

FALSE BRETHREN (PART 1)

Galatians 2:4 (KJV) And that because of FALSE BRETHREN unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

Most churches start very well. Everyone loving each other, and unity of purpose, tolerance and oneness abounding. Later on, you will begin to notice dome fissures and rifts forming in the group, mistrust growing and division.

It will be said they started so well, how have they become like this. They stated so united why have they become so divided, so polarised like this. Apostle Paul identified the problem as he was writing to the Galatians in the above scripture. The problem was some FALSE BRETHREN had sneaked in the group. It doesn't matter how strong and powerful the group was/is, if it can't deal with false brethren it will fall down. It doesn't matter how powerful a pastor is, if he can't deal with false brethren, he will never go anywhere.

Who are the false brethren?

These are fake people, unreliable, undependable and disloyal people in the ranks of the church.

1. Some are typical messengers of satan who will just come to destroy the good work being done at the local church. In most churches there are satanic representatives who are masquerading as believers yet they are sent by satan to cause confusion and destroy the church.

2. Some are vagabonds. Vagabonds are wanderers. They have no actual home and are not loyal to anyone. They claim they hear God on their own and pray for themselves. They go wherever they feel it's powerful at that time, and leave if they get bored. Such believers cannot be trusted in your groups. If you have them, keep them away from brethren, don't give such people any opportunity, they will spoil the believers.

3. People who are wicked and evil.

Some people are generally evil. They don't want to see good things happening and not being done by them. Anything good should be done by them. If they see a young man doing well, instead of supporting him they pull him down...such people are called false brethren. They never encourage anyone, they pulldown people. They make hot people turn cold. Some will end up out of the church because of false brethren.

How do you identify a false brethren?

1. They have a criticism for everything that is happening in the church. They criticize from the pastor to the sunday school. It is not always bad to criticize the choir for not singing well or the finance team or the ushers, we can all be criticised BUT a false brother has a criticism for anything and for anyone in church. From pulpit to the door he/she has criticism. When someone doesn't have anything or anyone he praises in church, be careful you might be talking to a false brother.

2. A false brother knows all negative things of church members and pastors and even pastors of other churches. Be suspicious of people who have every negative detail of pastors...where are they getting it from? Such people are infiltrators and spies who enter the lives of man of God to spy them. Identify such people and move away from them. I asked someone one day, "how do you know/have the latest news about people" If you are not hearing those things from God, then you can't be trusted.

3. Peddlers of church gossip. How is it that every negative detail about brethren in church find its way to you? Have you ever seen that there are people who knows everything in church, be it relationships of young people, conflicts of couples, everything about anyone? Have you become a journalist in church? Allow somethings to pass you. I personally freak out each time I am being told negative things about someone...in some instances I will say "I don't want to hear about it". If someone is always telling you negative things about other brethren in church including leaders, that person has an agenda....be careful! We continue tomorrow. Amen.

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FALSE BRETHREN (PART 2)

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We pick up from where we left off yesterday. We are trying to identify and expose this dangerous group called false brethren that infiltrates churches to cause havoc and confusion. This group is responsible for the collapse of many churches and the falling down of many pastors and potential ministers.

Weapons of a false brethren.

1. Gossip.

This is the biggest weapon in the hands of a false brother. He/she speaks about those who are not with him/her and when he/she meets the other group he/she then speaks about those he/she was with previously. They gossip until there is no trust amongst the brethren. They gossip until families are broken. As a believer, sometimes learn to keep somethings to yourself even if they are true. Not every truth should be said to the next person.

Some truth that you know can hurt the next person and even the church. If you are a good brother/sister instead of spreading the story, go to the person involved and talk about whatever it is and leave it there. If you do not have the wisdom and courage to do so then shut up! Nyarara!

Gossipers are killers of revivals. Nothing kills a revival faster than gossip. Gossip has potential to tear the church into pieces and even some families were destroyed by gossip. Paul warns Timothy to warn single mothers in the church not to be "busy bodies". **1 Timothy 5:13 (KJV)** And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. The Bible clearly pointed out

that there are things that ought not be said. Single mothers, that whole chapter 1 Timothy 5 speaks about you, read it. Do not speak that which you should not speak!

Some false brethren are even in leadership. You discuss some private matters with them in meetings, before the sun sets, it is even known by outsiders. This is dangerous. Remember they are spies, whatever they hear, they tell the next person. They simply cannot keep things to themselves. That is a character of a false brother/sister.

2. Lies.

False brethren use lies to cause havoc and confusion. Lies are dangerous and liars should not be trusted. Many families are broken because of lies. Churches have suffered because liars have infiltrated them.

They will lie that God spoke to them in a dream, vision or through prophecy to just try and cheat you into something. In most cases, false brethren will claim to hear from God more than your pastor or leader so that they can smuggle an agenda to you without you suspecting it.

They give false testimonies to give you false hope and move you away from your faith. Be very careful because they will tell you that the car they are driving, they got it after receiving prayers from so and so prophet....it can be a lie. Even in church, they can falsify a testimony right on the pulpit to deceive people.

If you identify a liar and a gossip, never put them closer to you again. They are twins. When a gossip has nothing to say, he/she will resort to lying.

3. Deception.

False brethren are deceivers. They are seducers and cheaters. **2 Timothy 3:13 (KJV)** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. "That is typically who false brethren are.

They will deceive you into believing that you are very important to them yet they just want to lure you away from your destiny. They seem to want to help you to connect you and to advise you. They have a way of getting you to say some things so that one day they will use your words to ruin someone's life and say it is this person who told us.

Do not give a false brethren information about yourself or someone important. Do not be deceived! Flee these blood thirsty spiritual murderers. They have no share in the kingdom of our Father.

Some of us fell and suffered in the hands of some. They promise to sponsor your gift and take you places and connect you with important people who can help you. They will tell you that you are not being respected here so that they can wean you away from your pastor and leave you to hang later. Never trust such people

Do not miss the next episode. Amen.

Pastor C & S

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FALSE BRETHREN (PART 3)

Galatians 2:4 (KJV) And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

The apostle Paul here is saying that false brethren had sneaked into the church and no one was aware of it. You cannot tell that this one is a false brother at first, you will only see them by their fruits. **Matthew 7:16 (KJV)** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Fruits will not lie. You will just need to watch the fruits of some people and then realise that indeed these are false brethren.

EFFECTS OF FALSE BRETHREN

1. They take away zeal from other members.

False brethren hate to see anyone on fire for the Lord, they will seek to douse the fire. They will gossip and discourage those who have zeal for the Lord until they have lost the zeal. When they see someone with the zeal to serve God, they quickly feed the person with poison (church gossip), they tell the person all bad things about church until the person is discouraged and loses his/her zeal. When your zeal is gone, then you cannot serve God. Zealess people or flat people cannot serve God. God wants us to be serving with energy.

At one time Paul asked the Galatians who had bewitched them, **Galatians 3:1 (KJV)** O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

False brethren can bewitch you from following the truth, feed you with lies until you lose your grip. Never listen to anyone who brings any new Gospel from that which your pastor has taught you, the person may be bewitching you.

Never accept those after church service meetings where people gather to discuss and criticise the message preached by your pastor that day, run away from such meetings because it is the counsel of false brethren. You can tell that this brother/sister has met a false brother by the way they talk. Their language changes to civilian language, their talk becomes casual and reckless, you then know the brother has been bewitched by a false brother. According to **Galatians 3:1**, false brethren are witches!

2. Confusion, disharmony and suspicion amongst members of the same church.

Because false brethren are gossipers, backbiters and liars, they will cause so much confusion in the rank and file of the church. Gossip is like veld fire, it is not easy to manage, it will destroy the whole veld. Do not be responsible for gossip, if it comes to you, it should end there do not pass it on. It is because of this that many cell groups and churches broke up. Everyone became suspicious of the other and trust was lost.

False brethren will make sure you mistrust or second guess your leader or pastor, the moment you mistrust him, you lose your connection and stop growing. Do not always believe accusations against your leadership. True, they may have their own weaknesses just like anyone but the moment you focus of those small weaknesses you lose your focus of the race you are running. All divided churches are a result of the actions of false brethren. You must know that division, disunity and suspicion are works of the enemy, fight to be united as members of Greater Works Ministries, fight to be united with your pastor, anything apart from it is the infiltration of the enemy. Give the enemy no room at all (**Ephesians 4:27**)

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FALSE BRETHREN (PART4)

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Anyone can be entered by the spirit of a false brother. If you are not careful to examine yourself every day and to smell your armpits daily to see that you are still genuine in your service to God. The devil can sneak falsehood in your spirit and before you know it, you are already exhibiting traits of a false brother. Weed your heart daily in prayer to guard against falsehood.

Things to guard against

1. Doing things to get human praise

Guard yourself against this behavior. Always check your motives daily and pray for grace. Some people do not serve God to please Him and be rewarded by Him but they serve to be noticed by people. They are desperate for human praises such that if they do not get it, they freak out and drop whatever they are doing. If you feel angry that you were not thanked enough by people then you have to examine yourself again. Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord (**Colossians 3:23**)

You can see that your spirit is getting corrupted when you only serve well in the eyes of your pastor or leader. When human eyes motivate you to serve such that when no one is seeing you then you do not do anything for God. Even praying, some people only pray when there are people to hear then otherwise if they were to stay alone for the whole year, they would not pray or fast.

I know most people want to preach because it is a public ministry where everyone can see you. How about prayer when no one sees you? If you want to preach more than you pray then you are looking for human praise. You want a show not to serve God. You have no right to preach for one (1) hour if you cannot spend the same amount of time in prayer. To avoid falsehood, do private ministry (those things you can do alone for God) more than public ministry (those things you do before people).

Public ministry is what we do for God before the eyes people like preaching, teaching, singing, fellowship etc.

Private ministry is what we do for God when we are alone like prayer, fasting, tithing, studying the word, checking up on people etc.

God rewards private ministry more than the public ministry.

Many believers want to be given opportunities to preach for an hour in a church but they have never prayed for an hour themselves aah! Listen, your public ministry is a direct effect of your private ministry. What you cook in private is what you give in public. If you cook instant noodles in prayer then that is what you will serve publicly. Your public ministry will have much impact.

False brethren put more emphasis on public ministry. They go to google to search on what to preach because they know they cannot get anything from the Lord. Their desire is to gain human praise.... Jesus called them hypocrites. They want to put on nice suits on the outside but while naked in the inside. Even at work, bosses must be careful of people who seem to want to work hard in the presence of the boss but when the boss is not around, they do everything to destroy the company.

Paul warns against such in **Galatians 4:18**, that it is good to be zealous in his absence because he knew that false brethren only perform when the leadership is around. Many people will not announce that pastor is not around because false brethren will not come to church that day because to them if the pastor is not seeing, then there is no worship. They want to safeguard their positions in church so instead of pleasing God, they want to please the appointing authority.

My daughter, my son, never pretend in the presence of God. Pretence is the root of all falsehood. Be real in your service to God. You may not be seen by anyone but the eyes of God are sharp. He sees you and rewards you. If people reward you then God will not reward you. Be careful, guard against falsehood. Amen

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