

**THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU**  
What God Has Joined Together

**I. Your leadership is a God joining; You don't pick your leaders**

- A. God sets everybody in the body as it pleases Him-1Co12:18-Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- B. God joins you to leadership, to people NOT a church-He will call you to a church where YOUR leader is not to A LEADER where your church is-**1Th5:12**-We beseech you, brethren, to know THEM which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord
- C. There's a leader God has hooked you to-Receive from different ministries, but generally there is one/few that has/have more influence than the rest-**1Co3:22**-Whether Paul, or Apollos or Cephas...all are yours-**1Co4:15**-Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.<sup>16</sup>Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me

**II. The devil wants to sever what God has joined together-Mt19:6**-What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

- A. One of the initial areas the enemy attacks every believer is severing them from the leaders God joined them to-It's strategic to keep you from the leading/feeding God ordained you get through that leader-**Ec10:4**-If the spirit of the ruler rise up against you leave not thy place
- B. You can't just switch leaders out-To you all leaders are not equal

**III. You got to commit to stick with the ones God hooked you to; It takes fortitude to do so but there's a blessing attached to it (offense, disagree, tired of)**

- A. Ruth & Naomi-Boaz helped her was because she stayed hooked to Naomi-**Ru1:16**-For where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: <sup>17</sup>Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me-**Ru2:10**-Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? <sup>11</sup>It hath fully been shewed me, all that you hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thine husband
- B. Elijah & Elisha-**2Ki2:2**-Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord lives, and as thy soul lives, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel...<sup>9</sup>What I shall do for you before I be taken away from you...let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.<sup>10</sup>...if you see me when I am taken from you it shall be so unto you; but if not, it shall not be so
- C. Abraham & Lot-There was a curse for unhooking-**Gn13:2**-Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.<sup>5</sup>And Lot also which went with Abram had flocks and herds and tents
- D. Peter & Jesus-**Jn6:66**-From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. <sup>67</sup>...said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? <sup>68</sup>Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go?