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Halleluiah!

All the different leaders of the centres, come and thank God for your people who are here in great numbers.

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Three of the pastors, with Brother Tawet, pray that we should consolidate, that after a program like this, the church should not backslide/

I just wanted the point the fact that many of the leaders are not matured. Since we are concentrating on the crusade, they are not thinking about their church and their charge. It is part of immaturity. The matured person factors in the past, the present, the future and others.

When you offend a mature person, the weight of the offense is considered in the light of the overall history of the relation with the person, but for many people, ne hurt and they cancel all the history, the pain of today obliterate the joy of the past, that is

babyishness, that is why reconciliations are very difficult, people have the power to forget what has happened in the past, people keep moving on. Someone offends you today and you are ready to end everything. At that rate, you will really end up having no team, and you lack the reason for preserving your investment.

I have told the brethren the story of one of this electronic companies, IBM, he had another Director and that Director made a very costly mistake, and the company lost 600.000 dollars, in their general council, everybody was so angry with that director and they say they should dismiss him on the spot, some even said he should pay. Finally, the CEO stood up and said: He will neither be paid nor be dismissed, we just invest 600.000 dollars to train a worker who would never make such a mistake, if we dismiss him, our rivals will gain in him a man wiser and we would lose. Let me ask you, in that team of CEO, would this guy vote that they should remove that CEO? And that is why many people don't have teams, they are always in genesis, they never move to revelations, they are foolish, they respond to light, take decisions on the basis of their feelings, based on hurts, so they are poor.

If God took decisions about your life based on how you annoy Him, would you still be there?

Those who have a team, they have paid the price of suffering.

What is suffering? It is embracing hurts so that a bigger goal can be accomplished. Mothers swallow hurts so that they may have a child, in order to raise a man. The reason many of us don't have anybody who would come home is because we are not mothers, we did not take into account the future, we did not take into account the past, we only took into account the feeling of the moment and it ended it all.

I was very foolish when I was younger. I had a little girl who fasted for me when she was around twelve. One day I got angry with her for flirting, it was just a normal awakening in her, the sexual fascination, I collected all her letters and postal cards and dumped it on her, I told her to get out of my life, and she went, and she never came back and she never fasted again for anybody. I have gone and visited her, the old love for me is still there, but to come and follow me! The chapter is closed and I am the one who closed the chapter. The day may come when you will be the one who wants to open the chapters you closed and you will find out that he really closed the chapters, and you are poor.

I want three of the pastors to pray.

Maturity means living with many dimensions. Take into account the past, it will help you interpret the present pain, instead of stretching the present pain into its logical exaggerations, you are foolish. The person who ran after you in the past, today, he despises you and you forget. If people can backslide from God, who are you? So that the love people have for you, they can never backslide. Who are you? Have you never backslidden from God? Have you always kept your love for Jesus at the best, have you not despised him. Who understand me? For one spite you are ready to forget the devotion of the past. You are a fool a fool in capital letters. Even if somebody owns you a debt, and you don't remember the credit balance.

We cannot drop what God expects from us, so we must learn how to manage our people. When I gave you my suggestions, I told you that you can gather your people into seven groups so that people can come once a week. A place like Tigaza, if you decided that 200 people will come on Monday, 200 on Tuesdays, 200 on Wednesday, and those who come every day are those who can afford. If they know that they are required to come once a week, it will make them excited. I gave that suggestion, isn't it? Who took it into accounts?

It is the leaders who are not serious, they are not thinking about their people, they are like village chiefs, they have expectations but they don't pan, they don't plan with the realities of the people who are with them. And when they have not plan and the results are not as they expected, the tendency is to blame people, it is irresponsibility, we can feel this hall every day, without becoming too demanding on any particular individual. If you went to a church as a pastor and you say: everybody should attend only for three days a week, do you think people will be discouraged? It can be done., but we are covering up the absence of serving God the Lord with all our intelligence by shouting at people, because many people are fixated over poverty, many of the leaders have a poverty mentality, so, they don't even have the faith, they don't look for ways for what should be done to be done, because for them, it is always a question of "can it be done? ", so, they are blocked by the unbelief.

I told one sister that Brother Zach has two kind of children: those asking if the goal can be done and those of us simply asking how it can be done and we started doing it, because if god spoke, he has no intention that what he said should not be done. The same attitude towards convention.

When we planned the second world convention in Lagos, the leaders had a meeting with me and they told me: write the names of all of us who have salaries, total all our salaries for one year, if we total it, do you think we can hold a world assembly? And they told me, you are simply struggling to impress brother Zach, tell him we are unable to hold a convention, with our realities, it is not the unwillingness to give. When they finished, i said: if it is money, plan the convention, I will give you all the money. That was the worst mistake I ever made, and I don't want to commit the same mistake here in Cameroon. What was he error, I can believe God, when I was able to get all the money, they hated me for proving that they are wrong. I don't want to do that again, no leader should go ahead alone, even if he can do it; no leaders should do it, it is leadership suicide. We are called to leadership because we must work with people and work through people. At that moment, all I thought about was that I should remove one obstacle from their consideration. I met with ten brethren, we prayed for 84 nights and God gave us the money, but it was leadership suicide. So, I am doing everything so that we go ahead together; don't make it too difficult. I know that God can leave you behind, because God gets his things done. He will always find people, we forgot that the earth of the Lord, we are not the most wonderful specimen. He gets his things done. But the call of a leader is to carry people into the purposes of God. I don't want to repeat my leadership mistakes. It is very easy for me to forget people, God can decide not to touch your money, and what will your money produce, it is a privilege to serve, it is a privilege to do something for God. In the Bible god removes

some people last meal for his purpose, while he refuse some people abundance; God would not take no one franc from Naaman, but God took that widow last meal, God can leave you with your salary, your house and not take it, but he will take the last meal of some people who are his worshippers, because their things belong to him, they belong to him, He loves them and loves their things; theirs is an oblation. I don't want God to leave me with my things, what are they for? Let's move together. Have regretted and regretted and wept, but some mistakes are irreversible. Brother Zach has those two categories of people. Even in this hall, there are those who ask: can we do it? How? And there are those who say: since it must be done, what can we do? And how should we do it? So, if you had that mentality, you will ask: how many people have to come to the crusade, then you will ask: How can I make them come? Then God will give you practical wisdom, but God cannot give you wisdom to our unbelief. That is why we are the way we are. Most of those who are here are here at their own cost, not because of their leadership.

When people take personal responsibilities, it works. When people always say: let us, they are hiding behind the crowd. It takes faith to produce faith. The true leadership is what Gedeon did, he said: look at men and do exactly what I do. His acts, what he did were a decree. People believe when they see.

Leadership involves making a demonstration. I have started saving for the convention, I will not tell you my bank so that you will not catch me. It is not yet much. If it is only ideas, it will die, if it was only calculation, it will die. That is why I had to step in when you people started making a lot of calculations. You can pray away your faith, do something and your faith will grow. You are permitted to criticise, when you have demonstrated, until they kindly shut up, that is street wisdom in Nigeria. In that way they are right, if you have found a better way of doing it, do it and then tell us, we will follow. Do it and let your results speak. So many people are so intelligent in things they don't even know how to do.

Halleluiah!

In the building of young churches, we are to labour to make sure that the church grows, that they mature. Maturation shows in fruits bearing; a mature tree bears fruits; a mature human reproduces. Maturity bears fruits. Maturity produces effectiveness and bears fruits.

2 Peter 1: 8

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Maturity resorts in effectiveness and productivity. When a mango tree matures, it bears fruits; when a human being matures, it can reproduce, when a man also matures, they bear fruits. So, maturity shows in effectiveness and productivity. Effectiveness means that you do well the things you do. So, the incapacity to do things well is also immaturity. The mature person is effective, he makes things work, he succeeds and

the mature person is productive; he bears fruits; productivity and efficiency and the immediate and tangible forms that reveals maturity.

If you always spoil the things that enter your hands, you have not grown, you have not learnt, you are immature, you are uneducated; maturity in knowledge, in life, in character resolves in effectiveness.

If we want effectiveness, we must labour for individuals to become mature. If we want productivity, success, we must mature our people. If we want the churches that will plant, if we want them to bear fruits and be useful for the kingdom of God, we must mature them. A mature church is useful in the kingdom of God, to have a church that is eternally dependant, that is eternally parasites it is because we have not matured the church.

When a church is planted, the people may start up badly, they may be poor, they may be beating by life, but we must mature them, so that they can face life and live life well, and bear fruits for the kingdom of God. To have churches int eh villages without increasing the farm harvest, we are failing, how would they serve God? The goal of maturing churches is effectiveness and fruitfulness. We must be jealous that the churches we produce are not a congregation of parasites, social lepers.

Hebrews 6: 1

Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,

Go on to maturity.

Hebrews 5: 11-14

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

In that passage, the Bible tells us there are manifestations of maturity:

The mature person is teaching, instead of needing to be taught.

The mature person is giving,

And the immature person is in need

The second manifestation of maturity is spiritual appetite. The baby requires pre-digested food, because he cannot do his own digestion. In spiritual infancy, people don't like to think, they want carry-away, they want 'snack food', they don't want to cook, they don't want to struggle, they want an easy Christian life, solutions provided by others. When they are sick, they don't want to exercise their faith, they want another person to exercise their faith and heal them. When they are sic, they want

another person to tell them where to go. they want pre-digested food of the knowledge, of the will of God, from others, just like a baby just take of maturity milk produced by the mother. It is good at the beginning of a Christian life, but a milk drinking adult, what a terrible adult. Who will breastfeed an adult? How much does he drink? Your body may be fish just for one feeding. So, adults digest their own food, they think, they seek God, they exercise their senses, they use their knowledge.

Thirdly, the mature are discerning, and discerning comes from spiritual exercises. Discernment comes from making mistakes; maturity involves using the knowledge you have in order to acquire wisdom from your knowledge. Maturity gives wisdom from knowledge; but knowledge must be exercised, so that wisdom can be gained. So, maturity involves discernment, sharpen spiritual senses, learning to hear the voice of God and the dictates of the conscience, learning spiritual rectitude, by having acted on the knowledge and conviction that you have but many people just want to remain inactive, parasites, because they will not exercise their spiritual senses, they don't want to learn to hear God so that they will not make a mistake. So, they remain eternal babies.

Maturity shows in becoming responsible, instead of remain a child

Maturity show in solid appetites in your spiritual (ration); not always going for what others produce

Maturity involves the exercise spiritual senses. Just like there are five body sense, the body sees and the spirit can see. The body hear, the spirit can hear. The body feels, and the spirit can feel. The body smells, the spirit can discern. The body tastes, the spirit also tastes "taste and see that the Lord is good"; the senses of the spirit must be developed by being used. How can we learn to see in the spirit unless we learn to see in the spirit, so we have eternal mousers, blind like the bat, they don't see spiritual things, they don't see God, they don't see faith, they can only see empirical facts? They don't hear God; how would you learn to hear God unless you try to hear God. Spiritual rectitude comes for exercising the spiritual sense. And that is maturity. Godliness does not come automatically like a gift. When people don't want to endanger their lives, then they back away from people, from commitment and from truth, but disloyalty has his motivations. It is selfishness, self-centredness, self-seeking and self-sparing.

Maturity is taking responsibilities, being a teaching instead of needing to be taught.

Maturity is solid spiritual food, digesting your own food, learning to seek God, instead of always having pre-digested spirituality, others seek God for you.

1 Corinthians 3: 1-4

1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly--mere infants in Christ.

2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

Infancy shows in being worldly and carnal. Partisan and quarrelsome. When there are jealousies, here is protracted spiritual infancy. Jealousy, and we even have leaders who are jealous. When someone says: "I am of" any leader who enjoys such things and who even seek it: "my own people" you are sick. You stopped growing spiritually long ago. When there is jealousy among you, quarrels, are you not acting like mere men? The life of Jesus in you has not grown, that is why you still acting like mere man. Jealousy, carnality, the apostle Paul says that is just being an infant.

We are to mature the churches so that relationships in the churches can be healthy. Unhealthy relations in a church reveals the fact that the church is not growing, people are not maturity and worse still, we encourage it; "I would like to pray for this one, because she is my person" jealousies. Quarrels, belligerents. Many people are not building their own relationships, they are encyclopaedias in studying all relationships.

We need to mature the churches so that we will stop being infants.
To see things like mere men, see things is being a spiritual baby.

1 Corinthians 14: 20

20 Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

Our thinking, our decisions, our conclusion reflect maturity or babies.

In judgement, we are children, we are looking for justice instead of looking for reconciliation, we are taking side rather than building a family. What is wrong with us? There are many situations where you are automatically on the side of both, yes, because you want them together. Are you so immature that you think that by condemning one person you would have helped them to reconcile? In judgment, be men. In thinking, look for fruits, instead of looking for right. In thinking, be men.

Galatians 4: 1-7

What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.

2 He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

3 So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world.

4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Infanthood is slavery.

Maturity is sonship, it is the spirit of adoption, a sense of belonging.

That is why I mentioned the other day that maturity is going from law to spirit. The Christian life can be a slavery despite all what Jesus has done for us, all this because

of childishness. Don't touch, don't do this, don't do that, the Christian life is still something that is rooted on the external. We are sons. He has written his law in our hearts, it is our life, it is our inheritance. Righteousness is our life. God is our Father, we resemble him, we live for him. Maturity produces freedom but not licentiousness.

John Lock says you cannot talk of freedom without talking of love; where there is no love, there is only licence. Freedom is acting within love; freedom is living in a house, you have walls, outside in the cold, with no walls, you are not free, you are lost. The wall is not a slavery, the wall is security. None of us enters a house as if we are entering a prison, we are entering into security, we are sons. It is our house, it is our lives.

1 John 2: 12-14

12 I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.
13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.

14 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Look at maturity in that passage. Maturity is knowing God
Maturity is having a victorious life, overcoming the evil one, overcoming temptations. Maturity is victory. Childishness is forgiving. We sin and we are forgiven, we sin and we are forgiven. Maturity being victorious; the enemy comes, temptations come, the flesh claims and we are victorious.

Infancy is depending on the Father's mercy, the father's love, but maturity is confronting the enemy, knowing the Word of God, being strong. Maturity is having history.

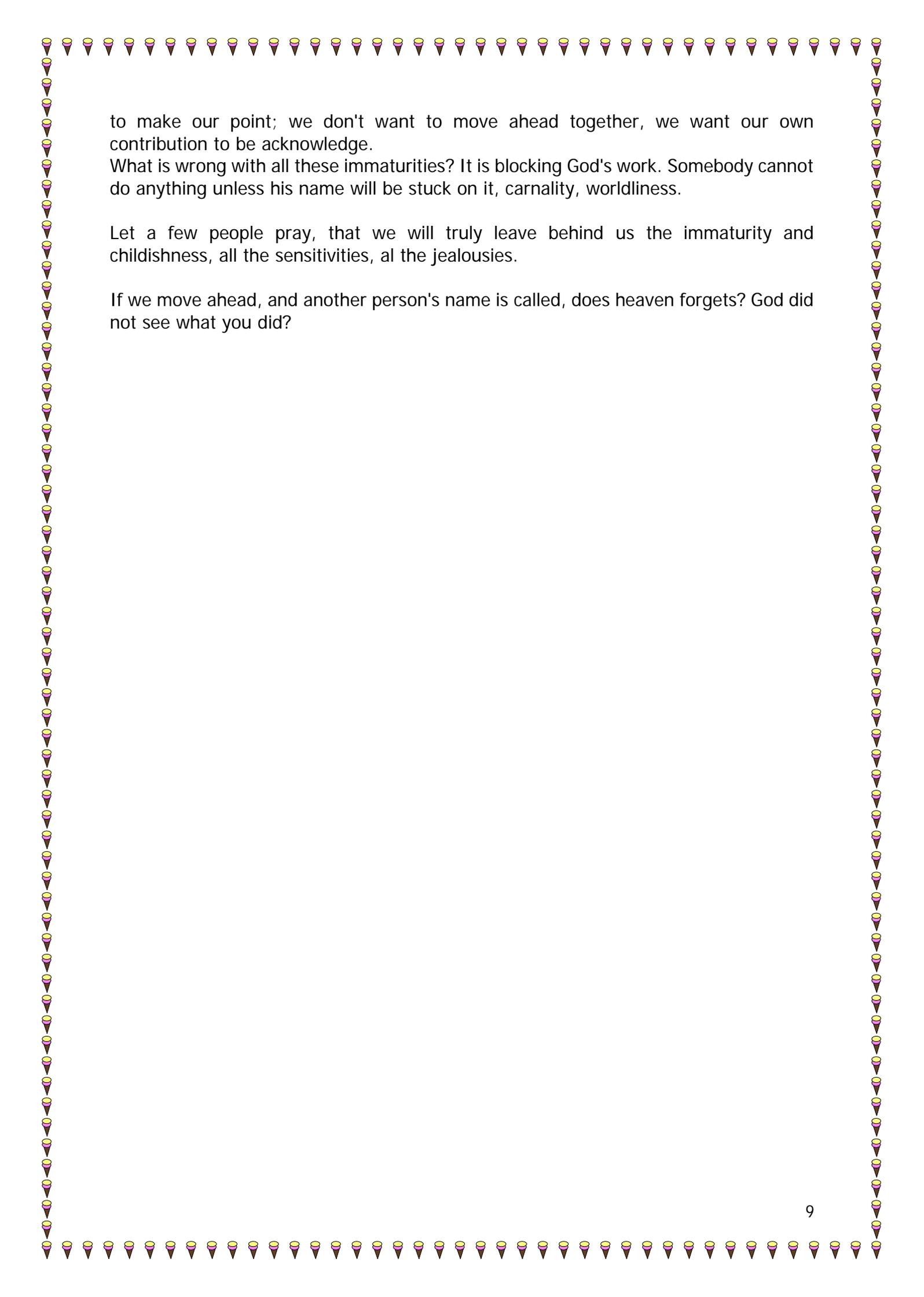
I write to you fathers, because you know him who was at the beginning, you have history, you know God.

I wrote to you young men, because you are victorious, maturity makes us victorious. Maturity makes us strong. Maturity give of the knowledge fo the word and the knowledge of God.

Childishness give sus forgiveness and the father benevolent love. There is not responsibility, to struggle, no history, no conflicts.

Tomorrow I will like us to examine: When you want to mature a church, what do you do?

Five people to pray that we will drop immaturity and childishness, especially after too many years there are still quarrelling, worldliness, steal thinking liek mere men, we don't see God's interest in situations, we don't think beyond justice to look for fruits. We don't want men to reconcile, we want to prove who is wrong. We don't want to win our brother, we want to win our case; we don't want to love our brother, we want



to make our point; we don't want to move ahead together, we want our own contribution to be acknowledge.

What is wrong with all these immaturities? It is blocking God's work. Somebody cannot do anything unless his name will be stuck on it, carnality, worldliness.

Let a few people pray, that we will truly leave behind us the immaturity and childishness, all the sensitivities, al the jealousies.

If we move ahead, and another person's name is called, does heaven forgets? God did not see what you did?