures indicate that women can teach (Titus 2:4), prophesy (1st Corinthians 11:5), and take part in leadership in the congregations (1 Timothy 3:11, Romans 16:1) but the head overseer and final decision maker in conflicts must always be a male and husband of only one wife (1 Timothy 3).

The Apostolic Leadership Structure

THE STONE THE
BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE
CHIEF CORNERSTONE.
PSALM 118:22

