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Emmanuel Christian Family Church

"I pray that they all may be one"

26th June, 2000

Dear Brian,

How we wish as leaders that things unpleasant would go away and we wouldn't have to deal with them but as leaders we know they have to be dealt with if we are going to go to a new level.

I refer to the unfinished matter with your father Frank Houston. Is he receiving counselling for his undealt with problem? I think not for I have heard from people with knowledge of the problem that a week after you said you were going to discipline him by standing him down that he was preaching and prophesying over people at Canberra. The same people pointed out to me that his name is on the Hillsong brochure. Another person with knowledge of the situation came and told me he is preaching on T.V. in the mornings.

I could take the attitude that the leader of the AOG and ACC knows of this matter and it is his responsibility to measure justice with mercy. I'm all for mercy but where is justice? It is not being seen to be done at all.

Don't you think that you should get advice from a core group from the executive to work out a strategy to deal with this case. From what I am being told the discipline for restoration is not being carried out with Frank Houston. He needs counselling and so does AHA. If you think I am wrong here I urge you to consult with your professionals both in ministry and psychology.

I believe this case is a test of your integrity and I don't think you could have a more difficult case. God will help you if you will deal with this with principle and not be governed by personality. That is what makes a truly great leader.

God is patient and I know He gives people time to work at extremely difficult cases and seek His direction for He is a God of mercy and justice. I would hate for this thing to be trivialised, covered up or blown up. Surely the church can judge this matter and do right and be seen to be doing right.

Your father should receive expert counselling from qualified people who understand these problems and he should offer to pay for AHA to be counselled also.

Having expressed these views I feel that I am appealing for a definite attempt to be made towards restoration of both parties.

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