

BOUND BY PURPOSE

LEADERSHIP LESSONS

with Joel Huizing



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BEING “BOUND BY THE SPIRIT” (ACTS 20:22)

Key Quote: *“I mean made up my mind that no thing, no body, no devil or anybody is going to move me out of the will of God.”*

Teaching Point: True commitment means being unmovable in your calling – not loose or casual in your “yes” to God.

Action Steps:

- Make your “yes” to God binding, not conditional
- Don’t let “unbound people” move you from your purpose
- Stay committed regardless of circumstances or criticism



ABOUT PASTOR JOEL HUIZING

Pastor Joel Huizing leads Impact Life Church in Red Deer, Alberta, alongside his wife Jamie and their four children. He took over leadership of the church in 2016 from his parents, who planted the ministry in 1992 after graduating from Rhema Bible Training Centre.

Joel's journey into ministry began not from family expectation but from a genuine encounter with Jesus that led to a simple "yes" to serve wherever needed. Starting as a janitor and youth pastor, he discovered his calling through faithful service in the local church. Today, he pastors **Impact Life Church** and operates **Impacting Canada Ministries**, a network ministry connecting churches across the nation.

A long-time partner with Kenneth Copeland Ministries Canada, Joel has been shaped by the message of faith and grace from childhood (literally wearing cowboy outfits as a toddler watching "The Gunslinger" TV program) through to ministry leadership. His approach combines practical wisdom with unwavering faith, demonstrated through personal testimony of God's faithfulness in marriage, family building, and ministry transition.

Joel's heart is to see the church in Canada rise with the message of grace and faith, reaching their generation through authentic relationship with Jesus and faithful service in local church families.



LEADERSHIP TRANSITION: THE HONOUR PRINCIPLE

Key Quote: *"We chose to honour always... because whatever you sow, you'll reap. How we did this is how we're going to receive it in the end."*

Teaching Point: How you handle transitions determines how you'll be treated in future transitions.

Action Steps:

- **Choose Honour Over Criticism** – Respect those who came before
- **Don't Sweat Small Stuff** – Guard against magnifying minor issues
- **Extend Grace** – Allow room for mistakes during change
- **Practice Gratitude** – Thank God for the foundation others built
- **Stay Bound** – Don't let transition tensions move you from your calling



BALANCED FAITH:

WISDOM + FAITH WORKING TOGETHER

Key Quote: *"Wisdom is the principal thing... We did everything we felt the Spirit of God lead us to do in the natural. And where we couldn't do anything else, he made up the difference."*

Teaching Point: *Faith isn't presumption - combine believing with practical wisdom.*

Action Steps:

- Ask God: "What do I need to see here?"
- Take natural steps when led
- Don't assume - "Pride assumes, humility asks"
- Trust God's timing
- Let God make up the difference where you can't act



THE POWER OF "CONTINUE" (2 TIMOTHY 3:14)

Key Quote: *"Yet you must continue to advance in strength with the truth wrapped around your heart... It's not a glamorous word, but I think there's so much to it."*

Teaching Point: *Faithfulness often looks mundane but carries eternal significance.*

Action Steps:

- Continue in what you've learned, even when it's not exciting
- Don't retreat from your calling due to cultural pressure
- Show up consistently - "faithfulness isn't glamorous"
- Keep serving your local church family
- Advance in strength, don't just survive



PARENTING PRINCIPLE: JESUS FIRST, MINISTRY SECOND

Key Quote: *"Introduce our children to Jesus first... because the church is messy... but there is a perfect Lord."*

Teaching Point: Give children relationship with Jesus before involving them in church activities.

Action Steps:

- Help kids develop personal relationship with Jesus
- Teach them to go to Scripture, not just church opinion
- Model faithful service without making it burdensome
- Let them see authentic faith in action
- Create space for authentic questions and wrestling



MINISTRY MOTIVATION: AUTHENTIC ENCOUNTER

Key Quote: *"I just fell in love with Jesus... He wanted me for me... I just gave my yes."*

Teaching Point: *True ministry flows from genuine relationship with Jesus, not obligation or family expectation.*

Action Steps:

- Ensure your calling flows from knowing Jesus personally
- Say yes to present needs, don't wait for perfect opportunities
- Let passion for God trump personal preferences
- Serve from love, not duty or expectation



QUICK REFERENCE ACTION POINTS

For Leaders:

- Stay bound to your calling
- Choose honour in all transitions
- Combine faith with practical wisdom
- Continue faithfully even when it's not glamorous

For Parents:

- Introduce children to Jesus before ministry
- Model consistent, joyful service
- Teach them to seek God's Word first

For Everyone:

- Make your "yes" to God binding
- Ask for wisdom in challenges
- Don't let unbound people move you
- Continue advancing in strength with truth



FINAL REFLECTION

*Whether you're leading a church, raising a family,
or serving in any capacity – stay bound to your purpose,
choose honour over criticism,
and continue faithfully. God rewards consistency,
and faithfulness carries power to transform
lives for generations.*



Check out the Pastor Joel's church and ministry:

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