



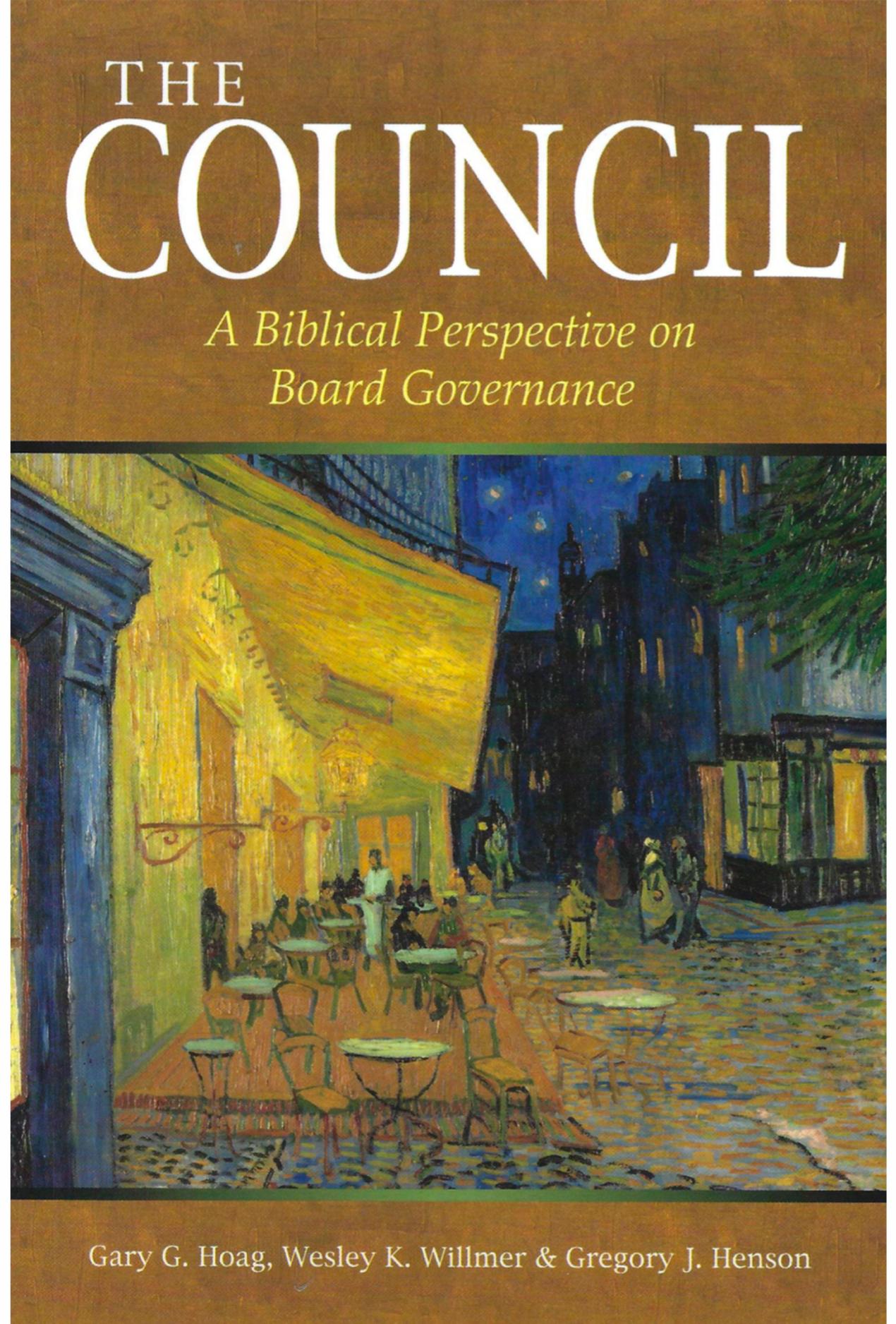
FINDING PARALLELS IN THE BIBLE

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CCT Governance Leadership Development Program

THE COUNCIL

*A Biblical Perspective on
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OVERVIEW

Day 1: 7 June 2021

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PART 1

FOUR COUNCILS

What does the Bible say about board governance?

1. The Council of Moses
2. The Jewish Council of the First Century
(Sanhedrin)
3. The Council of Ephesus
4. The Jerusalem Council

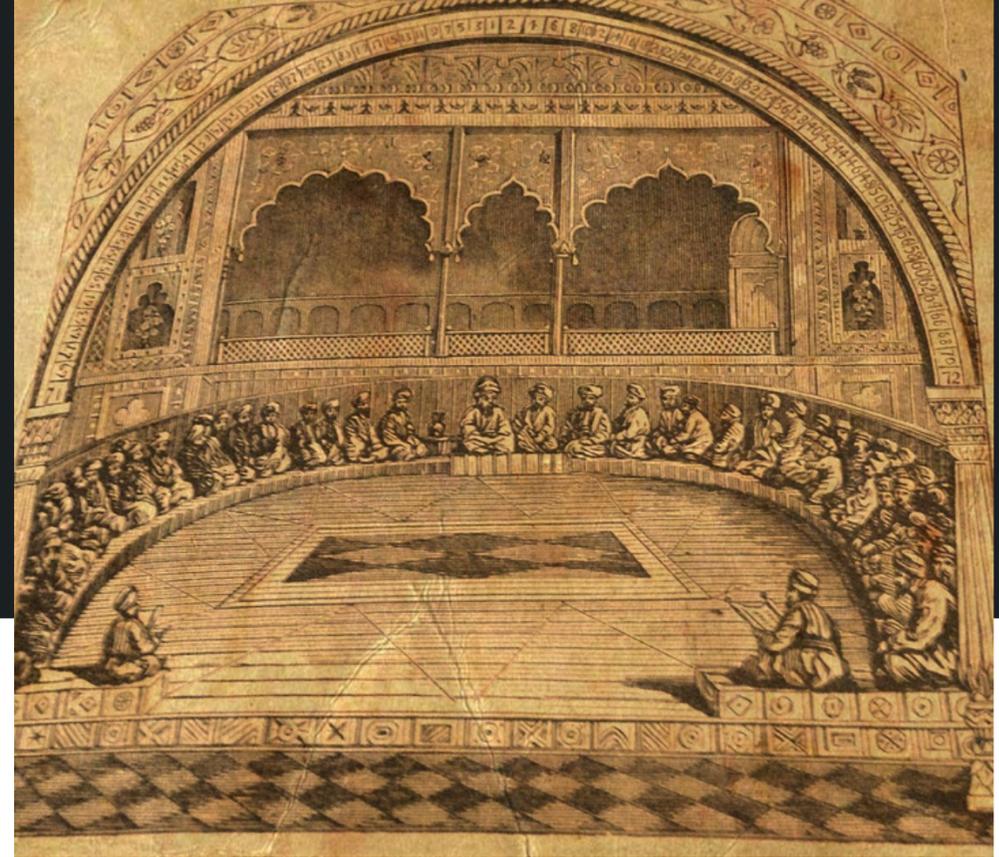
1 COUNCIL OF MOSES



Numbers 11:11-17

1. Spiritual Maturity and Administrative Gifting - "Elders" and "Officers"
2. Standing and Listening Posture - Implies attentive service
3. The Presence and Power of the Spirit - Authentication
4. Humble Service - Help Moses "bear the burden"

2 THE SANHEDRIN



John 11:47-50

1. Selecting People of Status - "Chief Priests and Pharisees"
2. Ruling and Controlling Posture - "Sitting Together"
3. Idolatry to Money - Merchants and Moneychangers
4. Pride - "Our Temple and Our Nation"

3 THE COUNCIL OF EPHESUS



Acts 19:35-41

1. Selecting People of Status - "City Clerk" and "Proconsuls"
2. Ruling and Controlling Posture - "The Courts are Open"
3. Idolatry to Money - The Complaint of the Silversmiths
4. Pride - "The Trade and the Temple"

4 THE COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM



Acts 15:6-20

1. Spiritual Maturity and Administrative Gifting - "Apostles" and "Elders"
2. Standing and Listening Posture - Peter "got up" and spoke
3. The Presence and Power of the Spirit - "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..."
4. Humble Service - James spoke for those outside (LXX)

MOSES & JERUSALEM

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PLENARY SHARING

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BREAK TIME

Got questions? Please post them in the chat bar.



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PART 2

THE COUNCIL MINDSET

This mindset has four parts that sum up the biblical material to help us govern in a manner that seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us (Acts 15:28). With each point, boards must make decisions to “abstain” from worldly pitfalls by “adopting” patterns of the exemplary biblical councils.

1

THE COUNCIL MINDSET

Abstain from allowing wealth, status, and/or lineage to serve as guiding factors for selecting overseers by adopting a selection process that places a priority on Christian maturity and administrative gifting over other candidate criteria.

How do you select board members for the CCT Group of Ministries? Need strategic templates? Check out the Board Matrix and Board Selection Process & Interview Template.

2

THE COUNCIL MINDSET

Abstain from the tendency to rule or control churches and organizations from a sitting posture by adopting a practice of standing and listening to the reading of Scripture as a reminder, at every meeting, to govern under God's rule.

Spiritual Practice:

What is the role of Scripture in CCT board meetings? Try the The Council Model: Scripture, Silence, Sharing, Supplication.

3 THE COUNCIL MINDSET

Abstain from idolatry to money by adopting standards of responsible stewardship to make sure that the churches and organizations you serve depend on the Holy Spirit rather than money as the power of ministry.

Strategic Question:

What if the CCT Group of Ministries followed standards of responsible stewardship? How would that impact governance?

4 THE COUNCIL MINDSET

Abstain from pride by adopting rhythms of prayer and fasting before God, humble service toward others, and submission to peer accountability to verify compliance with standards of responsible stewardship.

Spiritual Question:

Why are prayer, fasting, and confession important spiritual disciplines for the boards of the CCT Group of Ministries?

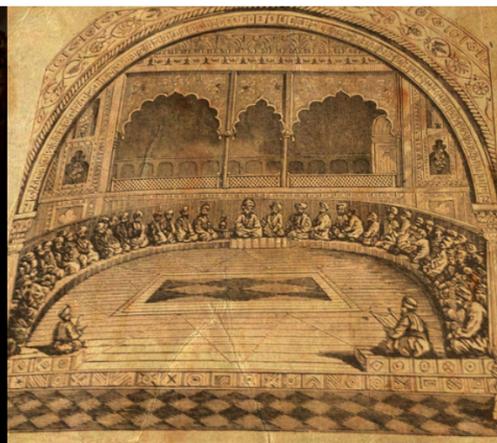
FOUR COUNCILS, ONE BIBLICAL MINDSET

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Biblical Mindset

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2. Scripture in Meetings
3. Stewards following Standards
4. Spiritual Disciplines



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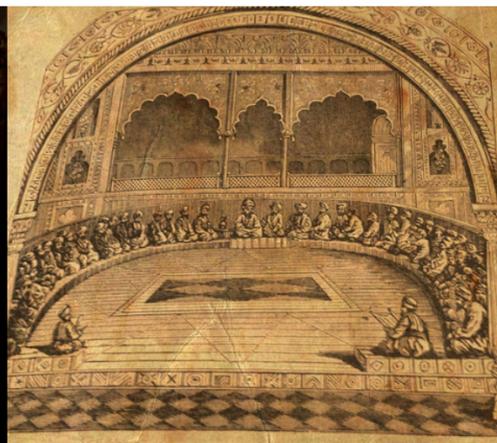
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WRAP UP

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