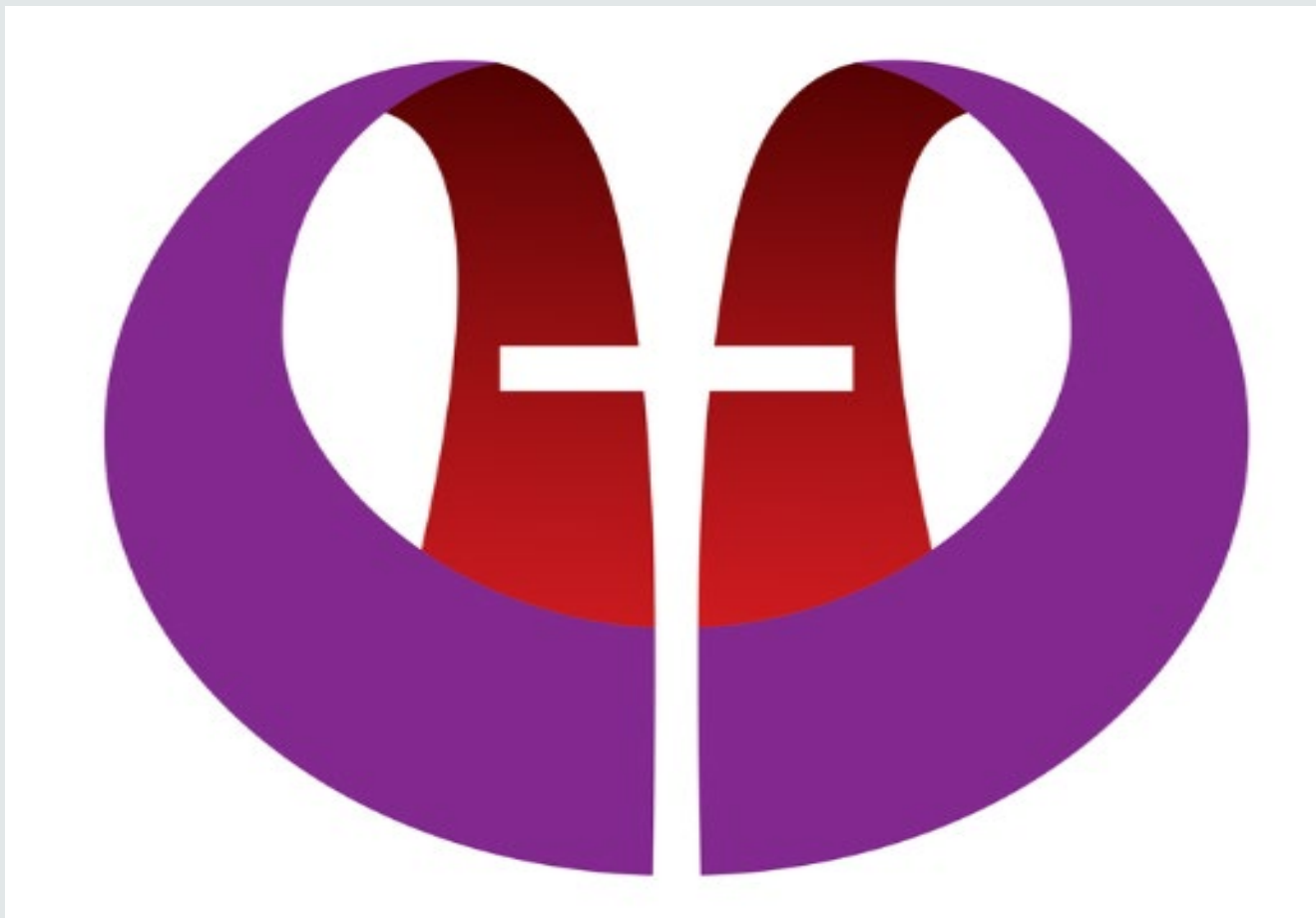


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# **F.I.T. TO LEAD**

**FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

**IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY**

**TRAINING UP DISCIPLES**

# “SERVING OUR FLOCK”

**PRESENTER: BISHOP W. DARIN MOORE – PRESIDING PRELATE**

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“I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it’s like to be a leader, in on Christ’s sufferings as well as the coming glory. Here’s my concern: that you care for God’s flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way. When God, who is the best shepherd of all, comes out in the open with his rule, he’ll see that you’ve done it right and commend you lavishly.” (1 Peter 5:1-4 MSG)

## I. Christ-like Maturity (vv. 1 & 2)

### KEY POINT:

“ WE ARE NOT FIT TO LEAD UNTIL WE FIRST LEARN HOW TO FOLLOW.”



FROM  
**BROKENNESS**

(GENESIS 3)

Defensive  
Low Self-Awareness  
Isolation  
Anger  
Blame  
Fear  
Self-Absorption  
Addiction  
Dishonesty



TOWARD  
**WHOLENESS**

(GENESIS 1 & 2)

Approachability  
High Self-Awareness  
Taking Responsibility  
Non-Reactivity  
Delight  
Courage  
Offering Self as Gift  
Freedom  
Honesty



**1. Christian leadership begins with our following Christ.**

(We cannot disciple others unless we have been discipled.)

**2. Leadership involves sacrificial service.**

(We are called to love and serve people, not to manipulate and use people.)

**3. With leadership comes with responsibility.**

(We are entrusted to care for the souls of GOD's people)

## II. Compassion-filled Opportunity (vv. 2 & 3)

### KEY POINT:

“ LEADERSHIP MUST BE VIEWED AS AN OPPORTUNITY, NOT AN OBLIGATION.”





1. **An opportunity to feed them.**  
(You cannot lead unless you feed.)
2. **An opportunity to perceive them.**  
(You cannot oversee those whom you don't truly see.)
3. **An opportunity to precede them.**  
(You cannot lead where you're not willing to go. Leadership is **EXAMPLE-ship!**)



### III. Covenant-given Authority (v. 4)

**Key point:**

*“The Chief Shepherd gives us the assignment and the authority, so He will also hold us accountable.”*



# Covenant given Authority

A wooden cross is centered in the image, resting on an open book. The pages of the book are filled with text, which is slightly blurred but legible. The lighting is warm, creating a golden glow over the scene.

- 1. They are GOD's flock, not our folk!**
- 2. We are accountable to minister to GOD's sheep as He wills, not as we want.**
- 3. We are to serve not for recognition and rewards from people, rather we can expect eternal blessings.**