

## Covenant Relationships Part 4

### In the Body of Messiah

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### RESPONDING TO LEADERSHIP

#### SERVANT LEADERSHIP

***TO LEAD IS TO SERVE. THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO LABORS AND SERVES THE KINGDOM IS THE ONE TO WHOM WE SHOULD SUBMIT***

We see a pattern all through Scripture, that God chooses who will lead, He confirms, He equips, He anoints those who will lead His people. He also assigns each person what their role will be for the good of the Kingdom.

We see this pattern in the life of Abraham and Moses. God called Abraham and gave him the vision for what he called him to do. Abraham in turn passed on those instructions to his descendants. God called Moses, gave him the instructions on how to lead his people. Moses passed down those instructions to His people Israel.

When we disrespect the leadership that God called and anointed, we disrespect God and His leadership as well.

1Co 16:15 Now, brothers, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first people in Achaia to put their trust in the Messiah, and they have **devoted themselves to serving God's people.**

1Co 16:16 I urge you to **submit yourselves to people like these and to everyone who works and toils with them.**

### A Good Shepherd/Leader Feeds The Sheep

Jer 3:15 I will give you shepherds after my own heart, and they will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Jer 23:4 I will appoint shepherds over them who will shepherd them; then they will no longer be afraid or disgraced; and none will be missing," says Adonai. CJB

Eze 34:23 "I will raise up one shepherd to be in charge of them, and he will let them feed—my servant David. He will pasture them and be their shepherd. CJB

Act 20:28 "Watch out for yourselves, and for all the flock in which the Ruach HaKodesh has placed you as leaders, to shepherd God's Messianic community, which he won for himself at the cost of his own Son's blood. CJB

**1Pe 5:1** Therefore, I urge the congregation leaders among you, as a fellow-leader and witness to the Messiah's sufferings, as well as a sharer in the glory to be revealed:

1Pe 5:2 shepherd the flock of God that is in your care, exercising oversight not out of constraint, but willingly, as God wants; and not out of a desire for dishonest gain, but with enthusiasm;

1Pe 5:3 also not as machers domineering over those in your care, but as people who become examples to the flock. CJB

Eph 4:11 Furthermore, he gave some people as emissaries, some as prophets, some as proclaimers of the Good News, and some as shepherds and teachers.

Eph 4:12 Their task is to equip God's people for the work of service that builds the body of the Messiah, Eph 4:13 until we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection. CJB

**LEADERSHIP IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH  
WITHOUT PEOPLE BEING  
UNRESPONSIVE. WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR  
TO BE A PEOPLE WHO ARE A JOY TO  
LEAD**

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your lives, as people who will have to render an account. So make it a task of joy for them, not one of groaning; for that is of no advantage to you.

Here the apostle Paul tells us to Obey and Submit to leaders.

**Obey.** Gr. *peithō* (S# G3982, [Gal 1:10](#)). Present tense, middle voice, imperative mood, second person plural verb. Thus, continue to obey.

2. *peitho* (G3982), "to persuade, to win over," in the passive and middle voices, "to be persuaded, to listen to, to obey," is so used with this meaning, in the middle voice, e.g., in [Act 5:36-37](#) (in [Act 5:40](#), passive voice, "they agreed"); [Rom 2:8](#); [Gal 5:7](#); [Heb 13:17](#); [Jam 3:3](#). The "obedience" suggested is not by submission to authority, but resulting from persuasion.

"*Peitho* and *pisteuo*, 'to trust,' are closely related etymologically; the difference in meaning is that the former implies the obedience that is produced by the latter, cf. [Heb 3:18-19](#), where the disobedience of the Israelites is said to be the evidence of their unbelief Faith is of the heart, invisible to men; obedience is of the conduct and may be observed. When a man obeys God he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes God. Of course it is persuasion of the truth that results in faith (we believe because we are persuaded that the thing is

true, a thing does not become true because it is believed), but *peitho*, in NT suggests an actual and outward result of the inward persuasion and consequent faith."\* *see ASSURANCE, B, No. 3.*

\* From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, pp. 254, 255.

David Stern – Jewish New Testament Commentary

**Obey your present leaders** (compare v. 7&N) **and submit to them.** Many who call themselves believers in the Bible are unwilling to live by this verse of inspired Scripture; possibly **because of fear and distrust of authority figures or excessive individualism (read self-centeredness), they are rebellious, undisciplined, and unwilling to be part of a team in order to accomplish the work of the Body of the Messiah.** Compare Jeremiah 6:17, "I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Hearken ... !' But they said, 'We will not hearken.'" Such people should acknowledge this attitude as sin and seek the Body's help and counsel in overcoming it.

On the other hand, there are leaders who misuse this verse to exploit their charges, brainwashing or forcing them to submit to unreasonable and ungodly demands.

But the verse itself encourages cooperation between leader and led for the good of the led and the glory of the Lord. On the one hand, your leaders have work to do: **they keep watch over your lives** (or: "over your souls"; compare Ezekiel 3:17–18, 33:1–6). Moreover, they are not their own bosses: **they will have to render an account** of their stewardship to the "great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Yeshua" (see vv. 18–21&N). On the other hand, you who are being led can **make it a task of joy for them, not one of groaning**; and it is to your **advantage** to do so.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Stern, D. H. (1996). *Jewish New Testament Commentary : A companion volume to the Jewish New Testament*

(electronic ed.) (Heb 13:17). Clarksville: Jewish New Testament Publications.

## Shepherd/Leader is a Watchman

**Isa 62:6** I have posted watchmen on your walls, Yerushalayim; they will never fall silent, neither by day nor by night. You who call on Adonai, give yourselves no rest;

Isa 62:7 and give him no rest till he restores Yerushalayim and makes it a praise on earth.

Jer 6:16 Here is what Adonai says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask about the ancient paths, 'Which one is the good way?' Take it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not take it.'

**Jer 6:17** I appointed sentinels to direct them: 'Listen for the sound of the shofar.' But they said, 'We will not listen.'

Jer 6:18 So hear, you nations; know, you assembly, what there is against them.

Jer 6:19 Hear, oh earth! I am going to bring disaster on this people; it is the consequence of their own way of thinking; for they pay no attention to my words; and as for my Torah, they reject it.

Eze 3:17 "Human being, I have appointed you to be a watchman for the house of Isra'el. When you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them for me.

Eze 3:18 If I say to a wicked person, 'You will certainly die'; and you fail to warn him, to speak and warn the wicked person to leave his wicked way and save his life; then that wicked person will die guilty; and I will hold you responsible for his death.

Eze 3:19 On the other hand, if you warn the wicked person, and he doesn't turn from his wickedness or his wicked way, then he will still die guilty; but you will have saved your own life.

Eze 3:20 Similarly, when a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits wickedness, I will place a stumbling block before him—he will die; because you failed to warn him, he will die in his sin; his righteous acts which he did will not be remembered; and I will hold you responsible for his death.

Eze 3:21 But if you warn the righteous person that a

righteous person should not sin, and he doesn't sin; then he will certainly live, because he took the warning; and you too will have saved your life."

***PEOPLE UNDERESTIMATE THE GRIEF THAT GOES ALONG WITH BEING A LEADER***

***SINCE PEOPLE OFTEN RESENT BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO, LEADERSHIP BEARS FEELINGS OF HURT AND REJECTION***

***PEOPLE TEND TO FOCUS THEIR COMPLAINTS AND IRRITATIONS ON THE PERSON IN CHARGE***

***AT TIMES A LEADER RECEIVES INGRATITUDE IN RETURN FOR EFFORT EXPANDED TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE***

***THEY MAY FEEL LIKE THE MAN IN THE FOLKS TALE WHO FOUND AN INJURED SNAKE UPON THE ROAD AND BROUGHT IT HOME TO NURTURE IT BACK TO HEALTH. AS SOON AS THE SNAKE FELT BETTER IT TURNED AND BIT THE MAN WHO HELPED HIM.***

***PEOPLE SOMETIMES FOCUS THEIR NEGATIVITY AND RESENTMENT ON THE ONE TRYING TO HELP THEM.***

***LEADERSHIP CAN BE AN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION. NOT ONLY IS ON GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE, BUT HE HAS TO FEND OFF ATTACKS OF INGRATITUDE WHILE DOING SO.***

***SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS THAT OF UNSELFISH LOVE AND AN ACT OF COURAGE AND COVENANT.*** (Covenant Relationships Keith Intrador)

We have found this to be true many times because we happen to be Rabbis of a Messianic Jewish Congregation. It is usually the leadership that suffers as the scapegoat. Yes, it hurts and yes we need to remember that this goes along

with the position of leadership. How many times our hearts have been broken by people who we poured all we had into their lives, only for them to leave without even a thank you or good-bye.

How many times that when we finally think we have a solid group that a split happens, or someone gets offended and leaves, or people just leave because they think the grace is greener somewhere else?

### **LEADERS ARE CALLED TO TEACH**

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

1Ti 3:2 A congregation leader must be above reproach, he must be faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, orderly, hospitable and able to teach.

1Ti 4:11 Command these things and teach them.

1Ti 6:2 And those who have believing masters are not to show them less respect on the ground that they are brothers; on the contrary, they should serve all the more diligently, since those benefiting from their service are believers whom they love. Teach and exhort people about these things.

2Ti 2:22 So, flee the passions of youth; and, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love and peace.

2Ti 2:23 But stay away from stupid and ignorant controversies—you know that they lead to fights,  
2Ti 2:24 and a slave of the Lord shouldn't fight. On the contrary, he should be kind to everyone, a good teacher, and not resentful when mistreated.

2Ti 2:25 Also he should be gentle as he corrects his opponents. For God may perhaps grant them the

opportunity to turn from their sins, acquire full knowledge of the truth,

2Ti 2:26 come to their senses and escape the trap of the Adversary, after having been captured alive by him to do his will.

### **NOT BEING OFFENDED**

***BECAUSE PRIDE IS A CENTRAL INGREDIENT IN THE SINFUL NATURE OF MAN, PEOPLE ARE EASILY OFFENDED AT SOMEONE EXERCISING AUTHORITY.***

***PRIDE=INDIGNANT, IRRITATED AND OFFENDED***

***IT IS A "POISON" TO OUR COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS***

***THERE IS A TEMPATATION TO SCRUTINIZE SOMEONE WHO IS IN AUTHORITY AND TO MAGNIFY ANY FAULT THAT CAN BE FOUND. WE MUST RESIST GOSSIP ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP – WE ARE TO PRAY FOR THEM NOT GOSSIP ABOUT THEM (Covenant Relationships, Keith Intrador)***

1Ti 5:18 For the Tanakh says, "You are not to muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain," in other words, "The worker deserves his wages."

1Ti 5:19 Never listen to any accusation against a leader unless it is supported by two or three witnesses.

### **SPIRITUAL ATTACK**

***THERE IS ALSO GREATER SPIRITUAL ATTACK AGAINST LEADERS OF MINISTRY***

I.E. PAUL 'S THORN IN THE FLESH

2Co 12:7 Therefore, to keep me from becoming overly proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from the Adversary to pound away at me, so that I wouldn't grow conceited.

2Co 12:8 Three times I begged the Lord to take this thing away from me;

**2Co 12:9** but he told me, "My grace is enough for you, for my power is brought to perfection in weakness." Therefore, I am very happy to boast about my weaknesses, in order that the Messiah's power will rest upon me.

2Co 12:10 Yes, I am well pleased with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and difficulties endured on behalf of the Messiah; for it is when I am weak that I am strong.

***WHEN PEOPLE FIND FAULT WITH A LEADER THEY SHOULD REALIZE THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY NOT FARE HALF AS WELL THEMSELVES IF THEY HAD TO UNDERGO THE SATANIC ATTACKS AND OPPOSITION THAT LEADERSHIP GOES THROUGH***

**THE CARES OF MINISTRY**

***ALONG WITH SATANIC ATTACK, LEADERS ALSO BEAR PSYCHOLOGICAL WEIGHT OF THE NEEDS OF THE MINISTRY***

Act 20:29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you; and they won't spare the flock.

**Act 20:30** Even from among your own number, men will arise and teach perversions of the truth, in order to drag away the talmidim after themselves.

Act 20:31 So stay alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, with tears in my eyes, I never stopped warning you!

**As leaders, we have to be on constant guard for people coming in with impure motives to draw people away or to try to push their own agenda i.e. the wolves in sheep's clothing.**

**Paul Speaks of his sufferings as a leader**

2Co 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I spent a night and a day in the open sea.

2Co 11:26 In my many travels I have been exposed to danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger

from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the desert, danger at sea, danger from false brothers.

**2Co 11:27** I have toiled and endured hardship, often not had enough sleep, been hungry and thirsty, frequently gone without food, been cold and naked.

2Co 11:28 And besides these external matters, **there is the daily pressure of my anxious concern for all the congregations.**

2Co 11:29 Who is weak without my sharing his weakness? Who falls into sin without my burning inside?

2Co 11:30 If I must boast, I will boast about things that show how weak I am.

2Co 11:31 God the Father of the Lord Yeshua—blessed be he forever—knows that I am not lying!

2Co 12:20 For I am afraid of coming and finding you not the way I want you to be, and also of not being found the way you want me to be. I am afraid of finding quarreling and jealousy, anger and rivalry, slander and gossip, arrogance and disorder.

2Co 12:21 I am afraid that when I come again, my God may humiliate me in your presence, and that I will be grieved over many of those who sinned in the past and have not repented of the impurity, fornication and debauchery that they have engaged in.

Most of the time people have no idea the sacrifices leaders have made for their Congregation so that people can have a place to worship and learn. Those sacrifices include personal, financial, family and doing without so the Communities needs can be met. It may mean doing without decent clothes or vehicles so that bills can be paid when people do not tithe and support the local community to keep the doors open. It may mean not being able to take a vacation, or attend a family function because of other commitments to ministry as well.

#### ***4 THINGS WEIGH UPON LEADERSHIP***

- ***THE COUNSELING NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE***
- ***ADMINISTRATIVE CHORES***
- ***FINANCIAL PROVISION***

- ***GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AS ONE BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD***

**We are commanded by God to speak the Words that God gives us to speak and not to compromise, or tickle ears, but to speak the truth.**

**Eze 3:1** He said to me, "Human being, eat what you see in front of you; eat this scroll. Then go and speak to the house of Isra'el."

**Eze 3:2** So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat,

**Eze 3:3** as he said, "Human being, eat this scroll I am giving you; fill your insides with it." When I ate it, it tasted as sweet as honey.

**Eze 3:4** "Human being," he said to me, "go to the house of Isra'el, and speak my words to them.

**Eze 3:5** For you are not being sent to a people with a difficult language and unintelligible speech, but to the house of Isra'el—

**Eze 3:6** not to many peoples with difficult languages and unintelligible speech, whose words you can't understand when you hear them. Without doubt, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you.

**Eze 3:7** But the house of Isra'el will not be willing to listen to you, because they aren't willing to listen to me; since all the house of Isra'el are obstinate and hardhearted.

**Eze 3:8** However, I am making you as defiant and obstinate as they are.

**Eze 3:9** Yes, I am making your resoluteness harder than flint, as hard as a diamond. So don't be afraid of them or depressed by how they look at you, because they are a rebellious house."

**Eze 3:10** Then he said to me, "Human being, receive in your heart and hear with your ears all my words that I speak to you.

**Eze 3:11** Then go to the exiles, to your countrymen; and speak to them. Tell them, 'Here is what Adonai Elohim, says,' whether they listen or not."

**We are called to be Watchman over His people.**

**Eze 33:6** But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the shofar, so that the people are not warned; and then the sword comes and takes any one of them, that one is indeed taken

away in his guilt, but I will hold the watchman responsible for his death.'

**Eze 33:7** "Likewise you, human being—I have appointed you as watchman for the house of Isra'el. Therefore, when you hear the word from my mouth, warn them for me.

**Eze 33:8** When I tell the wicked person, 'Wicked person, you will certainly die'; and you fail to speak and warn the wicked person to leave his way; then that wicked person will die guilty; and I will hold you responsible for his death.

**Eze 33:9** On the other hand, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he doesn't turn from his way; then he will still die guilty, but you will have saved your own life.

**Jas 3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, since you know that we will be judged more severely.

### ***THINGS INCLUDED IN A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEADERS AND THOSE WITHIN A COMMUNITY***

- Truth Telling
- Dealing Honestly with each other
- Covenant Extension to the next generation
- Intertwining of life together
- Sharing in Triumph and Failure
- Being vulnerable without fear of rejection
- God-centered living for common standards and goals
- Preferring one another above yourself
- Looking out for each other's safety, best interest
- Long-Term commitment to each other
- Accountability
- Speaking well of each other

### **Covenant Community Leadership Structure**

## All Scriptures below from Orthodox Jewish Bible<sup>2</sup>

Apostles- 1 Cor. 12:27-31

[27] Now you are Moshiach's body (BERESHIS 47:18-19) and individually evarim of it. [28] Now Hashem placed some in the Adat HaMoshiach (community of Moshiach), in the Kehillah, rishon (first): shlichim (Apostles) second, nevi'im (Prophets), third, morim (teachers), then those of cholet nifla'ot ("accomplishing miracles—Ex 4:21), then matanot harippuy (gifts of healing), then matanot of helps, then manhigut ruchanit (spiritual leadership, administration), kinds of leshonot. [29] Surely not all are shlichim? Surely not all are nevi'im? Surely not all are rabbinical morim? Surely not all are those cholet nifa'ot (accomplishing miracles)? [30] Surely not all have matanot harippuy (gifts of healing)? Surely not all speak in leshonot (cf 1C 14:23, 26)? Surely not all have the pitron (interpretation) of leshonot? [31] But earnestly desire the greater matanot (gifts) [of the Ruach Hakodesh]....And yet now I show you a more feste derech.

Ephesians 4:11-12, [10] The one who descended is Himself also the one having ascended far above all the Shomayim, that He might fill all things. [MISHLE 30:1-4] [11] And He gave some to be shlichim, and some nevi'im, and some gifted to be used in Kiruv efforts for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and some supervising mashgichim ruchaniyim (spiritual overseers) who are ro'im and morim in the Kehillah, [12] For the equipping of the Kedoshim for the work of avodas kodesh ministry, to the building up of HaGuf HaMoshiach Orthodox Jewish bible

Ephesians 2:19-20

[19] Therefore, then, no longer are you zarim and aliens, but you are fellow citizens of the Kedoshim and bnei bayit members of the

household of G-d, [20] Having been built upon the yesod (foundation) of the Shlichim and Nevi'im, Moshiach Yehoshua himself being the ROSH PINAH (TEHILLIM 118:22), [21] In whom all the binyan (edifice), being fitly joined together, grows into a Heikhal Kadosh b'Hashem; [22] In whom also you are being built together into a Mishkan of Hashem in the Ruach Hakodesh.

Apostles/Shlichim

Prophets/Nevi'im

Teachers/Mo'rah, Mo'reh

Rabbis

Evangelists/Kiruv

Elders/Zaken

Acts 11:29-30,

[29] Now the talmidim decided that according to their means, each of them would send support to the Achim b'Moshiach dwelling in Yehudah; [30] Which also they did, having sent to the Ziknei HaKehillot by the hand of Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul

1 Tim 3:1, Trustworthy is the dvar Emes: if anyone aspires to the congregational office of Mashgiach Ruchani (Spiritual Overseer) over the Adat Hashem (Congregation of G-d), he desires a good task.

1 Tim 5:17,

[17] Let the Zekenim (elders, see SHEMOT 12:21) who have ruled well be considered worthy of double kavod, especially the Zekenim laboring in Messianic hatafah (preaching) and Messianic hora'ah (teaching).

Titus 1:5-10

[5] For this reason I left you in Crete that you should set beseder (according to acceptable order) what remains and give messianic s'michah

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to Zekenim (SHEMOT 12:21) city by city, as I directed you. |6| If anyone is without reproach, a ba'al isha echat (a one woman man/master, see OJB, p.1078, 1Ti 3:2; 5:9), his banim being ma'aminim in Moshiach, and not under accusation of debauchery and zenut or sorrut (rebelliousness, insubordination) [1Sm 2:22- 25], |7| For it is necessary for the congregational Mashgiach Ruchani to be without reproach as Hashem's mefake'ach al Beis Hashem (steward or supervisor of the House of G-d), not a ba'al gaavah (a haughty person), not quick in ka'as (anger), not a shikkor (drunkard) given to much wine, not violent, not a gelt-loving kamtzan (miser). |8| Rather, the Mashgiach Ruchani must be one who practices hachnosas orchim (hospitality), an ohev es haTov (a lover of the good), having seichel, a tzaddik, kadosh (holy), with shlitah atzmi (selfcontrol), |9| Devoted to the faithful hatafah (preaching) of the Besuras HaGeulah, adequate for hora'ah (teaching) that exhorts to [Moshiach's] orthodox Jewish doctrine and for refuting and exposing with conviction the ones speaking against it. |10| For there are indeed many mitnaggedim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim HaGoyim (false teacher Circumcisers of Gentiles), |11| Whose mouths it is necessary to stop, who are subverting entire mishpochot (families) by teaching what they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gelt. |12| A certain one of them, a "navi" of their own number, said, "Cretans are always meshakkrim (liars), wicked beasts, lazy trombeniks (gluttons)." |13| This eidus (testimony) is true, for which cause rebuke them sharply, that they may be orthodox Jewish in [Moshiach's] emunah,

Deacons – Those who serve the Community so the leadership can pray and study the Word.

Act 6:1 Around this time, when the number of talmidim was growing, the Greek-speaking Jews began complaining against those who spoke Hebrew that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution.

**Act 6:2** So the Twelve called a general meeting of

the talmidim and said, "It isn't appropriate that we should neglect the Word of God in order to serve tables.

Act 6:3 Brothers, choose seven men from among yourselves who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will appoint them to be in charge of this important matter,

Act 6:4 but we ourselves will give our full attention to praying and to serving the Word." CJB

### **For additional Study:**

#### **God always confirms who He has called into leadership**

Delegated Authority with the laying on of hands- Acts 6:5-6

Community Confirms your gifting's and affirms your role – Galatians 2:8-10

Connected network of Authority

Accountability to each other – Acts 21:17-19

#### **Covenant Community Commitment**

Walking out Covenantal Principles-Acts 2:42-47

Preach the Gospel of sin, repentance and atonement – Matthew 28:16-20

Make Talmidim/Disciples- Mark 16:14-20, Acts 5:4

The Leaders Teach – Acts 2:42

The believers devote themselves to the Leaderships teaching – Acts 2:42

Devoted to Fellowship and the Building of Relationship – Acts 2:42

Act 2:42 They continued faithfully in the teaching of the emissaries, in fellowship, in breaking bread and in the prayers.

Act 2:43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many miracles and signs took place through the emissaries.

Act 2:44 All those trusting in Yeshua stayed together and had everything in common;

Act 2:45 in fact, they sold their property and possessions and distributed the proceeds to all who



were in need.

Act 2:46 Continuing faithfully and with singleness of purpose to meet in the Temple courts daily, and breaking bread in their several homes, they shared their food in joy and simplicity of heart,

Act 2:47 praising God and having the respect of all the people. And day after day the Lord kept adding to them those who were being saved. CJB