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TRANSITION: The Most Intense Phase Of Labor.

Transition, unlike active labor, is the storm before the calm. It is by far the hardest part of birthing...It is here that a mother's focus might falter. This is the stage where women may doubt their ability to birth the baby ...they may worry about how long labor will last and how much more intense it will become.

- Feeling Out of Control – Foggy - Averse to Distractions
- Disoriented - Self-Doubt

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## **2. Five Fold Ministry Graces:**

- Tensions between paid clergy doing work of ministry vs all believers.
- Tensions between Apostolic and Pastoral

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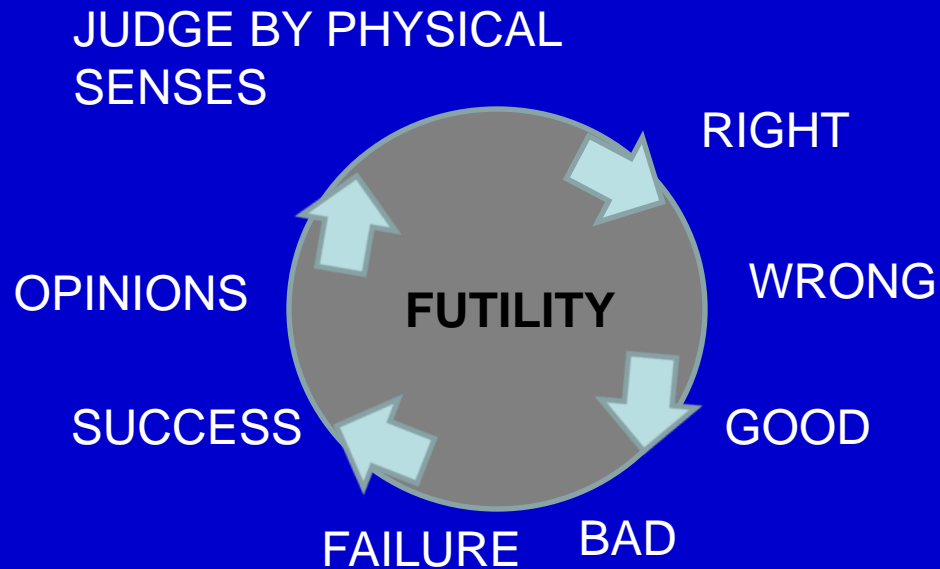
### APOSTOLIC

- Advance
- Complete the mission

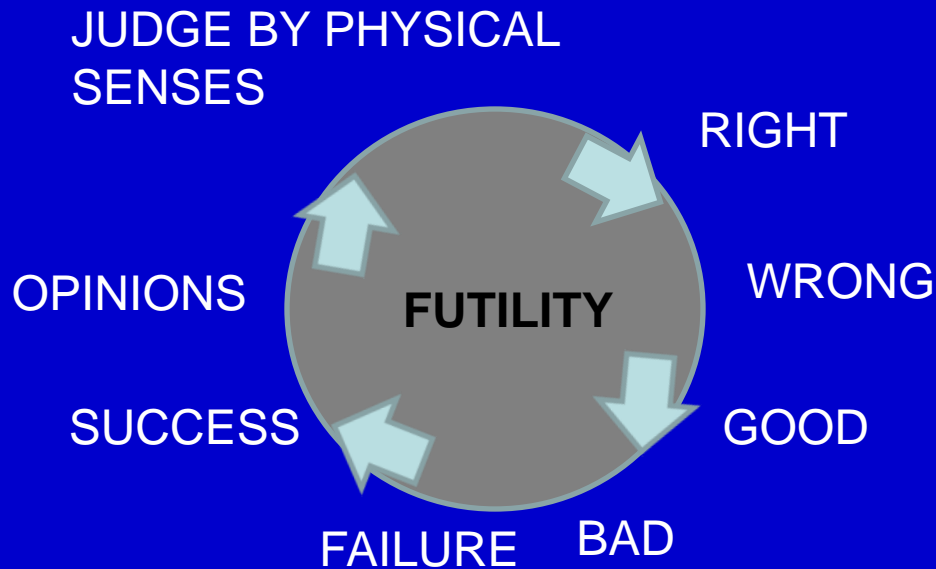
### PASTORAL

- Occupy
- Care for the wounded

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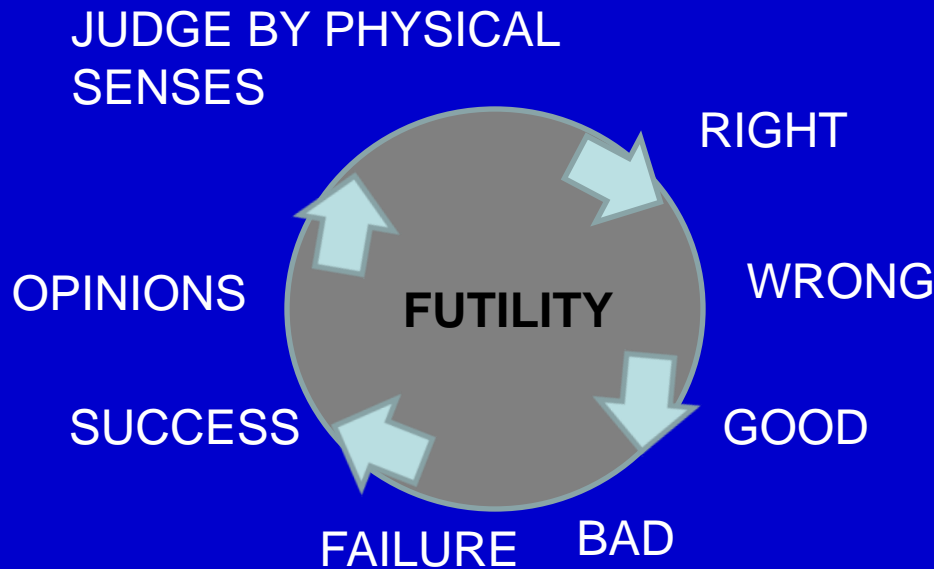
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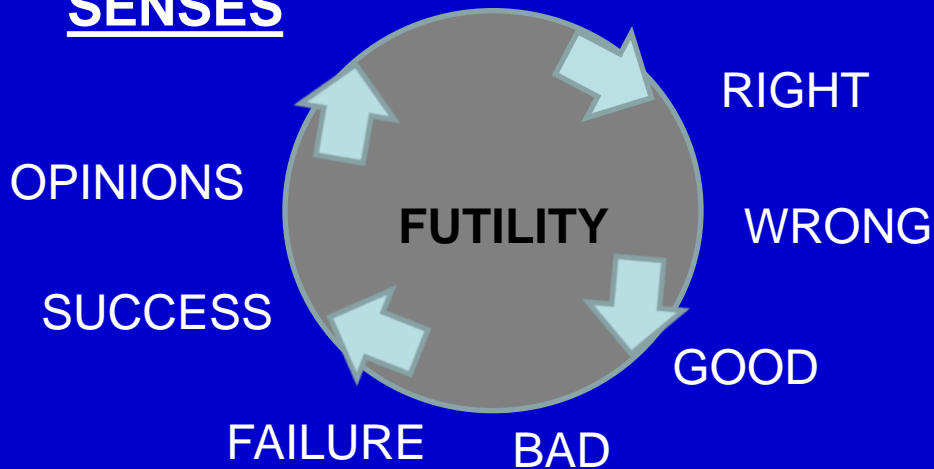
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*So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. - Ecc 2:17*



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## JUDGE BY PHYSICAL SENSES



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“If by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead... I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.” (Phil 3:11, 14-16)

# *Five fold ministry graces*

When we talk about the “*five fold ministry graces*” or the “*ascension gift ministries*” they are simply ministries that have learned through revelation something of heaven’s perspective on who God is, and who we are in Christ.

They are ministers that focus on the things of the spirit more than on the things of the flesh.

They minister a “*righteousness consciousness*” rather than a “*sin consciousness*” in the light of the New Covenant.

# Five fold ministry graces

- ***“For every one who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age (mature), that is, those who by reason of use have their spiritual senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:13, 14).***

# Five fold ministry graces

- “For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, **the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.** For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech” (II Corinthians 3:9-12).

# Five fold ministry graces

- “...The authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than tearing you down” (II Corinthians 10:8; 13:10). “Knowledge puffs up (makes arrogant), but love edifies (builds up)” (I Corinthians 8:1).

As we seek to walk out the Kingdom in our unique sphere of Maranatha Niverville we have entered into another stage of brining corporate clarity and definition to who we are and our mission moving forward.

We have been through a time of renovation and I believe we have now shifted from a season of primarily deconstruction and to a time of construction.

This construction stage must be built on a solid foundation which will support the structures to come.



Growing in our understanding and entering into Kingdom ways will require us to go deeper in our relationships through participation and interaction, questions and answers, honest discussion and corporate seeking and surrender to the headship of Christ.

# THE KINGDOM OF GOD



**IN TENSION**

## **In the kingdom, the focus is on manifesting God in the whole earth.**

- Recognizes Jesus as King over all and that all authority comes from above.
- Not escaping from earth... but bringing heaven to earth!
- Not withdrawing from but invading earth
- Every sphere of culture is engaged

## **In the kingdom, all believers are released to the work of the ministry**

- Not just paid clergy.
- Every believer is a priest!

## **In the kingdom, the five-fold minister equips the saints to do the work of the ministry!**

- Instead of doing the work of the ministry.

## CULTURAL PATH

Based on security – wanting to know where we are going and how we are going to get there

1. Collect information
2. Process information to gain understanding
3. Leads to programs
4. We are in control

## KINGDOM PATH

1. Begins with surrender
2. Leads to security (not in a plan, but in a person)
3. Gives us direction
4. Provides us with courage.

# Kingdom Path

## **UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE**

- spiritually rooted
- we can only go as wide (have effective ministry) as we are willing to go deep.

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## Earth Disconnected from Heaven

- Relies on Human reason
- Independent human strength
- Exaltation of Mind
- Mind on earthly things

## Heaven disconnected from Earth

- Over spiritualizes
- Withdraws from world
- Spirit divorced from Mind
- Theology of escapism from Earth

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Infiltrates / Influences / Invades

Through heavenly weapons of love, forgiveness, honor, respect and submission to authority.

Resulting in transformation of earthly atmosphere.

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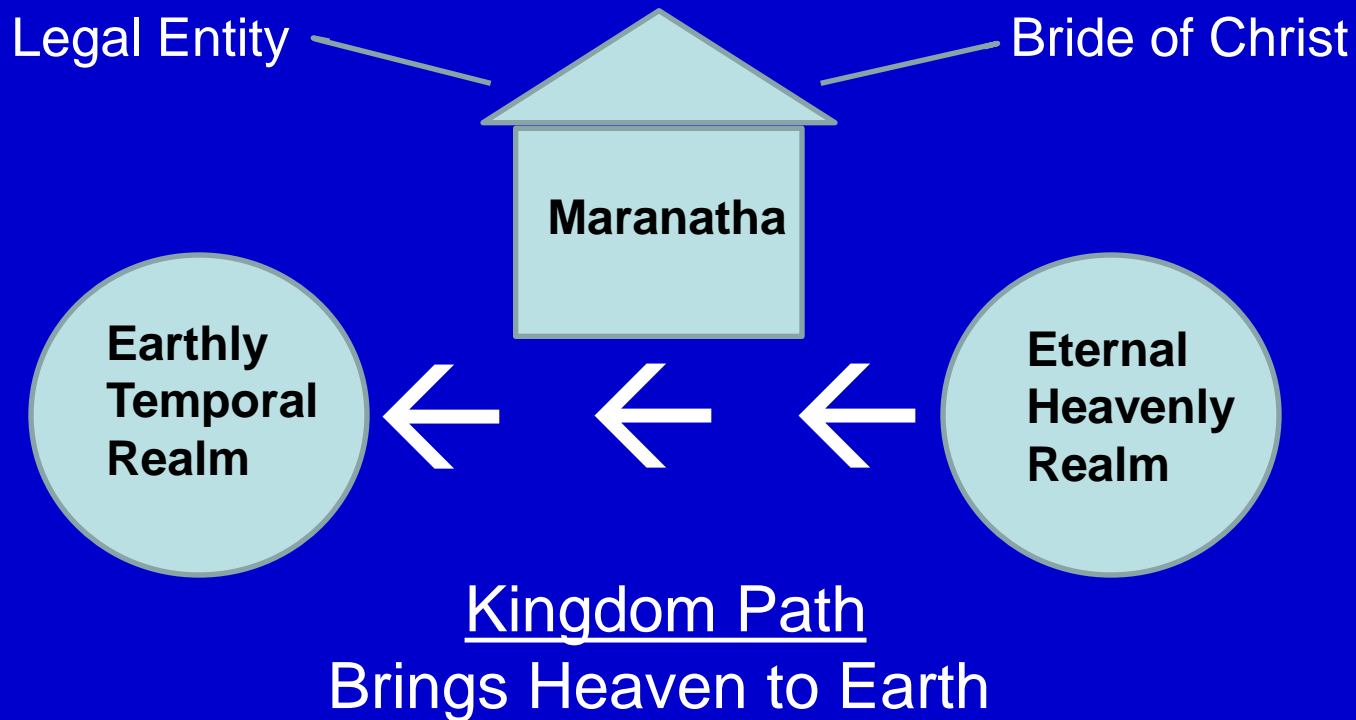
*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).*

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations (ethnos)” (Matthew 28:19).*

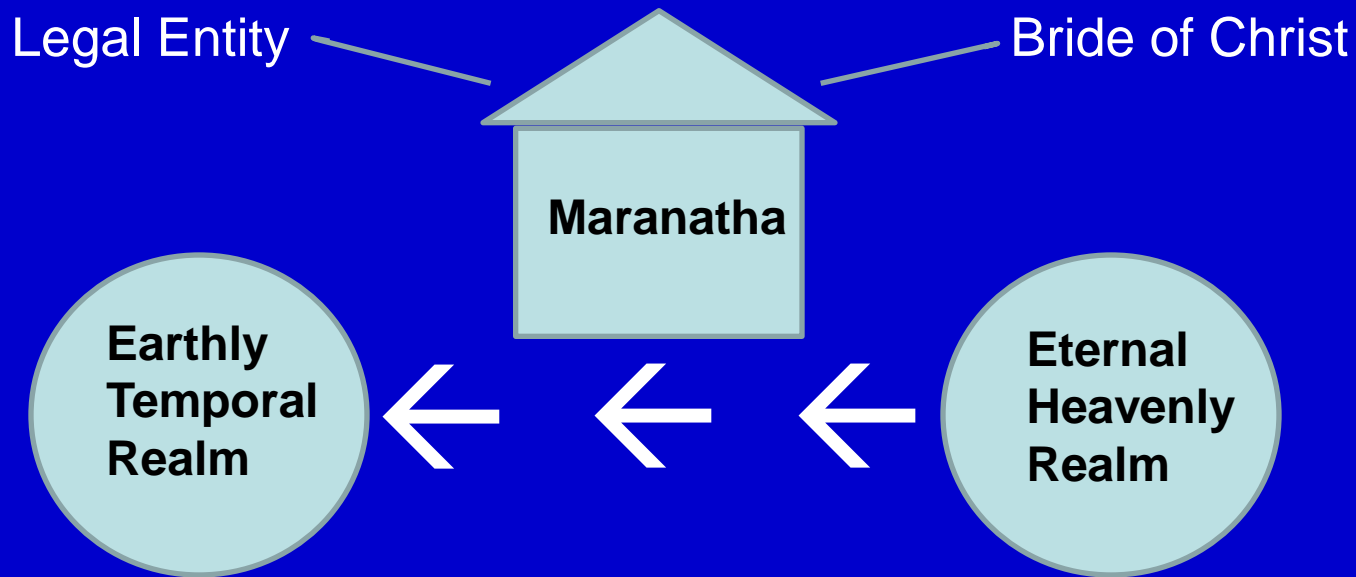
*Occupy (do business) until I come” (Luke 19:13).*

*“As the Father has sent me (from heaven to earth), even so send I you” (John 20:21).*

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## BOD

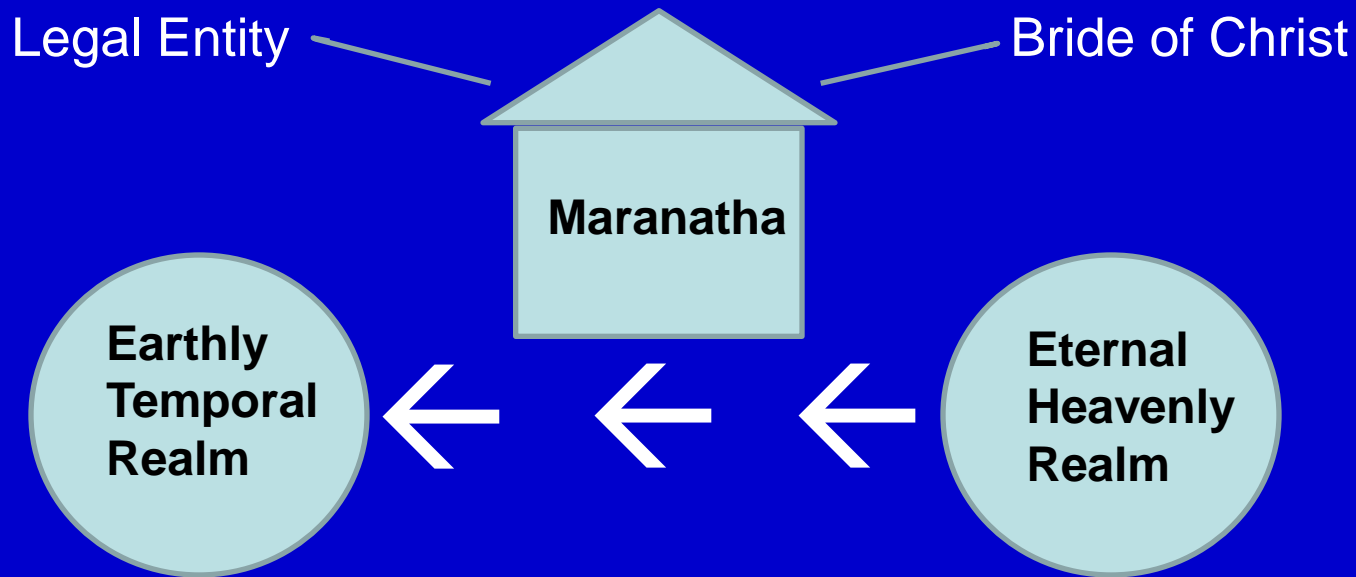
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# *Roles and Responsibilities for the Board of Directors*

## General Operating By-Law Article IV

- The Directors are put into office by a vote of the church members.
- The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to act in good faith in what they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the Corporation.
- The Corporation is a distinct, legal entity with a separate legal personality from its Directors and Members. Directors have a duty to disclose a conflict of interest, and not to vote on a matter where the Director is in conflict.
- Each Director of the Corporation becomes a Member of the Corporation, and no member of the Board of Directors will receive financial benefit from the Corporation other than recovering expenses paid out-of-pocket on behalf of the congregation.

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## LEADERSHIP

- Responsible before God to in the heavenly realm (to be worked out in the earthly)
- Recognized by what they carry from heaven
- Not elected

# *Roles and Responsibilities for the Leadership Team*

## General Operating By-Law Article III Spiritual Covering (p4)

- The primary concern of this team is spiritual oversight and undergirding of other ministries.
- They are responsible for the spiritual direction of the total ministry of the Church.
- They are responsible to facilitate the structuring of the Church's life to encourage the involvement of the congregation.
- They have a demonstrated ability to teach the word in a way that equips the saints into the work of the ministry rather than using the saints to build their own ministry. Eph. 4:8-13.

## **Roles and Responsibilities for the Leadership Team**

*“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift...And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors and teachers** for the **equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ** until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the experiential knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:7, 11-13).*



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## Policy Statement Article VII Section 2 The Leadership Team (p 8)

- An essential mark of true leaders in the Body of Christ, in whatever capacity, is that they lead by **example**. A leader is a **role model** that can be *seen*, not just *heard* in word only. Godly leadership involves **caring** (I Corinthians 14:25, 26; II Corinthians 11:28), **servng** (Matthew 20:25-28; Galatians 5:13), and showing **hospitality** (Romans 12:13; Titus 1:8; I Peter 4:8-10).
- The goal is to recognize more faithful leaders and more emerging leaders within the congregation who can “*teach others to teach others*” (II Timothy 2:2) , and *role model* the gospel in a way that more people will see the light of the gospel and have their mind renewed to the word of God. **This is not something that can be established by a congregational vote, and only as saints step out in willing obedience will it be recognized**, at least by some within a sphere of godly influence, what it is that they carry from heaven.

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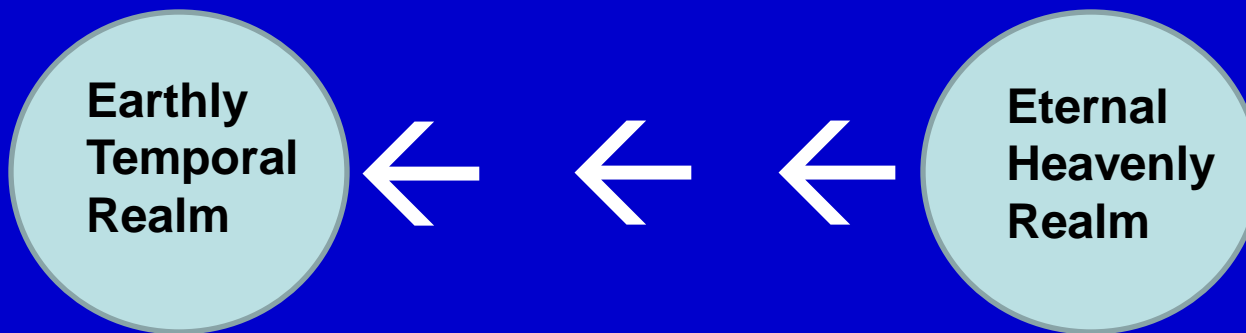
## Policy Statement Article VIII Changes in Leadership (p9 -10)

- If leadership, directors or members fall into an error that diminishes rather than expands the Kingdom, and become hardened in that, there is a *spiritual* rather than a *political* process to deal with that, and that is to first go to the offending brother or sister directly. If they will not hear you, take it to two, three or four trusted elders on the leadership team, and if the party does not listen to them, it is then taken to the next level to the members of the congregation. If they will not listen to the congregation, they can then be removed from office or from membership. Matthew 18:15-17. However, the *intention* and *motive* is always to be one of *restoration*, not *removal*. Galatians 6:1, 2.

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The Tension between the two is walked out on the Kingdom path where there is collaboration and unity of heart between the BOD, Leadership Team and Congregation. Each seeking to understand the heart of the other and make godly decisions.