

## **A calling for the complete restoration of Pastor Steven Koko**

It's our combined belief that you are no longer fit to minister. For the past 5 years you have sought out "confessionals" in friends and overseers to absolve you of your guilt so you can continue to operate as a minister, but have not shown signs of repentance which requires; 1) an attitude of Godly sorrow; 2) a recognition of what steps are needed to return to a healthy relationship with God and with people; and 3) the evidence of fruit that taking those steps produce.

You wrongly believe that confession is repentance. It is not. Repentance involves a renewing of mind that leads to the transformation of life. But the patterns of carelessness and sin continue to repeat themselves. You have lost the fear of God in your life and treated young women in whom you were called to protect and influence towards Christ as prostitutes to satisfy your selfish lust. You have consistently lacked demonstrating the character of Christ and fruits of the Spirit. Instead your actions and words have caused offense and hurt to many and continue to do so to this day. You have become a liability to CFC and have begun to tarnish its reputation and limit its influence.

This letter is very direct because after multiple attempts by various friends and overseers you continue to have your character and integrity called into question by those same people and those who have served alongside CFC in various capacities. We continue to field calls and messages as recently as this month from people expressing their concerns and calling your (and even CFCs) integrity into question.

You are not healthy Steven Koko and are grievously unaware of how deep that goes and how often that manifests.

We love you. In our love we have tried everything in our power to get you on the right path, but instead we have seen continued patterns of sin, lack of awareness, and hurt. We believe that there are wounds that go back to your childhood that have never been properly addressed. They are not your fault, yet have created a distorted perspective of God, people, and the world. They need to be healed. It is an individual's responsibility to walk out their sanctification with God and that includes people who have sinned against us. Trauma is usually the result of someone's sin, but we can sin if we do not handle the trauma correctly.

On top of this and the blatant choices that have seared your conviction before the Lord, we have also witnessed deflection, manipulation, and a specific disregard to the attempts to address your sins of fornication. There is a high likelihood of it continuing. It needs to stop. We are also under the impression that we might not know all of the sin that you are hiding from us and justifying to yourself.

We recognize that previous attempts failed to go deep enough to bring lasting change and believe that this is your last opportunity to get the help you need to come into a place of full restoration. We believe we have to now take drastic measures to protect others from you and you from yourself.

This is the drastic action. This is grace.

As of today:

- You are to cease all involvement with any ministry tied to CFC. This includes (but not limited to) Mission Extreme, My Refuge Center, CFC Boot Camp, Crusades, Bible Study, and the planning and communication of any present or future events
- You are no longer to associate with any staff member of CFC without written consent from Tim or Scott

- You are to stop using your CFC debit card as you are no longer authorized for any ministry transactions. Your card will be canceled and only reinstated after/if you are determined healthy enough to rejoin CFC.
- You are to enter an undetermined season of time where you will meet weekly with a professional counselor and submit to their guided process of restoration. CFC will be regularly updated on your progress via this counselor. There is no quick fix here and CFC (including the new board of directors) will determine with the counselor and the Holy Spirit when this season is complete.
- You are not to be on any social media or websites that enable you to search for women, collect pictures, and establish communication with them. This includes Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.
- You are to not date or be in ongoing contact with any women. This is a time to focus on Jesus and to respond to His healing presence. A wife will come when you are ready for her. Anything premature has a high probability of being disastrous.
- You are not to mentor or disciple anyone. Micah may choose to remain with CFC and under its discipleship, but not under yours.
- You are to find an apartment in the Chicago area where you have pastoral, family & friend support. You will learn how to properly take care of yourself. You will be assisted in learning how, but no one will be acting as your servant.
- We will establish regular check points to confirm that you are submitted to this process and moving forward to full restoration. If now or along the way, you choose to reject this process either blatantly or through seeking loopholes and manipulation of the heart of the directives, CFC will take this as your decision to no longer continue with CFC and therefore all ties to CFC will be cut and from that point you will no longer receive a salary.

We understand that this letter and its conditions may seem extreme and may not be understood by you, but are asking you to trust those whom God has brought into your life who love you and want to see you fully restored and able to fulfill what God has put in your heart to do.

Also, understand that these measures are being taken after many other attempts to see you restored in the past 5 years have failed. We no longer believe that you will find the healing and restoration you need without the strict guidance listed above.

No one included is happy that things have come to this, but sin is destructive and any one of us are susceptible to its deception and harm. This is a ministry that is to bring the gospel of redemption to the nations, but instead CFC has watched its founder and leader become a liability and be put in a position where it may no longer exist unless these issues are addressed. People who have left CFC in the past refer to CFC as a cult due to the dysfunction, lack of accountability, and ongoing sin.

We believe in a future where CFC is a ministry of great influence and Steven Koko is operating out of the love and fullness of Christ. No one can determine the latter except for Steven Koko and it's our strong recommendation that you choose to submit to this process not only today, but until it's complete. This could take 12 months, but may take many more. In the meantime know that CFC has chosen to submit to the Holy Spirit's leadership and will do what they need to build as He desires so that many will come into the Kingdom of God.

Lastly, we will draft a letter to our partners that informs them of your sabbatical and indicate the reasons for it. This will be done with a heart of honesty, honor, and restoration.

This is about Jesus and His plan of redemption for all mankind. We humbly sign this letter with that goal in mind.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Interim President of CFC and friend of Steven Koko

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise LaRocco,  
Board Chair of CFC and friend of Steven Koko

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Sullenberger,  
Deliverance Pastor and friend of Steven Koko