

## **SCCC – THE YOUTHS WEREN'T LEFT BEHIND**

### **S - Scriptures**

“Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.” EXODUS 24: 5

### **Consideration**

Israel was now in the Sinai after they had left Egypt. Moses had been with the Lord already in the mountain and had gotten the Book of the Covenant (24:7&12) which was not the tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments. “Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said (*the Book of the Covenant*). He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.” Once the young Israelites had offered the offerings on the altar, “Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. “

### **C – Commitment**

These Scriptures caught my attention about our young people in the churches. Moses was eighty-years old and his brother Aaron eighty-three. The elders of Israel were also older men. However, God didn't forget the younger generation. They were the ones chosen to present the offerings on the first altar, built by Moses at the foot of the mountain. I see in the procedures for the glory of God to come down, the presence of priests, prophets, but also the juveniles appointed for the ministry. As a church leader, I have to follow the example and bring the youth to a close relationship with God. David, Jeremiah, and many others in the Scriptures were called by God in their youth. I can't leave them out of the Lord's altar. Many times they feel demotivated and discouraged; therefore I have to learn to give opportunity and encouragement. The elderly have the maturity, but the younger have the strength. I must take advantage of both sides for the glory of our God.

### **C – Call**

My Heavenly Father thanks for showing me this passage in these Scriptures. You chose all!! You gave Miriam, Moses, Joshua, and Aaron different ministries to take Israel to the Promised Land, but You didn't leave the young ones behind. My Father, I pray for the young people in the churches all over the world. My God, provide for their leadership wisdom to help them to grow, and to serve, blessing them with patience and love. I pray also for the youths who have been part of my ministry. Give me the understanding to know that I am not just a pastor, but a spiritual father as Moses was for the younger Israelis. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.