

CORPORATE SPIRITUALITY

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The communal reverence for this spiritual relationship is described in the fundamental theological tenets by Keith Boa. Moreover, he personifies faith essentials to accomplish the societal manifestation to unify the family of God, through the converted hearts of humanity in Christ Jesus. In addition, the process of spiritual formation is expressed in the dimensions of superficial relationships, alienation and worldly distractions; while emphasizing the life of Christ revealed in the genuine communal lifestyle of regenerated Believers. Therefore, as I consider the valid parameters for corporate spirituality; our spiritual lives do unite the personal and social desire of Christ centered individuals, devoted to harmonizing holiness with others.

With that being said, no harmonizing or unity in the corporate spiritual life, is achieved without this commandment operating in the hearts of Believers as Boa clearly states: “Our Lord tells us, “If you love me, you will love the people I love.” This is the impetus for discipleship and the motif for the redemptive plan of God, to reconcile human relationships in love that must begin in the household of faith. “The personal inside-out transformation that is realized through presence and action of Jesus is meant to reconcile and renew relationships with others.” This statement by Boa really resonated with me, because there is so much confusion and division in the church now, due to sheep bucking for positions and titles; since many are seeking the prestige of power in the name of Jesus, while wounding new converts, and shattering corporate unity in the Body of Christ. Despite the fact, that this is the place where caring for souls, is the mandate of the Christian call.

Furthermore, instead of love being the spiritual drive in this age, many parishioners seem to have shallow standards regarding their regenerative life change. What I mean is, that being conformed to the image of Christ is not the transcending biblical vision many worshippers are seeking. It is the benefits of the blessings and faith rewards being proclaimed in Jesus’ name, that

emulate prosperity encased in spirituality, not to mention, the clout of church membership. In light of this thought, it aligns Boa's statement regarding the things that distort the church: "when religious leaders repackage cultural agendas in spiritual languages, parishioners no longer receive the milk and meat of the Word but become spiritually and morally emaciated on the husks of the world." Because of this, "the redemptive plan of God to restore relationships," is being distorted to a mere concept of an association with Christ rather than a cohesive covenant bond. For this reason, caring for the souls of converts and the community is devoid of: spiritual friendships, spiritual guidance, spiritual mentoring, and direction, because the church membership is comprised of unhealthy leaders and servants.

In closing, spiritual renewal is needed in our churches now. It is paramount that we individually and collectively evaluate our personal spiritual relationships with Christ, because discipleship will begin to mirror worldly recruitment and status quo, rather than innate personal renewals. This could impact our mission for corporate revival to rebuild faith communities. Lastly, when our hearts are transformed and our desire to please God makes us accountable in serving this present age, spiritual relationships will be endowed with the holy nutrients that build healthy leaders and cohesive covenant in the church community of faith.