



# BUILDING A STRONG LEADERSHIP TEAM IN A COMPLEX SEASON

Scope. Rethink. Rebuild. Release.

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### TODAY'S CHALLENGE



- The world is unraveling.
- People are looking for hope.
- How are we leading as The Church?

Key Point: The pressure isn't just out there. It's inside.

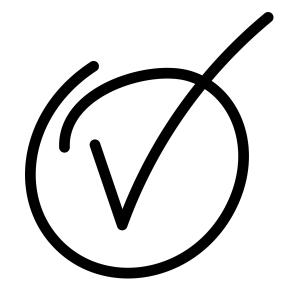
Missional Impact Begins with You and Your Leadership Team.

Remember: A strong team builds a strong church. A strong church transforms their community.



## THE PRESSURE IS REAL.





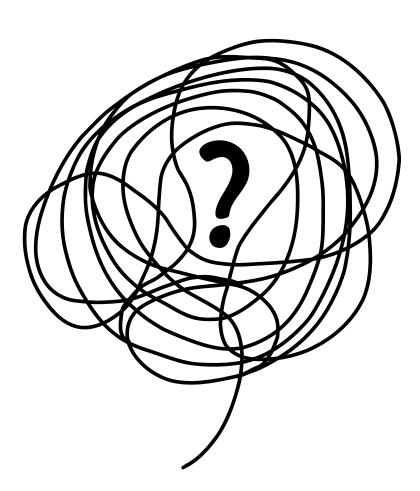
- Dual Pressure.
- Shepherding the Flock & Leading Your team.
- Carrying the Load and Overseeing the Vision.

Key Point: Leading a team that's out of sync or out of gas while carrying the vision alone is one of the biggest reasons pastors lose sleep at night.



### THE #1 QUESTION.





What do you do when you've ...

- Prayed.
- Fasted.
- Asked.
- Passed on responsibilities.

No Change. No Fruit. Not Yet.



### URGENCY.



The Church cannot afford to lead misaligned teams.



- The Harvest is plentiful.
- The Laborers are few.

**—Matthew 9:37** 

• Ineffective leadership teams.

What do you do next?



### 1.0 SCOPE THE LAND

### Before you lead, look closely.

- Ask God for courageous clarity.
- You can't lead forward until you take a hard look at what's really in front of you.
- Become more like Joshua & Caleb (Numbers 13-14).

Key Point: This exercise isn't about suspicion or trust. It's about exercising wisdom, spiritual discernment, and practical common sense.



### 1.1. SCOPE THE LAND

### Assess your Terrain

- Every season may require different kinds of leaders.
  - 1. Is your vision solid for the season you are in?
  - 2. Does your team understand, support, & advance it?
  - 3. Who's carrying the mission or coasting on momentum?

Key Point: You can't expect the right results from the wrong team or fruit from the right team in the wrong season.



### 1.2 SCOPE THE LAND

#### Identify & Discern What's Working Versus the Familiar

- Fruit. (Measurable church or ministry impact)
- Faith. (Who demonstrates belief when results aren't immediate, momentum fades, or ministry gets messy?)
- **Fit.** (Who's in a role that no longer suits them or one they've already outgrown?)

Key Point: You can't lead based on who's always been there, you have to lead based on who's called for the season.



### 1.3 SCOPE THE LAND

#### Get into God's Presence Before You Build Structure.

- Don't make reactionary decisions when under pressure.
- Before you shift people, let God change your posture.
- Don't let fear cause you to disobey God's voice. Obedience protects more than outcomes it protects the mission.

Key Point: Spiritual alignment must come before structural adjustment, or you'll fix what God never asked you to change.



### 2.0 RETHINK.

#### Shift your Mindset Before You Restructure Ministry.

- It's not just who's on your team, it's how you see them.
- A leader's presence at the table or in the room doesn't mean they are producing.
- Your ministry model may need updating, not your team.
- You might feel maxed, not from team size, but carrying pressure you've never verbalized or challenged.

Key Point: You're not failing — you're just leading with a mindset and model that no longer fit your season.



### 3.0 REBUILD.

#### Rebuilding isn't random, it's a Kingdom investment.

- Rebuilding is strategic, not a reactive or emotional response
- Rebuilding is future-focused, not just patching up the past.
- You're investment must align with the mission
- Rebuilding should align with the mission and the season not just the moment

Key Point: Don't rebuild to relieve pressure. Rebuild to better execute Kingdom purpose.



### 3.1 REBUILD.

#### Strengthen the teachable, stop rescuing the draining

#### How to Spot a Rebuild Opportunity:

- Who's loyal and loves the mission (not just the title or position)
- Who's teachable and humble?
- Who exhibits accountability?
- Who leads with creativity and initiative not just issues?

Key Point: Rebuilding is about investing in future-ready leaders, not rewarding proximity or past loyalty.



### 3.2 REBUILD TO WIN

#### Equip, Empower, and Entrust for Kingdom Impact

#### Simple Rebuild Strategy | Start Here.

- Clarify the win.
- Coach in real time.
- Celebrate progress, not perfection.
- Demand Individual development with accountability

Key Point: You're rebuilding the few, the faithful, and mission-ready.



### 4.0 RELEASE

#### Exercising discernment & boldness to make the call

#### Common Pastor Objections to Releasing Someone

- Maybe things will improve.
- Praying that they will see they're not the right fit.
- They've been here a long time, so...
- Let's give it more time to shift things around.
- They're a volunteer, I can't treat this like a job, (true, but...)

Key Point: You're rebuilding the few, the faithful, and mission-ready.



### 4.1 RELEASE: THE RIGHT WAY

#### Practical, legal and spiritual guidelines

#### How to release someone with integrity and care

- Be clear, speak truth, use grace.
- Document the process.
- Affirm their value, but acknowledge the need for a shift.
- Create a graceful exit plan (care for their dignity)
- Pray for wisdom and healing.
- Seek legal counsel if needed before acting.

Key Point: Releasing someone well honors the Lord and reflects your leadership and stewardship.



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