



DAY 14

“..bad company corrupts good character.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 NLT

The “new season” should not be tackled alone. It is good to surround yourself with people in a community that pray for you, encourage you and challenge you. These are the people you take on the “new season” journey with you. We live in a very connected world due to technology but believers in Christ are in many ways very disconnected with each other. **The biggest mistake that any Christian can make is holding on to the belief that they are an island.** They feel they don’t need the help, advice, wisdom or encouragement of others. Jesus surrounded himself with disciples; some of His closest were His own family. He never shied away from asking them to pray neither did he stop them from sharing an opinion or asking a question. Jacob the patriarch in his exile stayed with his uncle Laban, who may have been a cheat but still helped him and gave him a roof over his head. Gideon was told to clean out the family homestead of all idols. God knew he would need the support of his family. **The second biggest mistake we make is that we invite the wrong influencers in our lives.** When are people wrong for us? It is when people influence us so that we move further from Jesus, His plan and from other believers. We need to be careful that we are not inviting a strategic “assignment” by Satan to stray us from our course. Ask the Holy Spirit to place you among good fellowship and to weed out bad company.

HOME CHURCHES:

When the Corona Virus crisis hit, very few Churches were prepared for the impact of lockdown. There has been little difference between Lockdown and Marshall law in many respects. During this time churches scrambled to make a plan and connect believers through various technologies. The poorer believers were not able to enjoy those benefits as these meetings often only benefitted the “tithe payers”. **If one thing has been shown is that the old church model of doing things is no longer God’s select model.** He has for the last 20+ years been challenging more and more believers to become part of the growing network of Home Churches. These home churches have decentralised leadership and have little-to-no money motive to gather with believers. The Home Churches would open the floor to help every believer find their voice. The Home Church prepares believers to understand that they are Kings and Priests; this essential discipleship work is far more effective and lasting than those we have seen in a traditional church. Home Churches create better opportunities to have communion more regularly as the Bible instructs us. Finally, the Home Churches seem small and weak – in our weakness, God shows Himself strong through these small gatherings - to do effective outreach in communities. One group in England has 20 members in their Home Church – they have reached 9 million people! All glory to God. **Please pray for the Church to wake up and do things as God’s Spirit is leading. Pray that men would let go of power, money and prestige. That they move with God in these times. Pray that believers would not forsake gathering from house-to-house as the Body of Christ.**