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Prayer Ministry Spotlight

I heard a preacher once share how a disgruntled member had approached him about some issues he had with that preacher. After listening to the gentleman share his thoughts on certain matters the preacher then asked him just one simple question. "Have you been praying for me?"

There is a lot of validity to that question. We, being of human nature, frequently get upset or frustrated at others who are in positions of leadership over us and they, being of human nature, aren't perfect. However before we push the send button on our computers or storm over to pick up the phone, we should stop and ask ourselves, "Have I been praying for them?"

In Hebrews 13:18 we find a request given to us by a leader that says "pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience in all things desiring to live honorably." In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Paul says "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority...". It is our responsibility to pray for our church leaders. They need our prayers, they need for us to be continually lifting them up; keeping them before the throne of God.

What better way to start this New Year than to focus on our leaders here at the Atlanta Vineyard Church. When the Israelites fought with the Amalekites and Moses' arms grew weary from holding them up for so long, Aaron and Hur came along side of him and held his hands up for him. For as long as his hands were being lifted they were winning but whenever he lowered his hands they were losing. Somehow I believe that as long as we keep our leaders lifted, covering them with our prayers, we will continue to win this battle. Will you pray for them?

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SEEKING HIM...

Ask God what is His plan for you in expanding His Kingdom.