**New Beginnings Community Church**

**Noon Bible Class -Class Copy**

 **The Bait of Satan**

**Question:**

**1.What does it mean to honor spiritual authority when they fall short?**

* **Respect the office!**
1. **To honor spiritual authority even when they fall short means to maintain respect and obedience towards those in positions of spiritual leadership, regardless of their actions or decisions.**
2. **Remaining loyal and not seeking to avenge oneself.**
3. **Refusing to sow discord or disrespect:**

**This aligns with the biblical principle of respecting those in positions of leadership because God has delegated authority.**

**2. “What” was the primary reason David was loyal to Saul?**

**In other words, the Lord was the One who chose Saul to be king, and David refused to go against God’s will.**

* **Saul was the one God had selected to lead the nation of Israel. Samuel had physically anointed Saul with oil when God selected him as king.**

**1 Samuel 10:1 says; “Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, ‘Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?**

* **The meaning of the physical anointing was that, Saul; was set apart by God for leadership and David Respected God’s choice**!

**David had Great faith in God’s plan and timing as long as God wanted Saul to be king, David would wait! He “would not” take matters into his own hands.**

* **Psalm 37:34 says; Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off!!!**

**Maintain Obedience!**

**Remaining loyal and not seeking to avenge oneself. This reflects a biblical principle that emphasizes the importance of (Honoring Authority) figures, even when they may not always fulfill their responsibilities.**

**3. How can we do this without excusing the wrong doing or enabling abuse?**

1. **It encourages believers to recognize the authority of Spiritual leaders and to uphold their roles, even if they sometimes struggle or make mistakes. Remember: they are human too!**
2. **Refusing to sow discord or disrespect: Honoring spiritual authority, even in difficult circumstances, means refraining from gossip, criticism, or undermining their position.**
* **Even when spiritual leaders cause hurt or betray, the book encourages a respond rooted in the Heart of God!**

**On pg. 43 it states It is easy to be loyal to a leader or father who loves you, but what about one who is out to destroy you?**

**Let’s talk about it!**

* **Stay focus on your own calling and praying for them and blessing them. Following Jesus teaching, praying for those who have Offended Us, including spiritual leaders!**
* **This can transform hearts and release individuals from unforgiveness!**
1. **Holding onto offense can hinder personal spiritual growth and effectiveness. By focusing on one’s own relationship with God and calling, Individuals can avoid being sidetracked by the actions of others.**
2. **The lesson emphasizes reliance on Gods justice rather than personal vengeance. It asserts that seeking revenge can lead to moral corruption, while leaving judgment to God preserves one’s integrity and spiritual health.**

**Take away:**

**Let us all remember; It’s important to note that this perspective emphasizes maintaining a humble and forgiving heart in response to the actions of others, rather than condoning or excusing wrong behavior.**

**The core message is to avoid taking the bait of offense, which can trap and hinder believers from walking in Gods will.**

 **So, the question that remains is; will we be a man or woman a leader after the heart of God or will we seek to avenge ourselves?**

**Amen! It is so!**