

# **"How To Handle Church Hurt"**

## **Jeremiah 10:19-21 (KJV)**

*"Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous (causing great sorrow or sadness): but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it (to endure or to tolerate). My tabernacle (God's dwelling place; place of peace) is spoiled (ruined; unusable), and all my cords (any influence or connection that kept things together) are broken: my children (seed) are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more (no help), and to set up my curtains (to cover). For the pastors (the person who has spiritual care for and over God's people) are become brutish (cruel and use uncivilized methods; carnal minded), and have not sought the Lord (are not going before God on your behalf): therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered."*

## **Jeremiah 10:19-21 (NIV)**

*"Woe to me because of my injury! My wound is incurable! Yet I said to myself, "This is my sickness, and I must endure it." My tent is destroyed; all its ropes are snapped. My children are gone from me and are no more; no one is left now to pitch my tent or to set up my shelter. The shepherds are senseless and do not inquire of the Lord; so they do not prosper and all their flock is scattered."*

## **Jeremiah 10:19-21 (The Message)**

*"But it's a black day for me! Hopelessly wounded, I said, "Why, oh why did I think I could bear it?" My house is ruined-the roof caved in. Our children are gone-we'll never see them again. No one left to help in rebuilding, no one to make a new start! It's because our leaders are stupid. They never asked God for counsel, And so nothing worked right. The people are scattered all over."*

What is **CHURCH HURT**?

- Stuff you may encounter or experience in church that will hurt or hinder your spiritual relationship with God both directly and/or indirectly.

After polling a group of people, here are some of the results of church hurt:

1. **Mistreated by other church folk ... Matthew 5:11, 12**
2. **Attitudinal People ... Psalms 38:5**
3. **Positional Egos ... 2 Corinthians 12:6, 7 (NIV)**
4. **Pastor's lack of concern for the people ... Ezekiel 34:1-10**
5. **Prophecy that didn't manifest ... 1 Corinthians 13:8, 9 / 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**

Many of us have experienced, at one time or another, this kind of hurt working in church ministry. Where we may not have stopped coming to church or serving in ministry, but the effects of church hurt causes us to now hold back from giving everything we got in it ... **Romans 8:35-39**

**CHURCH HURT** sometimes are the result of empty promises made by men. It happens because we sometimes put the **MAN OF GOD** in the place where the **GOD OF MAN** should be and expect the same divine result, not realizing that he has **NO POWER** without God giving it to him ... **Luke 4:18, 19 / 2 Peter 3:9**

[Footnote]: **How well you take care of the one(s) who cover you, will determined how well God will take care of you.**

- **PARENTS: Ephesians 6:1-3**
- **PASTOR: Hebrews 13:7, 17 / 1 Timothy 5:17**

Please understand that no one has cornered the market on ministry. We **ALL**, according to **Romans 3:23**, make mistakes and do things that can and will affect our spiritual walk with God. However, we need to be careful of how we handle God's people when we fail, especially those of us in leadership ... **1 Timothy 3:4-7 (NIV)** ... In other words, if you cannot handle your personal relationship with God, how can you effectively lead someone into a spiritual relationship with God? All we're doing is spiritually hurting people ... **Galatians 5:26**

One of the things church folk got bad is pointing the finger at others who are of the same faith. We're so quick to judge them and their lifestyles that we end up messing up their lives and relationships with God ... **Matthew 7:15**

So instead of judging, I need to do what I can to help him get back in covenant with God ... **Matthew 18:15**

**SO HOW DO INHANDLE CHURCH HURT?** It's simple and easy.

1. **FORGIVE YOURSELF and THE ONE WHO HURT YOU...**

2. **TRUST GOD more than you TRUST MAN...** **Proverbs 3:5, 6**

3. **GET SPIRITUAL ...** **Galatians 6:1 / 1 Peter 2:5**

4. **RELEASE IT and LET IT GO ...** In other words, whatever or whoever it was that spiritually hurt you, stay spiritual and stand on the word of God ... **Galatians 5:1**