

'Shalom'

Oneness – towards God and towards each other

Eldership is part of God's intended 'shalom' for us in OCF.

Acts 14



What is the context for Paul and Barnabas appointing Elders?

Why did they do it?

What is the role of an Elder in OCF?

How is the role of Elder different from Leader in OCF?

Why are we instituting Elders in OCF?

We will see growth when we are:-

United with Christ



United with each other

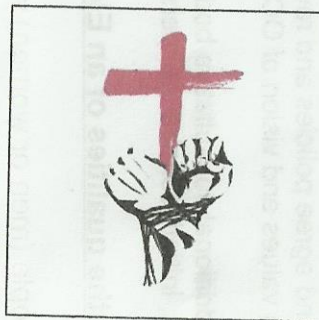


United with the Holy Spirit



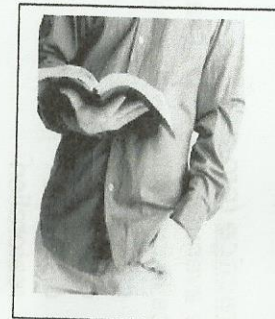
Context of Acts, a battle:-

- For the mind
- For our lives
- For the gospel
- For those who suffer
- Against personal temptation
- Against shifting opinion



Context of today:-

- Thinking and perspective
- Persecution
- Lethargy in sharing the gospel
- Immense human suffering
- Temptation and individualism
- Shifting opinions



Elders

- Protect Biblical thinking
- Shepherd the flock
- Ensure the gospel is preached
- Ensure those who suffer are reached
- Ensure the integrity of the church
- Align all things with vision and values

