

Removing rules and power imbalance

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We are in the midst of very trying times. Some suffer in silence and others have shown tremendous courage in speaking up. Most of us feel helpless when we see and hear about head workers, workers, elders and friends continuing to cover up abuse.

The basis of many of the crimes and cover-ups can be attributed to the power imbalance of overseers. This power has been unlimited and without oversight and has resulted in rules that are not based on Jesus's teachings. The tradition of having a certain acceptable outward appearance has been a way to control people and it needs to stop.

Jesus dressed like a typical person of his day. We know this because there are several instances documented where he "disappeared into the crowd".

There are those amongst us who have felt the need to take a stand to show support for victims. Going forward, you will see support in the form of wearing non-traditional attire, such as women wearing pants and less focus on conforming to an outward standard. This will be at conventions and other gatherings. Abuse and ease of access is an unfortunate result of making women and girls wear skirts. Thus, it seems there is more of an urgency to allow people to choose their clothing as appropriate. We are not doing this to rebel against God, as garments and adornments are not a sin or a criminal act. We want to give a clear message that we no longer tolerate the embedded culture in the Ministry of bullying, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, misconduct and cover-up of such.

There are many man-made rules and traditions that have been elevated to doctrine and confused with righteousness. We love the fellowship and appreciate everyone who is trying to be honest and transparent during this time of turmoil. We do not want to cause offence in any way, but we take this stand to ensure that things are put right, so that fellowship can be preserved. This nonconformance to the outward standard is not a rebellion against God

or our faith, but is a show of loving support for those of you - women, men and children who have suffered and are suffering. We support you.

All are welcome to join in and show support in your area as you feel comfortable. We are a family, and we are very thankful for the support and love we receive from each other.

The future of this fellowship will include all people of every race and culture freely wearing clothing, make-up or jewellery and hairstyles they are comfortable with. We must not return to a time of manipulative and controlling rules that focus on outward compliance. This only encourages predators of all kinds to enforce these rules with their abuses.

We wish to turn our focus to Jesus' teachings and our service to God, not man.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ.