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A Delicate Structure

The way our Master constructed the church, it is a delicate structure, delicately designed. It only stands if everyone is full of the Spirit, not loving the world, not selfish or greedy, but being sensitive, passing on grace. And if not, we are refusing to obey and so we are declining. We want that grace would be passed on to everyone. Let's pray that we don't neglect anybody, but give them grace so they won't fall away. If you see someone who could be loving the world, you need to bring them back to the way. One of our new disciples of January 1st doesn't even know how to pray. How can this be? And discouragement came upon two of our young disciples, who wanted to follow their own agenda, loving the world. They are loving the spirit of the world. Someone has to tell them about the spirits of the world, otherwise they won't know.

That's how the first church fell, because everyone wasn't seeing to it that no one misses grace. Therefore you don't see the expression of Acts 4:32 anymore. They all fell away when grace receded. They declined. It is the person who is missing grace (Heb 12:15) who became defiled and he defiled many. The minute I saw a brother with his countenance fallen, I took him to a brother who could help. His countenance had fallen — that's how it should be — don't put on a plastic smile. If you aren't receiving grace, you should take off your headcovering or let your hair down. At least let us know.

Those two people weren't receiving grace. They were enticed by worldly spirits that make them hang onto their own life — wanting to do what they wanted to do. They see horses and they want to ride them and waste their time, their life. We ride horses only if there is a necessity, not just for pleasure. We shouldn't depend on them in Israel, only if they serve a purpose. It is not for us not to be productive and just seek our own pleasure. We shouldn't do it. We cannot depend on horses and not in God. There is nothing wrong with horses in themselves, but they can be used for wrong purposes. Horses have a spirit. People have fallen away because of horses.

We have to train our children so they won't be like gentiles. We have to protect this delicate structure; it depends on every last person. If one falls away and remains here, it passes from one

to another to another until there are many in a fallen away state (unless Rev 3:4 happens). Our Father designed the body that way purposely. Only if we love one another with our whole heart (1 Cor 16:22), only when we have an affectionate love does the Body function as it ought.

One in our midst right now doesn't have it. He is in our midst, fallen away. Racham is cut off because he doesn't love our Master affectionately. We cannot obey our Master fully if we don't have an affectionate love. If we don't have an affectionate love, how are we going to obey him in hard times? What they (in the first churches) were doing was only obeying when it was agreeable to them. Let's give our bodies as a sacrifice — not being conformed to the world in any way, but transforming by the renewing of our minds. And if we are not being transformed, if we are here for many years and our soul is not being healed and changed, then where is the evidence of the Spirit?

What is the evidence of the Spirit? Nurturing is one of the evidences, taking time for our new disciples, to help someone who is falling away. And if we've been faithless, unfaithful to pass on milk to our brothers and sisters, then we have to repent. I hope this is not the case. The church can only endure if each part is in fellowship, loving one another. This is the sign that we've passed out of death into life. We love as He loves. We are His instrument to love, see to it that our brothers and sisters are not missing grace. Let's prepare ourselves to enter the breaking of bread. We give the people with a withered condition a chance to repent before breaking of bread. New disciples cannot be nurtured merely by what the teachers say. It has to be broken down, we have to pass it on.