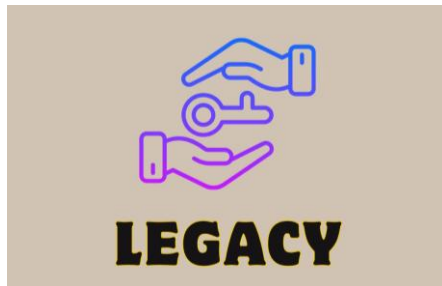


LEGACY

The Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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As the Lord's Flock celebrates its fortieth (40th) Anniversary this month, we as members are called to prayerfully discern the community's future, especially with the number 40 having biblical significance often denoting transition or divine revelation. We must take to heart God's calling to be "a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5). It is said that human beings need to need to live, to love, to learn and to leave a legacy. In turn, as a community, we can make a lasting legacy by valuing our IDENTITY (what makes us unique), sustaining our INTEGRITY through the decades, and realizing the IMPACT of the community to the lives of individuals.

1. Composition of Legacy

- 1.1. Core Philosophy. We need to go back to the core purpose as relayed by the founders and encapsulated in the vision, teachings, and testimonies recorded through various media in order to protect the community from the danger of splitting.
- 1.2. Contextual Teachings. These are teachings and philosophies adapting through the years to the signs of the times in order for the community to survive and thrive.
- 1.3. Personal Impressions/Interpretations. These include stories, personal comments and ideas that are not binding.

2. Significance of Vision

Vision is a God-given revelation that is relayed to and through the leaders that sets the direction of the community. It is God revealing His purpose to each of us and to the community as a whole. Without a vision, people perish.

- 2.1. When we are faithful to the Vision, we will experience God's personal guidance, community direction and lifelong flourishing.
- 2.2. On the other hand, when the leaders and members steer away from the Vision, the result is moral decay, spiritual deception or idolatry (Exo. 32), and communal despair or disillusionment.

3. Necessary Safeguards

- 3.1. Anti-cult. We must be careful not to idolize leaders, rather, appreciate their teachings and philosophies.
- 3.2. Anti-drift. We must guard against any direction that shifts the mind and heart away from that of the Founders-Elders.
- 3.3. Anti-abuse. We must be vigilant of any form of abuse (such as economic or sexual) within the community.
- 3.4. Anti-fracture/fragmentation. We must be wary of any form of division.

4. Leaders Should Have F.A.I.T.H.

Those who have power, authority and influence must exercise the following:

- 4.1. Fairness in all dealings
- 4.2. Accountability by accepting responsibility for their actions, decisions, and policies
- 4.3. Integrity, that is wholeness of mind, body and spirit
- 4.4. Transparency in finances
- 4.5. Humility, that is the greatest virtue.

Conclusion:

All in all, the legacy that any organization leaves behind redounds to leadership. It is said that the greatest leaders are those that exhibit personal humility but are strong willed. Let us pray for our leaders to be docile to the Spirit, living in spiritual governance (2 Cor. 5:7) as they set the direction of the community for the future.

Reflection:

1. What can you do to contribute to the attainment of the vision that God has set for our community?
2. Are you willing to pray for the welfare of our leaders and the future of the community?

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