



THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT & SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

There is some debate around the tearing down of the South Elementary School in the name of progress. I cannot help but equate this to the restoration of the church.

We, of course, never want to tear down the church, but we must never assume that we have completely restored it, because claiming we have “arrived” leads to arrogance and laziness.

I grew up in a South African church that claimed to “have the truth.” Doctrinally we were sound, but we had lost the love, and in order to grow we had to tear down pride and reset ourselves on the only true foundation – Jesus.

Devika and I consider ourselves blessed to be part of a church that never claims in arrogance to “have the truth.” We are people who are quick to acknowledge that only Jesus is the truth and it is our job to be a pillar of truth and hold Him high in our lives. We need to however, continually work on restoring the church.

As with the South School, some may want to move forward while others may be protective of what exists. The answer on how to address these differences of opinions, is ironically the centre of what makes church, church: Jesus said, “Love one another.”

We must not forget that the church is not a building or institution – the church is people. For this reason restoring the church is more about restoring our hearts to Jesus, than making physical changes. As long as we increasingly love Jesus and one another, we will be growing closer to God, and will therefore be restoring His church.

It looks like the South School will soon be history, but with Jesus’ Love, the Lander church will never die.

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