

CCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sept. 11, 2016

**HONOR OUR LEADERS** (i.e., *founding fathers & mothers*)

*“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you (over you and into you)! Consider the outcome of their way of life (grateful to be the beneficiary of their perseverance) and imitate their faith (be as bold in your adventures as they were in theirs)!” Hebrews 13:7 NIV (with paraphrases)*

Their “way of life” included:

- **FAITH** operating through love
- **SPIRITUAL HUNGER**—continuous quest for “**MORE, LORD!**”
- **TEACHABLE**—eager to receive all; never a posture of “*We have need of nothing.*” (Revelation 3:17)
- **COURAGEOUS**—“*Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.*” (1 Samuel 14:6)
- **GENEROUS, SACRIFICIAL**, willing to **TAKE RISKS**
- **DEEPLY LOVED THE WIDER BODY OF CHRIST** (Built bridges, not walls)
- **UNASHAMED OF THEIR FERVENT LOVE FOR THE LORD & ONE ANOTHER** (expressive)
- **ZEAL**—for lost sons & daughters here (and around the world)
- **GROUNDED IN HIS WORD—LED BY HIS SPIRIT**

**ASK FOR MORE!**

**Habakkuk 3:2-** “*Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known!*”

- Increasing **FAVOR** (“You will **THRIVE** wherever you go!”)
- Increasing **BOLDNESS** (“Be strong and do exploits” Daniel 11:32)
- Increasing **OUTPOURING (IN & THRU you!)**—healing and restoring

As we **GO & GROW**...remember:

- “I will never leave you!”
- “I **AM** mighty **IN** you!”
- “I will continually fill you with **ALL HOPE---**MY resilient **HOPE!**”