

“Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NLT

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Paul is encouraging the churches to honor leaders and he is one of the leaders! Honoring the work, honoring the time spent, honoring the gifts that are around us - this is so important to loving each other and guarding our hearts from pride and arrogance. Our hubris leaders are falling all around us in our churches. We will respect and wholeheartedly love those who serve. How can we honor, respect and love? What makes you feel seen or heard? Time. Moments that matter. Listening. Writing, texting or emailing a note when you think about how grateful you are for their life. Love, real love, **COVERS** idiosyncrasies, failures, faults and yes, sin. Love doesn't mask reality, it looks past our frailty. This honors leaders when we forgive and move on. Believe in the best in one another. Liberally give out “get out of jail free” cards to prove that you do not hold it over on them. Let God sort out issues of justice.

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Dad,

Some of the reasons I am still here, moving forward is because one; you've sustained me. But two; people, friends have believed in me, loved me and helped me frame setbacks as learning experiences. I so want to be an encourager, a hopebroker for those who struggle in their capacity and calling. Help me love and honor those who lead me.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root