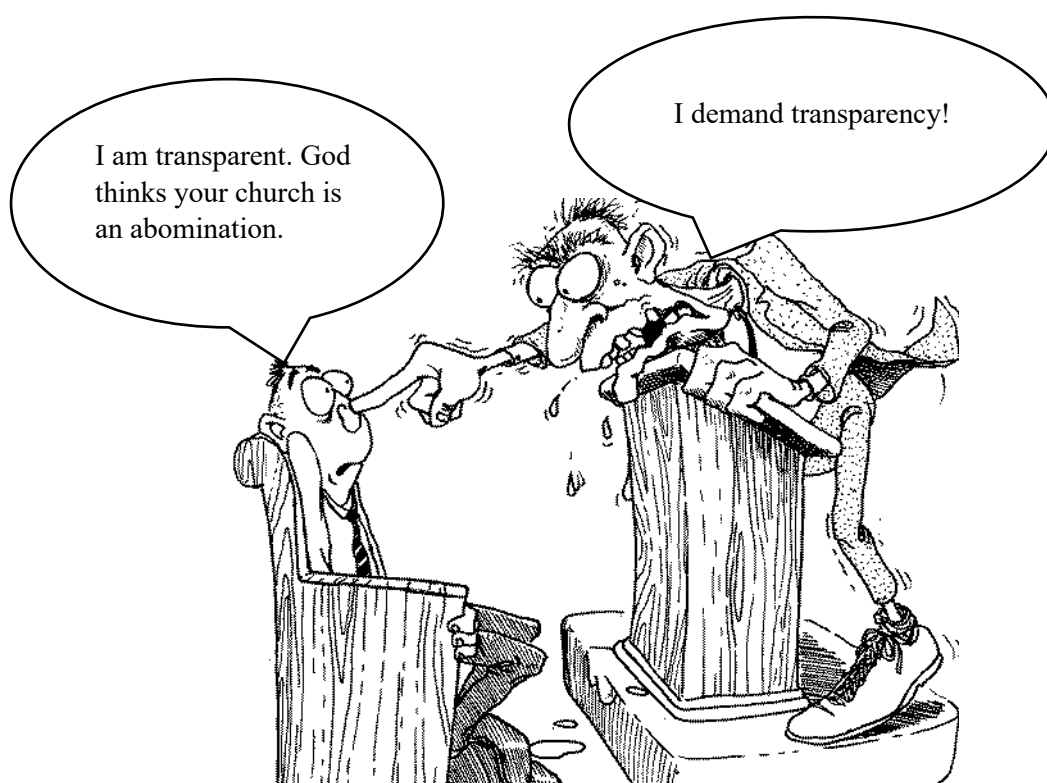


## Elim Christian Centre Tokoroa – The Cult of Narcissistic Sociopaths II.

9th of May 2018

The second Epistle of Richard Sivell, an unworthy servant of the Truth, to the Church of New Zealand. “Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely.” – Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>



After speaking to Chris Bethwaite from Elim head office on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2018, and although he called my first epistle, “ungodly”, he organised a meeting with Trevor McDowell from Elim Tauranga, himself, Gordon Wilson and myself for Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2018. The following is a transcript of that meeting, so pulpit pimp Hagger’s demand for ‘transparency’ may be fulfilled.

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<sup>1</sup> Luke 20:46-47

*Italic text indicates my afterthoughts while composing this transcript.*

After greeting one another with the right hand of fellowship, the meeting commenced at 11am.

**Richard:** “Let me introduce myself, so you guys know my history with Elim. I came to faith in Jesus Christ on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2006. I was discipled and baptised by [redacted], the son of [redacted] in head office. I was involved with Mike Griffiths church in Dunedin for a little while, where I received the gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands. In 2008 I went to Bible College, Faith Bible College in Tauranga. You would be familiar with Des Short and Andrew Kulasingham, I sat under their ministries. I was actually offered a position as a community pastor, which I turned down because I am not a pastor, I know what my ministry is. I ended up moving here to Tokoroa and got involved with the Elim congregation under Brian Hagger. In 2012/2013, I was very active in the church. I looked after the administration in the office and was heavily involved with the music team, looking after the worship and putting a bit of structure in place. Then things started unravelling and that’s why we are here today. I met Gordon after having my run in with Mr. Hagger and since, we’ve been compiling stuff regarding his ministry or lack of it.” *Please note, I was not a ‘worship leader’, I assisted with music formation and structure as a pianist, constructed music books and introduced new songs to the worship leader and musicians at Brian’s request. I was not in any position of leadership.*

**Trevor:** “That’s your opinion though.”

*Trevor points his finger at me.*

**Richard:** “Well, yes. It is my opinion but it is my experience too. Gordon’s produced some documents, which is where we can start, so we can understand the history of what’s been going on.”

**Trevor:** “Yeah, well, ok. The thing is, that we don’t want to be here all day. We’ve got a bit of time for it but the way I see things, you’ve got to realise, some of this stuff, the accusations that were made, are from eleven years ago or something like that. We weren’t made aware of it, no one from head office was made aware of it at the time. Personally, I find Brian and

Lorraine, I think they're doing a good job. We've been watching them, you know, how the church is going and stuff like that guys and I think they're doing a really good job."

**Gordon:** "From a pulpit point of view, if you are looking at the numbers in the church, those kind of things, he's doing a great job. That's the nature of the animal. It doesn't mean things are right. The key indicators, you know, how many people are showing up etc. There is never going to be more than a hundred and twenty, I know that for a fact. It's human dynamics, when you've got a guy like Brian in charge. One man can't handle more than a hundred and twenty people. A guy who can't delegate never surpasses that number, they get to about a hundred and twenty and they go back to about fifty because they have a church split. He is a control guy, they have to have control, it's how it works. I know that. We accept what you're saying, if you talk to Brian, talk to those guys, you will never know there is a problem."

**Trevor:** "Well coming from the fact, listen guys, we've spoken to other people as well, in the church. And we've spoken to Brian and there's nothing that I can see personally over the last ten years."

**Gordon:** "Good, and that is exactly what I would expect."

**Trevor:** "So, the other thing you guys got to realise, is that we've got all our people to sort out, we keep an eye on stuff, we reprove each other, we're helping each other to grow stuff, so there's nothing to show that he's manipulating others. What I've seen, he is releasing people into, you know, leading certain ministries, as he should be. Because it is not just about one man, hey, all our people have leadership abilities and stuff, and to look at the giftings and give people control to lead stuff. So, we see that happening, that's what I'm saying, I'm personally seeing some of that stuff falling in to place."

**Gordon:** "Have you seen ministers released from Brian?"

**Trevor:** "Well, I've seen Brian using people. He's got worship leaders, he's got a worship team, he's got people leading in certain other areas."

*I agree, he does use people.*

**Richard:** "Just to touch on that, I was involved down there, six days, sometimes seven days a week if I had to prepare a bulletin on a Saturday. I was very active in the church and witnessed

and saw more than what you have, to be honest. I was there and I felt I was sent there to serve Brian. So, I went in there and really humbled myself under his leadership and the whole lot. It was just one thing after another. I witnessed it and we will go in to it a bit further, you know, some of the things.”

**Trevor:** “Yeah but as I say Richard, I see where you’re coming from but that’s your opinion, but we’re not seeing that as a leadership team. You know, ten years ago, some of this stuff goes back years and years ago. Certain things weren’t spoken about.

*Trevor points his finger at me again.*

**Gordon:** “Excuse me, can I tend to that? I was there when Luke Iwunze was pastor and I watched my good friend, Colin Bridle, he was best man at my wedding and I was best man at his. We were very close. He would come to me on a daily basis regarding problems he had with Luke Iwunze and the problem was, that he was an administrator for the school and there were financial problems. And I don’t know the details, I didn’t actually want to know the details because it had nothing to do with me. But he talked about what happened and in the end, he made an appeal to the Elim executive, and I thought my goodness. Warren Moar came down, I was interviewed and quite a number of people were interviewed. And I barely said anything, because I don’t speak very well, I’m not a public speaker really, it’s not my thing. But anyway, it doesn’t matter. I watched how they dealt with that situation and I was not very impressed. I saw the eldership get dismissed, Luke Iwunze was given an honourable move along, the reaction was totally wrong. I thought, what the hell, you know? These guys are eldership, they were put out of their place; I thought why would they do that? So I thought at the time, if I ever have an issue, I certainly won’t go to the executive to see an overreaction like that. Because to me, that was awful on the part of the Elim executive. So, when I had an issue, I knew I would never go to the Elim executive, so I went to the eldership. Now, what I would like to do, is go through two documents. One was authored by Carole Clark, it has a date on it, not the year, it was 2008. This document was the last elders meeting that was held and the only one that minutes were taken. Minutes were taken because I asked for minutes to be taken, because I couldn’t believe what I was seeing. So I would like to read it to you and you can have a copy to take away with you.”

*At this point, Gordon reads through both documents. See Appendix 1 for the minutes and Appendix 2 for Gordon’s letter. Gordon apologises for not giving out a copy of his letter, he*

*had printed off both a copy of the minutes, which was given out, and a copy of his letter, but in the heat of discussion forgot to give a copy of his letter.*

**Gordon:** “So, that was my reply, there is a lot that could be said but my chief concern is that Brian has proven himself to me to be an abuser, a spiritual abuser. That’s the nicest thing I could say. I could use colourful terms like Jesus did, ‘whitewashed sepulchre,’ and use words that Richard uses. I feel outrage, I feel I’ve been the victim, I was made to be a victim. And I spoke to Barbara last night, it was late talking to her, I said to her, ‘there’s going to be a meeting today, would you want to be there?’ She said, ‘absolutely.’ Financially she did fine because Brian in the end did do the right thing but only because he was caught. It would have been the end of the matter if he had left it. But he didn’t, he decided to target me. I was an embarrassment to him, I was going to continue to be an embarrassment to him if he continued to keep pointing at me, which he did. I don’t know how many meetings we had and I’m sure you guys don’t want a bar of it, but to do your job, you guys need to do due diligence.”

**Trevor:** “It’s not that we don’t want a bar of it. The thing is, if there is something, it’s not that we don’t want to have a look at it. Not to just let it go. But what you need to realise is, that we’ve got to talk to Brian.”

**Gordon:** “Of course.”

**Trevor:** “Because at the end of the day, we hear what you’re saying, which is cool but we wouldn’t want, we wouldn’t agree to any of our guys as pastors manipulating old people.”

**Gordon:** “Of course you don’t.”

**Trevor:** “We wouldn’t do that, so I mean, to be fair to Brian, we’ve got to talk to him about that.

**Gordon:** “No question, of course you’ve got to talk to him.”

**Trevor:** “So, we will do that. We’re not burying our heads in the sand. So, we will do that but what you’ve got to realise is, that as I say, none of this stuff came up to NLT. (*National Leadership Team?*)

**Gordon:** “What I expected to happen was that the eldership would approach Elim executive. I knew if I did it, I would have been treated just like Colin was. He got a restraining order put on him. How nutty is that? Now he’s an elder. You know? I mean, my god!”

**Trevor:** “Yeah, I mean, we’ve gone over that stuff too Gordon, in respect to it, what happens, the eldership, the majority of times, churches, their elders can sort stuff out. The NLT, if we can help and support and see if things are alright, we will always do that but even on the Colin thing, Gordon, what you’ve got to realise is, I don’t know all of what happened there because whatever it was, ten years ago but I know, as far as I know, that Colin actually went back and asked for forgiveness and stuff. So, I don’t know all of what happened there but he sorted it out the proper way.

**Gordon:** “Ok, I’m not going to cast dispersions on everybody. Colin and I are good friends but he’s a political kind of guy. That is who he is and I’m not a political kind of guy. I understand from his point of view, he wanted to be part of the church, he didn’t want to go through what he went through in the past because it cost him dearly. You know, he and Brian get on really well and the wives do and to me, it’s just not, yeah, I’m not going to but I could say some things.”

**Trevor:** “What you’ve got to realise is, we will have a chat about the first thing concerning the woman, we will do that and see what’s what.”

**Gordon:** “What you need to understand from our point of view, is that unless we’re satisfied with the outcome, we’re probably going to keep pushing the issue. And more so from Richard’s point of view, I was pretty depressed but I moved away from it, you know, I promised myself at the time that I was going to see Brian out but nobody else could see that there was a problem. I know there is a problem and you can tell me what you want too but...”

**Trevor:** “Well, that’s your opinion.”

**Gordon:** “No.”

**Trevor:** “We’ve got an obligation guys, to check that thing about the house and see what went on there.”

**Gordon:** “Ok.”

**Trevor:** “But what you’ve got to realise, what you are going to do, what you said to me, if you’re not satisfied, I can’t change that. But what I want to say guys, think about it, you know, love covers a multitude of sin.”

**Gordon:** [laughs]

**Trevor:** “And I’m not talking about we should cover over stuff. But there’s a way to do stuff.”

**Gordon:** “We wouldn’t be having this meeting if we hadn’t done it.”

**Trevor:** “We know that but I want to tell you something, you know, nobody knows the motive of the heart but God. So, when we start firing stuff at other people, just realise that, you start judging other people, you will be judged as well. If I start judging other people, I will be judged as well.”

**Richard:** “Exactly and this is the response. Judge not lest ye be judged according to the same measure. And this is it. If it was just me, I would have thought, ok, I’ve had a falling out with Brian and that would be it. Whatever. But it’s the victims, there are more and more people. There is a history of this. It’s not just a one off. If it was a one off, you can say, ok, there was a personality, there was a conflict, or whatever, you can let it go. But how many more people, five or six that I can name myself and I haven’t been at Elim Tokoroa for three or four years now. I’m meeting people and I’m hearing more stuff about the Hagers and the abuse that goes on down there and it needs to be addressed.”

**Trevor:** Yeah, well, we will be addressing something. There is a way to do that. But like I say, we’re going back to stuff that happened in 2007/2008, but what I know about Brian and Lorraine, I see them doing a good job.”

**Gordon:** [laughs] “That’s an unwise thing to say.”

**Trevor:** “We’ve given you time Gordon, but you need to realise we all want to do what is honest and fair, right across the board. So, that was one of the reasons that we came, we wanted to hear from you and talk to you and say, look, we’ll be doing our best, whatever that is. The thing is, at the end of the day, we don’t teach people to do the wrong stuff, manipulating people or anything else. But we hear from people from all churches at times because they don’t like what some people have done. Sometimes it can just be an opinion, some people don’t like a certain style or the way they do stuff. That happens in all churches.”

*You might not teach it but you are defending it.*

**Gordon:** “Ok, we have a guy here who established his ministry and his position in the church on a lie. Now, you might not be satisfied that he’s lying, I am certainly satisfied. You need to meet the woman involved.”

*[Gordon gives Trevor Barbara’s phone number.]*

**Trevor:** “Yeap, we will check that side, the house thing and all that sort of stuff.”

**Gordon:** “The problem isn’t what he did or didn’t do. The problem is that he decided to make a lie out of it. He didn’t admit to it and this is basic Christianity. When you’ve done something wrong, the first thing you do is confess. Without confession there is no grace. I’ll tell you some things that I know about what transpired but I don’t have proof.”

**Trevor:** “Here’s the thing, I personally don’t need to know a whole lot of stuff but I need to talk to Brian to see what his opinion is.”

**Gordon:** “What is his opinion?”

**Trevor:** “Well, I’ve heard your opinions, which is cool but there is always two sides to a story.”

**Gordon:** “The question you need to ask him, did he lie?”

**Richard:** “He will deny it.”

**Gordon:** “Ok, it doesn’t matter how he answers. If he says he didn’t lie, well he’s continuing to lie. I know he lied. I did my homework. I was close to the information at the time and I know that I did a good job. I did it right. I could have done more but I didn’t. What I can say is that, the question of his lie and then for him to use a solicitor to promulgate that lie, to me, is unconscionable. And then, to make sure the people who knew he was lying and could prove it, were gone. He exercised spiritual abuse. He bullied the eldership in to agreeing and then stepped out of the room to let them make up their own minds. I watched it all, with my own eyes. It’s spiritual abuse and you’re going to ask him, ‘what’s your opinion?’ What’s an abusers opinion going to be? You know, in all fairness. He’s going to cover his butt. He’s going to act like a little lamb, I know what he’s like.”

*To me this is the most Godly question ever: “What’s an abusers opinion going to be?”*

**Trevor:** “I know but we’ve got to do this.”

**Gordon:** “Of course you’ve got to. I’m not arguing with you but you’ve got to realise that it’s serious. Ok, here’s a guy who has decided to base his ministry on a lie. Who is the father of



lies? You know! His father is not God. Now, he doesn't understand that confession is the first step to repentance. He is unrepentant."

**Trevor:** "You don't know..."

**Gordon:** "I do know. I do know. I do know. He lied and insisted on lying. He changed his story three times.

**Trevor:** "I can't say that."

**Gordon:** "Of course you can't, but you can check that stuff out. The question is, did he lie? The details are the awkward part. You've got to study the details. The devil is in the details. You've got to study the details to know what went on.

**Trevor:** "Yeah, we'll be looking in to it."

**Richard:** "You've got to look in to it because if you guys cover this up and the spiritual abuse goes on from that. Mine is more recent. We've got a long history here and both of them, including Lorraine. I don't know if you guys still do it but you used to have a declaration for the offering. I used to type it out in the weekly bulletins all the time. Lorraine was taking this one time because he used to give her services and she said, 'repeat after me.' She starts reading and everyone picks up their bulletins and start reading along. She stops half way through and everyone's looking at their bulletin and they keep reading. Once they finish, she slams her fist down on the pulpit and states, "I said repeat after me!" And she started reading again and only about two people continue reading because the rest of the congregation were like [*I made a disgusted and shocked facial expression*]. This sort of behaviour goes on. I was down there, I saw the manifestations all the time, from both of them. Brian's a smooth operator but Lorraine is more of short fuse, she will fire up more than he will. They had a dog sitting on the front pew. They had the elders come in and tend to the needs of the dog. I asked him about this thing with the dog. Gillian was her name, they used to bring her dog to church. He said that she didn't have a man and so that was her partner. I said to him, 'I don't have a girlfriend so can I bring my dog to church?' What are the elders' responsibilities? To tend to the needs of the people of God? Instead they tend to the needs of a dog in front of everyone. Taking it out, walking it around, putting it on the front pew; which is supposed to be a place of significance in the church, a place of honour for speakers, for guest speakers to come to the front. They had a dog there and I asked him about that, I hit him up. I said to him, 'it's not good to take the children's bread and throw it to dogs.' And he just manifested and blew up, he got really angry. I don't

know for a fact but apparently she was getting a bit older and he was trying to convince her to leave something to the church. So he was giving privilege, showing partiality, showing favouritism. Now that is forbidden by Paul, James, Peter; it is repeated over and over again, God does not show partiality. He got so angry at me for bringing that up, he told me to ‘watch my mouth’ and the whole lot. But that was a genuine question, why are you preaching to dogs? Why do you have a dog sitting on the front pew? And the elders were walking it around, taking it out, so it could take a crap around the back and bringing it back in. The whole place is a mess. This is what you get when you have someone in leadership who is a mammonite. That goes on, the whole money thing, the way they manifest and you’re going to have to sort it. Not only that; the pastoral epistles to Timothy and Titus, which outline it, keep your own house in order. Now he also shows nepotism, giving his son Timothy the ability to stand behind the pulpit and preach, while his son is known around town with the drug dealers. Personally, I don’t have a problem with people smoking cannabis, but he’s out there doing that and Brian is giving him the pulpit to speak and preach and the whole lot. Blatant nepotism.”

*I **never** asked Brian for opportunity to speak or preach. I’m a musician, I was happy playing the keys, like I said, I’m not a pastor, but that doesn’t mean I don’t have discernment. During one of his kangaroo court sessions with bully boy Bridle, who swallowed Jonah’s whale, horrible Hagger hissed; ‘you will never preach from my pulpit!’ – Where in hell did that come from? That sounds like a dirty devil trying to claim ownership over something that doesn’t belong to him!*

“He (*Tim Hagger*) goes on Shine TV and praises God, thank you God that I’ve been delivered from my drug habit, the whole lot. You know, it just goes on and on. Wives that are worthy of respect. Now I don’t think there is anyone in the congregation that respects Lorraine, the way she carries on and treats the women. It goes on. I do appreciate you guys coming down. I know it’s out of your way, it’s a hassle and you probably didn’t want to come down and you’re showing us that you’re taking the first step. You want to take us seriously and come investigate it. All credit to you guys because this will reflect on the Elim organisation. I have been involved with the Elim church and I have nothing but respect for it. But what has been going on down here has really given me great concern. Especially when you’ve got someone who is making money off the Gospel, he’s paid to be a pastor, he’s there demanding money in the name of

God, including tithing and you've got this sort of behaviour happening. Now, I love Elim, I am a Pentecostal myself, but if you guys don't deal with this, it's going to reflect poorly on the whole organisation and as you can probably tell, I am still very upset with everything. If it was just me, whatever, Brian's a 'man of god,' we had a falling out, whatever. But you're getting victim after victim after victim. There is a track record here, this is not just a one off. From Gordon's point of view, I didn't even know Gordon until after the whole thing and then he brings up this thing with Barbara. You know what Barbara said when Gordon told her about this? She said, 'about time.' About time you guys start looking in to this."

**Gordon:** "Now for you guys it's ten years, but for us, it's like it only happened yesterday."

**Richard:** "Well, for me it's only a few years."

**Gordon:** "I mean, you're sitting there, thinking, oh, can't you just put it behind you, you know? But when you see injustice... Do you care about righteousness? That's the thing. When you see it go down and you see him standing up there. For me, I was careful to stick to the facts. I will give you an assessment, I challenge anybody to say that I'm wrong. Is it wrong to say what I've said? I don't believe so. Is it ungodly to say what I've said? I don't believe so. I don't think you guys care. Tokoroa doesn't need a man like that, he's been head of the church council thing because people judge pastors not as men but by the position that they hold and they make certain assumptions about who people are. So people like Brian can get away with it and pretend, he's a pretender! I'm sorry but that's the best I can say and I'm using nice language for you guys."

**Trevor:** "Well, I think that's fair."

**Gordon:** "And you're getting our end of it, and I get that."

**Trevor:** "And we realise that, so that's fine. I will look at some stuff."

**Richard:** "All things will come in to the light, at the end of the day all things will be exposed."

**Trevor:** "Here's the thing, you don't need to be God, God knows, we all come in front of God one day and your heart will be exposed, the same as Brian. Only by the grace of God, so we need to realise that. As I say, we will look in to some stuff."

*Again, Trevor points his finger at me. This is the problem with pulpit pimps, they are the ones who want to be God and assume to have divine authority and ownership of the Bible. They stand behind the pulpit, quote Scripture and point the finger, spiritually abuse and condemn*

*people, demand money in the name of God, yet, when their behaviour is questioned, they automatically bully in to silence protestors. I'm exposing your darkness and you don't like it.*

**Gordon:** “Ok, I’ll give you one more thing, I’ll try and make it the last thing. We discussed what would satisfy us. What would make us happy? What would make us go away? We both agree that if Brian got, in military terms, a dishonourable discharge. If he was retired, you know, ‘it’s time for you to move on Brian,’ and no statement is made that there was ever a problem, that there was never a question about what he was saying and how he conducted himself - there’s a lot of people that I know, they didn’t have it as bad as what I went through, they were dutiful not to rock the boat or ruffle the feathers and we’re not talking about new Christians, we’re talking about mature people who know Brian. I made Nancy Dykes very aware of what went on and I took counsel from her at times. There was a public meeting that was held, that I didn’t attend and...”

**Trevor:** “Look, we see where you are coming from, the thing is this, as I say, we can’t be certain, we’ve got to make inquires.”

**Gordon:** “I’m just saying from our point of view that’s what will make us happy.”

**Trevor:** “I can’t say that’s going to happen. You know, you guys might get back to me and be really upset. I don’t know, I’m just being honest, because we want the truth as well. Just realise it’s not a personal thing. You know, we’ve come all this way to suss some things out.” *Find image of ‘you cant handle the truth.’*

**Gordon:** “No, no. I’m not asking for guarantees. Do your job, do it diligently and do it properly. If you come to a different conclusion, that’s fine, you’re entitled to that. But from our point of view, you need to know, the only thing that will shut us up is if he gets a dishonourable discharge and it doesn’t mean that you have to be awful but you do have to get him out of that position and make a statement that there were problems, how much you share of those problems is up to you. Barbara has already expressed her willingness, she is happy for her information to be out there.”

**Trevor:** “So, I can’t promise anything that will make you happy. I’ve got to be honest, I’m not here to make you happy but we’re going to try to do what is right, you know what I mean?”

**Richard:** “And you’ve got to do it because it will bring the Elim church in to disrepute. I’m talking about Elim New Zealand in to disrepute because if you guys are going to cover this up, it’s like the Roman Catholic church with their paedophile priests and they do the same thing,

they cover them up and they move them around, the whole lot, they don't deal with it. There needs to be accountability, especially if you've got someone who is profiting off the Gospel and is in a position of trust and abusing that trust and abusing people, hurting people, vulnerable people who go to church and are seeking redemption, seeking salvation and they're already broken, being taken advantage of and being abused by someone in that position under the Elim banner."

**Trevor:** "But again guys, that's your opinion Richard. I can't go on your opinion."

*Again, Trevor points his finger at me. Does he refer to the eye witness testimonies of the Disciples of Christ as 'opinions'?*

**Gordon:** "Go on the facts, we're not asking you to take our word for it."

**Trevor:** "We appreciate the fact that you spoke up about it. We can look in to some stuff and we will."

**Richard:** "You came down here, which is a great first step."

**Trevor:** "At the end of the day, I'm going to say, we're not going to cover anything up."

**Gordon:** "You read the Bible about King David, the Bible is always completely candid about faults, about problems that existed and when people did wrong it wasn't covered up, it was clearly out there. And people in leadership, it's a little bit different."

**Richard:** "There's a higher standard, above reproach."

**Gordon:** "If they're doing bad stuff, if they're drunkards, they shouldn't be there. If they're trying to rip old ladies off, they're in the wrong place."

**Trevor:** "I agree one hundred percent. We agree. If we get something that was proven, if that was happening."

**Gordon:** "It wouldn't stand up in a court of law without Du Plessis, without his testimony it would not stand up in a court of law. I know that."

**Trevor:** "What I'm saying, is if that was the case, yes, but we've got to look at this."

**Gordon:** "My solicitor advised me right at the beginning. He read that letter, the one you heard. He is actually Brian's solicitor too, by the way. So he was made aware of the situation from me, before Brian constructed his letter. And the solicitor acted on Brian's behalf, now I won't

say any more than that, but he did something which meant that what Brian wrote wouldn't see a court of law."

**Trevor:** "I don't know if that is true or not, so that's the thing. I don't need to know, I can see where you are coming from with some stuff. We've got a role at the end of the day, Gordon, we've got a role, we've shown respect to you guys by coming to talk to you, we didn't have to."

**Gordon:** "We appreciate that."

**Trevor:** "We will suss some things out because we're obligated to do that and we always will be. But I would like to think, the NLT, will always do things in an honest way and that will not always please everybody. All we can do is ask questions and I know that people can lie to us, it happens all the time but at the end of the day, we're all going to give account, you know what I mean?"

**Richard:** "According to Jesus Christ, those who take widows' houses, the preachers of the law, will come under severe judgement."

**Trevor:** "That's cool but what you've got to realise is, that's God's job so don't get all wound up about it. It's not your job to do that. It's not my job to do that, you know what I mean? And realise too, Jesus didn't come to judge guys. Mercy triumphs over judgement."

*What exactly is my job Trevor? To remain silent and allow pulpit pimp Hagger to continue to abuse people, manipulate old women out of their homes, steal money in the name of God and use a 'Christian Church' to distribute anti-Christ Jewish propaganda? No! That is not my job, perhaps God is using me to expose devils behind the pulpit? Perhaps I am to Elim what Jesus Christ was to the synagogue? Perhaps I am to Elim what Martin Luther was to the Roman Catholic Church? Who knows?*

**Richard:** "But we still stand before the judgement seat of Christ."

**Trevor:** "It's not all black and white but by the grace, Richard, none of us will make it. Don't worry about your works."

**Richard:** "We are saved by grace. I'm not questioning his salvation, I'm not questioning that he's a Christian. I am questioning his behaviour and his position. Because he is held to a higher standard and he is falling very far short of it – and that is my opinion."

**Trevor:** “We realise that as leadership. We all realise that as leaders and if there is some stuff that is out of place, we will speak in to it.”

**Gordon:** “There is one guarantee, if you assured Brian, that there will be no consequences from his answer and say to him, ‘we’re not going to take it any further but did you actually lie?’ He might actually admit to it. Because he has done it before and so I’m saying that to you, to say, that’s what we’re dealing with, he does not wish to suffer the consequences. I was told by people who were in discussion about it, why didn’t you admit to it and he said because of Gordon’s lack of grace, because I was being very judgemental. Without realising that, until he could admit to something, grace is not his and I was giving the example I saw from Scripture. That until such time as he exercises his responsibility to confess what he has done, he is not in Christ, and that’s the Scripture, I’m not trying to tell you what you don’t already know, I hope but that’s a fact. So, if he can’t admit to it, you’ve got to question his salvation. If he doesn’t admit to something that’s true, ok, you’re not convinced it’s true, I get that.”

**Trevor:** “No, I’m not saying it’s not true, but what I’m saying, I’m not saying that there is nothing to it but we’ve still got to do the anonymous and graceful work, whatever needs to be done.”

**Gordon:** “I’m telling you how to suck eggs, I’m sorry.”

**Trevor:** “You know, it is what it is.”

**Gordon:** “Ok.”

**Trevor:** “So, let us, you know...”

**Gordon:** “Ok, do your job. Will we get any feedback?”

**Trevor:** “Yeah, we’ll give you a bit of feedback, let you know what we feel about it.”

**Gordon:** “What you’re going to do? You mean what’s going to happen?”

**Trevor:** “Yeah.”

**Gordon:** “I don’t need to know your feelings.”

**Trevor:** “But I’ll be honest, this is not going to happen until other opinions, meetings and stuff.”

**Gordon:** “I don’t care. We just want to know whether he is still standing or not.”

**Trevor:** “So, leave it at that aye?”

**Chris:** “One of the saddest things for me, hearing you guys today. My prayer would be that one day, you could find some reconciliation, it’s sad that...”

**Gordon:** “With Brian?”

**Chris:** “With Brian, with Colin, even with Colin.”

**Gordon:** [laughs] “Ask Brian that.”

**Richard:** “I tried to find reconciliation. I went down with Richard Burstone to see Brian and there was nothing. He did the Pontius Pilate with me.”

**Chris:** “The thing is, that’s very sad.”

**Gordon:** “I don’t have a problem dealing with Brian on a personal level, I don’t. Even since all this, you know, we’ve chatted and stuff.”

**Chris:** “You don’t have to get on and agree but it’s sad that...”

**Gordon:** “I feel what I feel, I’m reliving what I went through when I read that out, so you’re getting what I felt at the time, I don’t wake up and think, ‘oh Brian’, so, you don’t need to worry about that.”

**Trevor:** “That is a really good point Chris. That is the heart of Jesus, the heart of Jesus is that people would be reconciled. You might not have a friendship, but hey, good to see ya.”

**Gordon:** “You would be mistaken to think that I actually hate Brian. I don’t. My mother, that was her concern, you know, she said to me, ‘why do you hate Brian?’ I said, ‘mum, it’s not about hating Brian, it’s hating what he’s done.’ We’ve taken enough of your time and thank you so much for coming.’

**Trevor:** “And thank you, no problem.”

**Gordon:** “So, it’s quarter past twelve, you’ve been here for an hour and a quarter.”

**Richard:** “Thanks for coming down and taking the time. That does reflect well on Elim, that you are actually investigating. And then, draw your own conclusions and make your own decisions about what you’re going to do.”

**Trevor:** “Ok, guys, thank you very much and have a great weekend.”



And behold, an apparition appeared, of a leprechaun whistling in the haughty spirit of Pan while he walked, desperate to protect a great cauldron of gold as he talked. As he hobbled down the street of a foreign land, pointing his finger at the band, behind him followed a midget, eager to please, to ensure that no gold was lost, for a tithe was the fee. And a great beast arose out of the land and sea, with the head of a kiwi and body of a roo, the spirit of the Anzac, the leprechaun never knew. Forty days and forty nights, the leprechaun was given before the fight. Yet, never did he contact the dame in distress, for in darkness there is only mess. In to the light they must come and confess. As Gordon did ask, who is the father of lies, is it not the dark lord of the flies.      Musketeer