

My Testimony (from a broken heart Pastor who used to be in G-12)

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The G-12 movement is a movement designed at its core to destroy and divide the church of Jesus Christ. It has the appearance of Christianity but at its center is lies and deceit. It harms the sheep that Jesus has called true pastors to shepherd.

I am a church planter and pastor who worked for almost 10 years establishing a church of Central American immigrants to the United States. Through much personal sacrifice and joyful service the church had grown and had begun to reach out to its community. It was and still is a church based on solid Biblical principals.

My heart is broken today because of all the harm that encounters and G-12 have done to the church. I made the mistake of believing the lies of G-12 without investigating thoroughly what the movement stood for and believed. What was a solid, loving church is now a church divided that will take much time to rebuild. Many members remain without a pastor and spiritual guidance.

The basic premise of G-12 and encounters is not evangelism or fulfilling the great commission. G-12 enters existing congregations, turns the membership against a man of God and divides the church.

After many years in the ministry and seeing some results but not huge numbers I made the mistake of being enamored by G-12 and its claims. I was told that doctrinal beliefs and denominations did not matter that G-12 could be adapted. I entered into what was a new system but did not understand in depth what it really meant. Little by little during about two years I became more and more unsure to the point of feeling that G12 was not from the Lord. The Holy Spirit so burdened my heart that I took a stand and said that our church would no longer participate in its structure or encounters. I tried to explain why I felt so strongly and even prepared lengthy studies about what I felt to be the biblical but the leadership would not or could not listen because of the hardening of their hearts. They didn't want to hear what was biblical or doctrinal but simply wanted to continue with encounters.

When I finally decided to take a stand against this movement my whole leadership team who I had trusted for years turned against me and publicly during a worship service confronted me and accused me of various things I had not done. More than half the church left with them thinking that g12 and encounters would solve their problems and today are without any leadership of church structure to help them. Many are disillusioned about church and don't trust churches anymore.

The actual hatred I experienced broke my heart. The leadership had to win at all cost and almost destroyed the church in the process. They preferred to see me fail than to see the church the Lord had established succeed. I have never been attacked spiritually at the level that I am being attacked presently. I am emotionally hurt to the point of being afraid to trust people who I have walked with for many years.

I pray every day that the Lord will forgive me. G12 is dangerous because it can fool even godly servants and destroy lives and ministries. I only hope that my testimony can help others going through the same thing. I will continue with the help of the Lord and preach the true gospel of Jesus Christ as long as I am allowed.

Yours in Christ,

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