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SHEPHERD'S LETTER #1

Beloved Congregation,

Mao Zedong said: "Religion is the opiate of the people."

Referring to religion, he is correct in a certain sense .

We must never allow the church – small "c" — to be or to become the crutch of our faith walk. Spiritual leadership must and cannot be the guarantee for my faith walk.

The support point of my spiritual life dare not be the guarantee for my inspiration, enthusiasm and motivation.

The "set man's" number one responsibility, is to anchor our attention and our surrender in Christ: John the Baptist rightly declared: ***"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*** (John 1:29)

He who's life and direction are anchored in Christ — because of his trusting faith — is immovable, undaunted, decisive and perseverant, regardless of any form of eventuality. That is the reason why Jesus Christ was able to separate Himself in times of prayer. He could also leave the disciples and apostles physically alone, at the time of the Ascension. For the past 2000 years of history, the Church has been functional disregard Jesus' physical absence.

The theme of this time of separation is: **"GIVE ME YOUR HEART."**



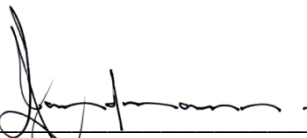
Concerning this matter, I want to make the following recommendations:

1. A daily session of "**self-judgement**". (1 Cor. 11:31)
2. That the head of every family will spend time with his family in **spiritual worship**. (Including Sunday afternoons at 15h00).
3. The memorizing of **Ephesians 1**.
4. The **Covenant Prayer** every Wednesday evening.
5. The praying of the **new prayer therapy**.

Ps. The Covenant Prayer intercession for Wednesday evenings at 17h30 is as follows:

1. *International Leadership Clinic (17-19 April 2020)*
2. *12 April 2020 Celebrations*
3. *Scottburgh Outreach (01 May-31 July 2020); Day of Goodwill (06 June 2020)*
4. *Victor Ost (Mexico)*
5. *Kobus and Adél Smit*

Blessings in Christ,



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