

# 7 Permission Slips for the Beloved Leader

*“Because God already said “Well pleased,” not “Work harder.”*

## 1. I give myself permission to rest without guilt.

- *Because even Jesus napped during a storm.*
- *You are not the Savior. You're allowed to take a Sabbath.*

## 2. I give myself permission to lead small and still be significant.

- *Size isn't proof of success.*
- *Faithfulness isn't measured in followers, budgets, or RSVPs.*

## 3. I give myself permission to not be everything to everyone.

- *You're a leader, not a vending machine.*
- *Saying “no” is how beloved people protect their “yes.”*

## 4. I give myself permission to disappoint people when I follow Jesus.

- *Not everyone will understand your obedience. That's okay.*
- *Pleasing God may cost you the applause of others—but never your worth.*

## 5. I give myself permission to be fully loved even when I mess up.

- *Grace isn't suspended during leadership fails.*
- *Your belovedness isn't up for renegotiation on Monday morning.*
- *“I made a mistake, I'm not a mistake. If I think I'm a mistake, I'm mistaken.”*

## 6. I give myself permission to grow slow and deep, not fast and wide.

- *Roots before results.*
- *Jesus spent 30 hidden years before His public 3. That's not a delay—it's design.*

## 7. I give myself permission to lead like I'm already loved.

- *Because I am.*
- *Belovedness isn't your goal—it's your gear.*