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HEALTHY MINISTERS, VIBRANT CHURCHES
AND SPIRIT-DRIVEN RELEVANCE



Rocky Mountain Ministry Network Advancement Scholarship

Partnering with licensed ministers seeking ordination



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ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR RMMN LICENSED MINISTERS

Have you ever wanted to become ordained? Help is on the way. The RMMN Presbytery recently created one-year Pathway educational scholarships for 35 RMMN licensed ministers to finish their educational requirements for ordination within a one-year period. To assist those who are selected, the Network has employed a

remote Credential Specialist who will be specifically and exclusively assigned to scholarship recipients to coach them through the completion of their file and ordination application within that same year. Scholarships for this beta program will be limited to 35 licensed ministers and there are 10 still available.

1. LEARN MORE: To learn more about the scholarship go here:
http://www.agspe.org/20220520_AScholarship_Gen.pdf

2. APPLY: To fill out the online application go here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMMNAdvanceScholarship>

BEFORE YOU RESIGN



NEW RESOURCE: BEFORE YOU RESIGN, DISCERNING BETWEEN DISCOURAGEMENT AND RELEASE

You've felt the strain of navigating impossible situations, cultural unrest and the wake of a two-year pandemic. Pastoring has never been so hard, and you wondered if what you are feeling is discouragement

or release. You're not alone and help is on the way. Gene Roncone and Phil Steiger have teamed up to create a thought-provoking resource to help you think about your thinking and navigate this complex season of ministry. This e-Book addresses the questions:

1. Why pastors leave?
2. When should they leave?
3. When to stay?

4. How to leave well?

Download this free eBook at www.agspe.org/byr.pdf

RMMN'S CHARLES T CRABTREE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP GRADUATES 15 MORE LEADERS

This year the Network graduated another installment of emerging leaders who were trained in excellence within their first senior pastorate. The following 15 graduates of the Charles T. Crabtree School of Pastoral Leadership just made our leadership pipeline wider, longer, and stronger! Congratulations!

The school was created to prepare the next generation of lead pastors for excellence in ministry. District Superintendent Gene Roncone and Charles Crabtree teamed up to share wisdom that has been passed down through five generations of ministers in their family. This mentorship first existed as a notebook Crabtree wrote to help those in his family prepare for their first lead pastorate. Now it has been redesigned as a 15-week leadership cohort to prepare qualified associates for the modern demands of serving as a lead pastor. After Crabtree's death Superintendent Roncone invited Church Ministries Director Shawn Reine to join the mentoring team.

Participants will learn...

- How to develop a life-giving devotional life
- How to know if you're

ready for a lead pastorate

- How to explore God's will and interview with a search committee
- How to navigate your first days as a new lead pastor
- Principles and dynamics of church administration
- How to develop office routines
- Budgets and church finances
- How to lead board and annual business meetings
- How to do water baptisms, communion and baby dedications
- How to master weddings, premarital counseling, funerals and graveside services
- How to know the role of a minister's spouse
- Ministerial ethics, etiquette and protocol
- Pastoral care, hospital visitation and pastoral counseling
- How to pastor expressions of the spiritual gifts

The cohort consists of weekly group Zoom meetings with Superintendent Gene Roncone and other members of the cohort, individual assignments, discussion huddles with their lead pastor and potential preaching assignments throughout the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network. Those who complete the cohort will be presented with

a certificate of completion at the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network's annual District Council and listed on the Network website as past graduates and leaders with a commitment to ministry excellence. More information on the cohort can be accessed at www.rmdc.org/csm/



2022 CTC LEADERSHIP COHORT

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DAN GIBSON

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



JOHANNA BARTSCH

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



NICK ROGERS

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



GINA GRAVES

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



JUANITA BLEVINS

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



ROBERT GURULÉ

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



ISAAC KING

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



MARIA MONTESINO

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



SARA RUTKOWSKI

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



JARED BUCHTA

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



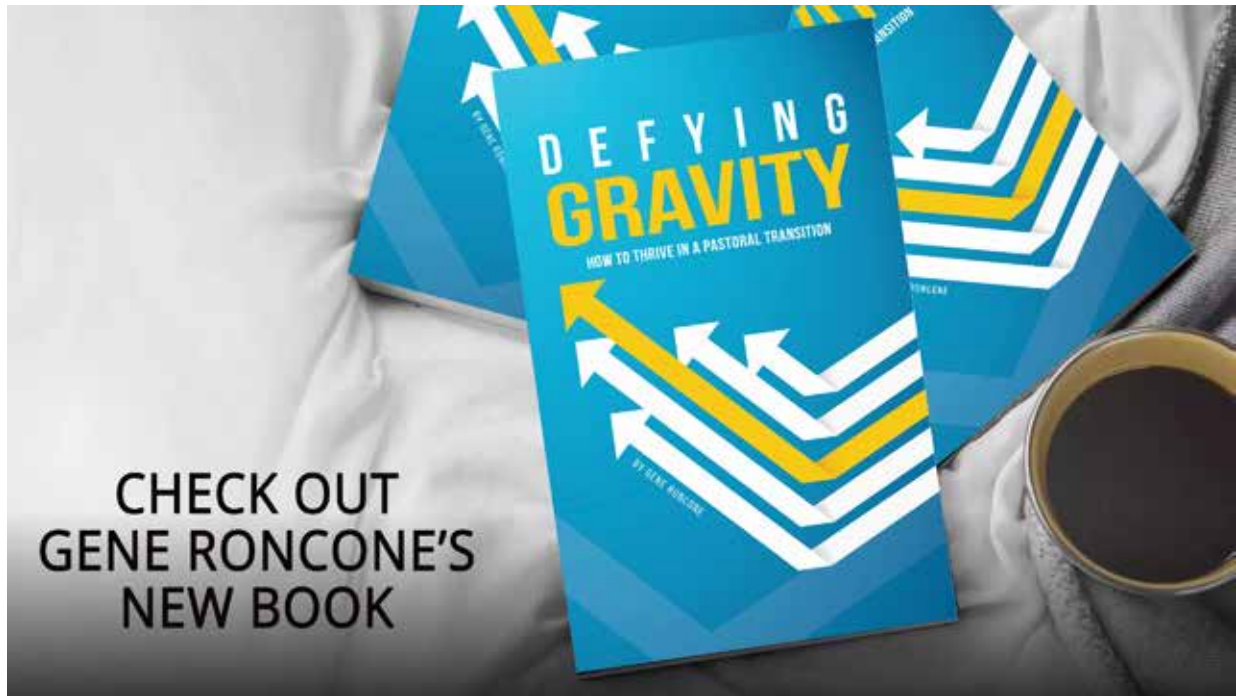
MICHELLE JENSEN

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



SCOTT JAMES

2022 CHARLES T. CRABTREE
SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY



CHECK OUT
GENE RONCONE'S
NEW BOOK

DEFYING GRAVITY Superintendent Roncone's New Book

Your church is experiencing a pastoral transition and you're unsettled about the potential changes that may be coming. But help is on the way! **Defying Gravity** will help bring unity and focus to your church, as well as mobilize your congregation behind positive momentum. This short 65-page book was written specifically for the normal people who volunteer, attend, lead, and call your church home. This resource will fortify your church by...

- Helping your entire congregation understand the Biblical purpose for leadership transitions.
- Giving your people a powerful 40-day prayer

guide that provides a spiritual covering over everyone involved in the transition.

- Protecting your church from the normal decreases in attendance, giving and engagement often associated with pastoral transitions.
- Empowering your people by giving them practical things they can do to thrive in a pastoral transition.
- Teaching your people to embrace biblical, healthy, and reasonable expectations.
- Building a new faith and willingness to embrace this new season God has ordained.

- Learning the why, how and benefits of supporting your new pastor.
- Encouraging readers to make a one-year commitment to assist your church through the transition.

God is up to something new and getting ready to take your church to the next level of spiritual growth. Transition specialist Gene Roncone will help you be ready and prepared for what can be one of the most exciting seasons of spiritual growth you have ever experienced!

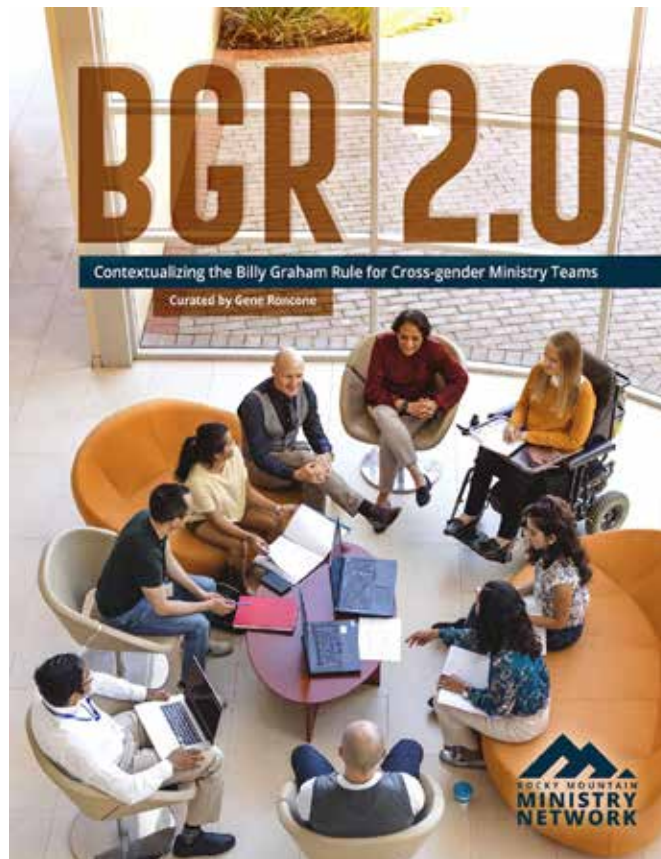
Learn more at <https://generoncone.org/blog/defying-gravity>

THE BILLY GRAHAM RULE IN AN AGE OF CROSS- GENDER MINISTRY TEAMS

In 1948, Billy Graham and a few other prominent evangelical leaders met in Modesto, California, to discuss ways to avoid sexual temptation. The Modesto Manifesto or the “Billy Graham Rule” (BGR) was one product of that meeting. The Billy Graham Rule is an extrabiblical Christian practice among evangelical men by which they avoid spending time alone with women to whom they are not married. It was adopted as a display of integrity and a means to avoid sexual temptation and prevent any appearance of doing something considered morally objectionable or being accused of sexual harassment or assault.

The challenge is that in the more than seven decades since the Modesto Manifesto was written, many God-called and Spirit-empowered females have been elected and are faithfully serving as General Council executives, regional leaders, district officers, executive presbyters, presbyters, lead pastors,

and associate pastors. In addition to that, same-gender attractions have further complicated this issue. Unfortunately, following the BGR has become nearly impossible in today’s ministry context.



The question is how do we preserve the wisdom of the BGR without marginalizing female ministry leaders, overcomplicating administration, neglecting cross-gender mentoring, and diminishing accountability. To facilitate thoughtful reflection on this important topic, Superintendent Roncone assembled a team

of 30 leaders consisting of male and female scholars, ministers, associate pastors, lead pastors, co-pastor teams, executive leaders, presbyters, and licensed counselors who were asked to make recommendations on how

the Modesto Manifesto might be contextualized in modern ministry settings. Since January this team, the Network’s Executive Presbytery and District Presbytery have been working to finalize recommendations to our local churches.

Those recommendations are summarized in the form of a one-sentence statement, situational applications, concluding thoughts, and discussion questions to facilitate clarifying conversations among our ministers, boards, and churches. Both the Network’s Executive

Presbytery and District Presbytery submit it to you as a resource to navigate this issue in your own local context. The document can be accessed at this link:

www.agspe.org/20220518_BGR-2.0.pdf

FREE CREDENTIAL CLASS FOR RMMN CERTIFIED MINISTERS

To encourage our certified ministers to take the next step towards being licensed, the Network and Pathway partnered together to offer certified ministers one (1) free online class for those who wanted to advance to licensed. 10% of our certified ministers took advantage of this rare opportunity. This one-time scholarship helped

in the following ways.

1. Helped our certified ministers grow as leaders.
2. Invested in their future.
3. Helped them get one step closer to being licensed.
4. Gave them an opportunity to try Pathway's online school for free to see if they like it.

The scholarship was offered for six weeks in May and June and expired on July 1, 2022. Thank you to those

who took advantage of this opportunity. We are a stronger Network because of you.





RMMN OPENS LEADERSHIP BULLPEN FOR OPEN MINISTRY POSITIONS

The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network is eager to partner with sharp, driven, and passionate ministers to reach lost people in our Colorado and Utah communities. The Network has recently created a community of leaders who want to submit resumes and be notified of future ministry openings in the Network. To become part of this community, follow these instructions.

• **TEXT NOTIFICATIONS.** If you would like to be added to the Superintendent's texting network to receive confidential notifications of changes to our open church list, click here <https://my.textcaster.com/asa/2918>

• **RESUME LIBRARY.** If you would like to add your most updated resume to our confidential resume library, email a PDF electronic

version with preaching links imbedded in the document to Superintendent Gene Roncone at gene@rmdc.org. Only resumes with preaching links contained in the body of the resume will be added to the library.

The Network's open church list can also be accessed at www.rmdc.org/open-churches

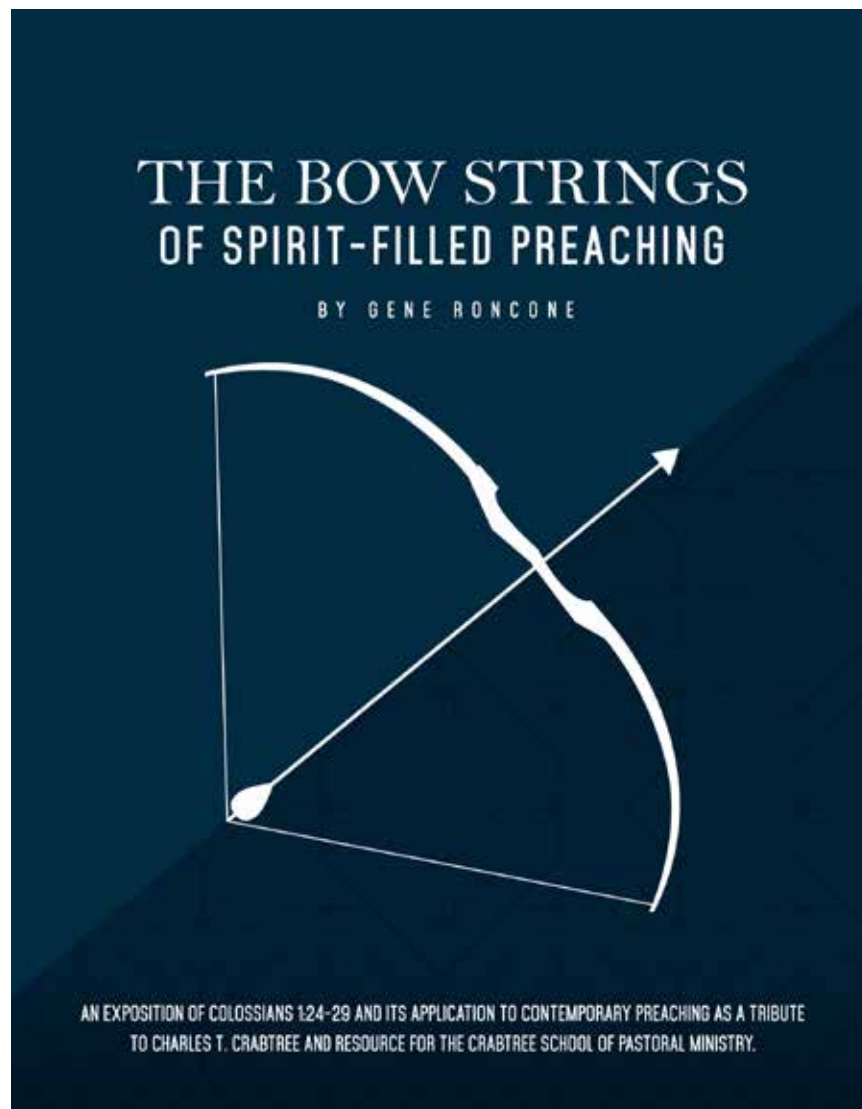
THE BOWSTRINGS OF SPIRIT-FILLED PREACHING

When it comes to preaching, finding a balance between a strong work ethic and a deep dependence upon the Spirit can be difficult. In this intersection between the divine and the human, when does our toil cease to be spiritual and become vain exploits in self-sufficiency?

In this white paper, Gene Roncone offers an exposition of Colossians 1:24-29 and application to contemporary preaching as both a tribute to Dr. Charles T. Crabtree and resource for the Crabtree School of Pastoral Ministry. Gene compares preaching to a bow that is made effective by the constant tension between compassion, calling, balance, labor, and divine

anointing. It is only then that Spirit-filled preaching becomes truly effective, authentic, and empowered.

The resource can be downloaded at http://www.agspe.org/Bowstrings_of_Spirit-Filled_Preaching.pdf



RMMN UPGRADES NEW OPEN CHURCH PAGE

As a Network, we are eager to partner with sharp, driven, and passionate ministers to reach lost people in our Colorado and Utah communities. We attempt to do that by maintaining a leadership bullpen, resourcing a smooth transition on both sides of the pastoral change, and publishing an open church list.

The Network recently redesigned our open church website page to include the following resources.

1. LEADER BULLPEN:

Our leader bullpen is a community of leaders who want to submit resumes and be notified of future ministry openings in the Network through text alerts.

- **Text notifications.** If you would like to be added to the Superintendent's texting notification of additions to our open church list, you can subscribe by using a link on the open church page at: <https://www.rmdc.org/open-churches>
- **Resume library.** If you would like to add your most updated

resume to our resume library, email a PDF electronic version with preaching links imbedded in the document to Superintendent Gene Roncone at gene@rmdc.org. Only resumes with preaching links contained in the body of the resume will be added to the library.

2. TRANSITION RESOURCING: Should God call ministers from other Networks to service in the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network, we want

the transition to represent Kingdom thinking on both sides of change. That is why we have created the following resources that are available on the open church page.

- **Before You Resign resource.** This PDF document helps ministers process the emotions and logistical planning that all successful transitions require.
- **Rise Up Transition Resources.** The RMMN offers an entire family of



RMMN UPGRADES NEW OPEN CHURCH PAGE

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pastoral transition and succession resources to assist church boards in preparing for the departure of their pastor and identifying a new pastor.

3. OPEN CHURCH LIST:

Our Network provides extensive resources to assist our churches experiencing a leadership transition. Their transition journey will fall into one of the following three categories.

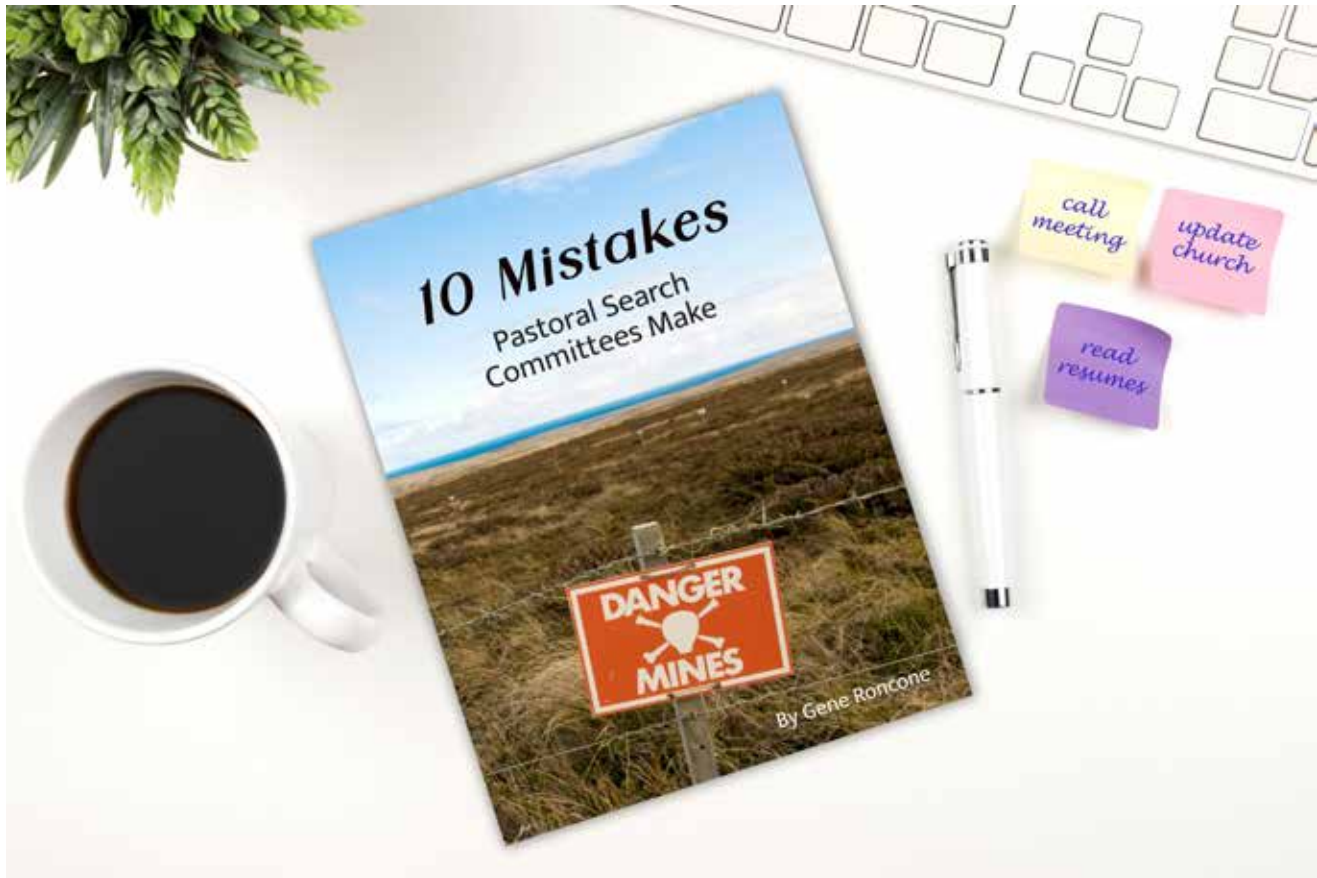
- **Stage 1 – Potentially Open:** These are churches where the Superintendent has been informed by the current pastor that they either intend or are praying about transitioning to another ministry. However, a public resignation or announcement has not been made and the Superintendent is working closely with the pastor and/or board to navigate a potential transition. This list is confidential and is not shared with anyone under any conditions.

- **Stage 2 – Soon Open:** These are churches that are currently without a pastor but going through the pre-search preparation process and our sustainability initiative. This preparation consists of a board planning retreat, preparation of a written pastor, church and community profile, congregational survey, orientation of the Network's Rise Up manual and a three-week sustainability initiative. The sustainability initiative uses either a paperback book, small group curriculum or preaching series to educate the church on God's purpose for leadership transitions, how to support their new pastor and a special consecration service where congregants are encouraged to make a one-year commitment to see the church through the transition. Once this stage is completed, they will be added to the list of open churches. The

Superintendent also collects resumes that are presented to the church board prior to being listed. Interested applicants can send a pdf resume with preaching links imbedded in the document to Superintendent Gene Roncone at gene@rmdc.org.

- **Stage 3 – Currently Open:** These are churches that have gone through our Rise Up transition planning, sustainability initiative and are now ready to receive resumes.

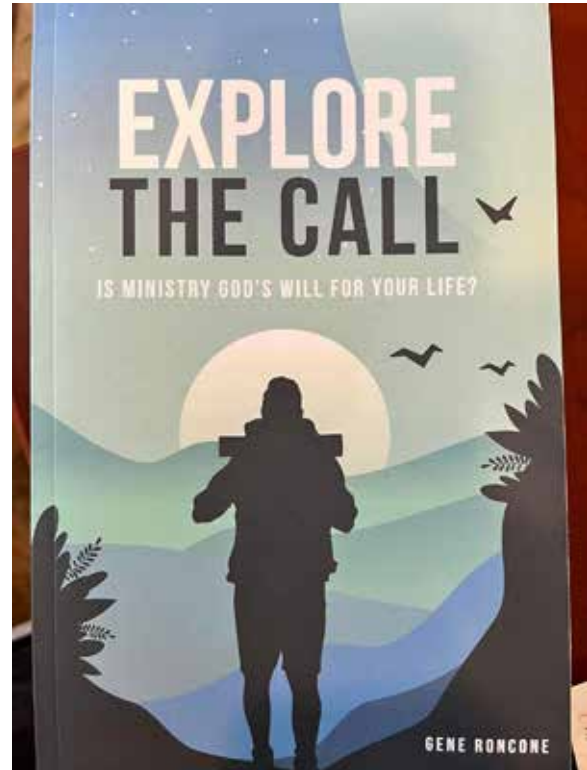
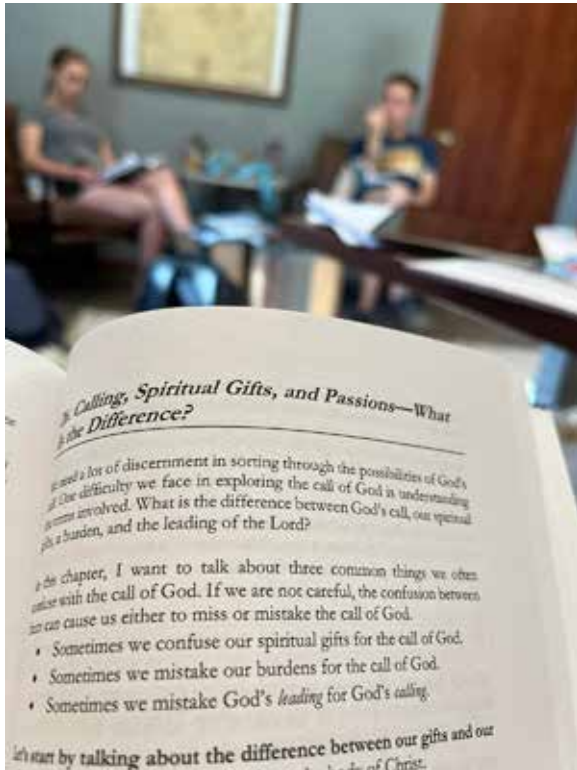
The page can be viewed at <https://www.rmdc.org/open-churches/>



NEW RESOURCE: 10 MISTAKES PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEES MAKE

The pastoral search process has its own fair share of challenges. Some of those challenges you can't prepare for, but others you can avoid with a little bit of learning. As a pastoral transition specialist leading a Network of nearly 170 churches, Superintendent Gene Roncone has coached many churches through the pastoral search process. In this article Gene shares ten of the most common mistakes Pastoral Search Committees make.

The article can be accessed at http://www.agspe.org/10_Mistakes.pdf



NORTH DAKOTA DYD MENTORING WITH RMMN RESOURCES

North Dakota District Youth Director Aaron Phoenix is mentoring young adults who feel God may be called to ministry. We are thrilled to partner with them in the use of our called resource entitled *Explore the Call*. God is raising up a new army equal to the task in these last days.

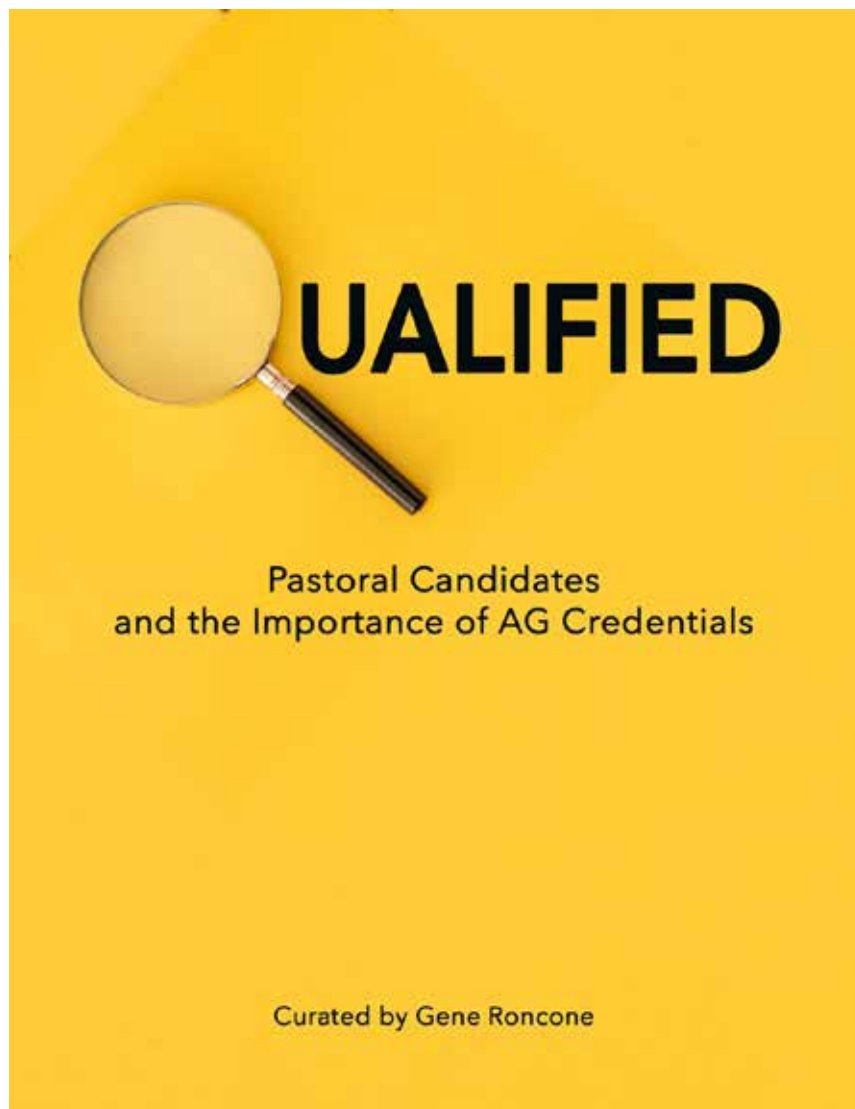
QUALIFIED: PASTORAL CANDIDATES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AG CREDENTIALS

Why is it important for a pastoral candidate to hold a General Council credential with the Assemblies of God? That is an honest question that deserves a

thoughtful answer. In this article Gene Roncone teams up with fifteen other past and current AG leaders to share some combined wisdom in addressing this important subject. Together they help your church better understand the importance of theological preparedness, contributing factors, potential

risks and practical solutions for avoiding missional misalignment.

The article can be accessed at http://www.agspe.org/Candidates_AG_Credentials.pdf



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CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN:

What an enjoyable meeting with Mark Whitney at our home today. Mark is the CEO of Church Extension Plan, an AG financial services organization that provides investment and financing services to Assemblies of God churches and individuals. I love how pragmatic, local church driven and service-oriented CEP is becoming under his leadership. If you or your church would like competitive services contact them at

<https://www.cepnet.com/>



Gene & Rhonda Roncone and
CEP President Mark Whitney

CONGRATULATIONS! The Sanctuary in Ft. Morgan, CO recently welcomed 19 new members! A little over a year ago Rhonda and I were blessed to help this church in their pastoral search and there were 29 members. Today there are 54! God is bringing in new converts, people from other cities, and

spurring long-time attenders to a deeper commitment. They have committed to calling The Sanctuary their home. Our family is growing. Look what the Lord has done! So glad to have pastors Chuck and Chris Griffin on the RMMN team!



BRANDON BORDELON@ THE HEAD OF THE TABLE:

Each Tuesday we eagerly relinquish the “head of the table” in the Network staff meeting to one of our ministers. This weekly highlight reminds us as a Network staff of why we are here and who we serve. It also gives our ministers the opportunity to speak into our lives and keep us grounded as well as maintain relational bridges to the field.

Tuesday, May 31, we were blessed to have Brandon Bordelon at the head of the table. He pastors Bethel Assembly of God in Burlington, CO. Brandon and Amber started pastoring Bethel AG one year ago. Since

then, Amber has experienced renal failure and blindness. Brandon asked God, where is this attack coming from? God revealed to him it was a spiritual attack. In Acts 16, Paul commanded the spirit to come out of the slave girl and because of that, he and Silas were severely flogged and thrown in jail. Often when the Lord is beginning to move mightily, Satan tries to block us. We question when we are struggling. Are we supposed to be here in this town? Suddenly, God shows up (verse 36). Love the “suddenly” moments at the darkest times. Paul & Silas were able to turn around all that nonsense of the slave owner and the crowds and lead the jailer and his family to Jesus, for the glory of God.



Pastor Brandon Bordelon

IN AWE OF THE GIANTS:

Rhonda and I were so blessed to spend some time with former AG Superintendents and their wives from all over the nation tonight. Their annual meeting was in Colorado Springs. Wow!

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It was emotional seeing these warriors who have faithfully carried the mantle of leadership enjoying each others companionship.

So many of them have invested in my life over the years and I felt strengthened in their presence and a renewed challenge to be faithful. I was reminded of a scene in the movie, "Amistad." In 1839 a group of Mende tribesmen were abducted for the slave trade and managed to gain control of their captors' ship. However, they were recaptured and tried as slaves before the U.S. Supreme Court. In one scene John Quincy Adams was attempting to communicate the enormity of the challenge to a captured Mende named Cinque. Adams assured him that they would not face the challenge alone but would be represented by competent lawyers.

Feeling a sense of destiny, Cinque reached for a deeper well of confidence. Looking at Adam's he said, "I will call into the past—far back to the beginning of time—and beg my ancestors to come and help me. I will reach back and draw them into me and they must come. For at this

moment, I am the whole reason they have existed."

In very much the same way these warriors are cheering us on and sharing wisdom to help us navigate the future. They have brought us this far and we must not let them down.



Gene & Rhonda Roncone, Don & Loretta Steiger, Sherilyn & Bob Cook, Judi & James Braddy

LIVING WATERS CHURCH COMPLETES SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE & READY FOR A NEW PASTOR:

Living Waters Church completed their three-week sustainability initiative and is locked and loaded to receive a new pastor. The RMMN'S RISE UP sustainability initiative is designed to help a church be intentional about making

their church stronger rather than weaker in the pastoral search journey. The Rise Up journey consists of the following components:

- A 40-day churchwide prayer focus
- Churchwide podcast distribution on how to help your church and support your board during a pastoral transition.
- 200-page transition plan with 13 practical steps to onboarding a new pastor.
- Podcast training for the pastoral search committee.
- Three-week preaching series by Superintendent Roncone.
 - Part 1 - "How to Grow Through a Pastoral Transition"
 - Part 2 - "How to Love, Support and Appreciate Your New Pastor"
 - Part 3 - "Four Ways to Embrace God's New Thing"
- Commitment Sunday where each member of the church pledges to ten core practices and to stick with their church for the following twelve months.

Living Waters is ready to receive resumes. A shared internet file with a church profile, community profile, pastor profile, bylaws, pictures of the facility and contact information to apply for this position can be accessed on the Network's open church page.

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LIVING WATERS CHURCH

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NOW THERE IS A LEADER!

The Network has an entire family of resources to help churches experiencing a pastoral transition. Pastor Joe Archuleta will be retiring at the end of September and asked me to come and encourage his board. I brought our Rise Up transition manual and started to brief the board and search committee when I noticed a

strange look on everyone's face. I asked if there was something I needed to know and the board politely informed me that they had already done everything I talked about for the past twenty minutes. Pastor Joe had three months ago already...

- Downloaded the Network's Rise Up transition manual and given it to his entire team to read.
- Customized all the letters and forms that would be needed in the search process.
- Led a board retreat where the board did all the heavy lifting and discussed timelines and strategy.
- Completed the pastor profile, church profile and community profile.
- Listened to our podcast channel for pastoral search committees.
- Built a page on the church's website for candidates to get information. Check it out at <https://heartofnewlife.org/pastor-application-information/>

Covid has wreaked havoc on many church transitions in the last two years. But can I say there are few things as inspiring to me as a Superintendent than seeing a pastor who loves his church enough to set them up to win and is committed to leading

through the tape before retiring. Joe Archuleta, you are my hero!



Gene Roncone and Pastor Joe Archuleta



TRINITY BIBLE COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL:

Superintendent Gene Roncone and Church Ministries Director Shawn Reine recently attended the Board of Trustee meeting for Trinity Bible College and Graduate School. President Paul Alexander continues to leak contagious vision and the school is still debt free with enrollment up 79%.

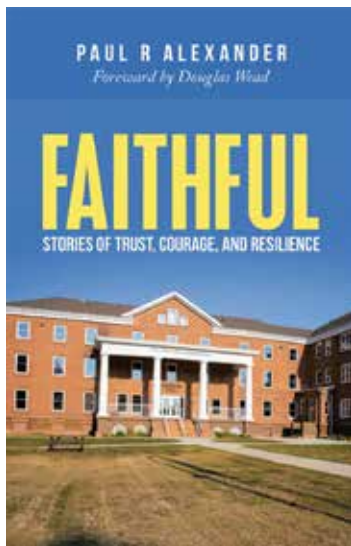
You can learn more about Trinity's vision, history and values in Paul Alexander's new book entitled, *Faithful*. It is a refreshing read that will educate the mind, motivate the heart, and activate the will. This short book was like

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an intravenous connection dripping with Trinity's values, history, stories of faith and DNA into the veins of my spirit. It's a refreshing and positive portrayal of what is right and wrong with so many American Bible colleges and seminaries. You can order it on Amazon or at this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1664257462>



Dr. Paul Alexander



Shawn Reine and Gene Roncone



WELCOME PASTOR SETH AIDOO AND GOSPEL LIGHT AG: Secretary/Treasurer John Bryant had the privilege of welcoming our newest Rocky Mountain Ministry Network church into the Network. Gospel Light Assembly of God in Denver, CO is blessed to have Pastor Seth and Sandra Aidoo lead this growing congregation. This church is one year new and already advancing the Kingdom of God!



Pastor Seth Aidoo

WELCOME LEE MCFARLAND:

On June 12, 2022, Austin Bluffs Church in Colorado Springs, CO overwhelmingly elected Lee and Sandy McFarland as their new lead pastor. The McFarlands follow John and Cherie Pauls who retired after leading with distinction for 33 years. Lee and Sandy have led several outstanding churches in our fellowship, and we are thrilled to have them on the RMMN team. It was also an honor to assist the church board who used the Network's Rise Up pastoral transition resources. The board served their church well and God is on the move.



Pastor Lee McFarland

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE 2022 NETWORK COUNCIL, HIGHPOINT CHURCH, AURORA, CO

Elections:

Superintendent - Gene Roncone
Executive Presbyter - Utah - Kelly Preston

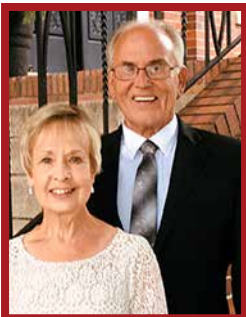
Ratification of Sectional Presbyters

Northern - Rob Rocca
Pikes Peak - Paul Aragon
Mountain - Michael Dominguez (1 year)
Utah South - Noreen Lemon



JOHN BRYANT
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Recognition of 50 Year's Ordained



Rev Gary R Bruegman



Rev. Dan L Ligon

Credentials Recognized at Network Council

ORDAINED

Margaret Austin, Colorado Springs, CO
Thomas Dunn, Colorado Springs, CO
Robert Gurule, Pueblo West, CO
Deborha Haywood, Denver, CO
Scott James, Colorado Springs, CO
LouAnn June, Elizabeth, CO
Robert Reyes, Pueblo, CO
Shaun Riley, Denver, CO
Cynthia Tingler, Cedaredge, CO
Craig Wheeler, Missionary to Portugal
Konnie Wilkerson, Aurora, CO
Tierney Williamson, Colorado Springs, CO

LICENSED

Kayli Austin, Pueblo, CO
Jacob Casto, Pueblo, CO

LICENSED continued

Mark England, Gunnison, CO
Aaron Galyon, Cortez, CO
Austin Hines, Springfield, MO
Peter Kluth, Greeley, CO
Nick Ohrdorf, Pueblo West, CO

CERTIFIED

Austin M., Missionary to Sensitive Country
Nicholas Marrujo, Denver, CO
Dusty Morris, Strasburg, CO
Adam Perez, Pagosa Springs, CO
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THE CHURCH MINISTRIES TEAM IS WORKING FOR YOU!



PK Retreat
July 22-24, 2022
Price: \$250
(includes
registration,
gifts,
and swag)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

2022 Rocky Mountain Women

Colorado Conference and Retreat
October 7-9, 2022
The Embassy Suites Conference Center
Loveland, CO

Rejoice

UT Women's Conference
October 14-15, 2022 LORD FOR YOUR JOURNEY
LIFE Church, Salt Lake City

www.women.rmdc.org



Bike for Missions STL Bike Ride

September 17, 2022

Sign up at rmdc.org/bike-for-mission/

ONGOING RESOURCES

The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network has partnered with Church University to provide excellent training resources for our church leaders. These resources come free to the local church with courses including Preaching, Church



Board, Church Audio Track and Kids Ministry. To get your church signed up go to Church University located under Church Ministries at our Network website. <https://www.rmdc.org/church-university/>.

rightnow MEDIA

We have a massive gift for you. We have partnered with RightNow Media! RightNow Media is like a Netflix of Bible Studies. It has over 400 Christian publishers, tens of thousands of Bible studies, conferences,

training sessions, kid's cartoons, and much more! There are over 20,000 churches, schools and ministries who partner with RightNow Media. As a pastor, leader or credential holder with us, you receive FREE personal access to this resource! You can get access to this amazing resource IMMEDIATELY by visiting www.rmdc.org/rightnowmedia.



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NATIONAL CAMPORAMA Eagle Rock, MO July 10-15, 2022

Looking forward to joining with over 5,000 Royal Rangers at the 2022 Camporama.

Royal Ranger groups from across the country gather for a week of camping, fun activities, team competitions, and engaging evening services, all designed just for guys.

We are getting ready for the Big Event. Outposts have raised their funds, they have planned their routes and have transportation readied. The trip itself is an event, then top it off with the most action packed week you can imagine. There is so much to do at Camporama that it is impossible to do everything.



And there is nothing quite like 5,000 Royal Rangers sitting on the side of a hill praising and worshipping God Almighty. Then the inspired preaching where we will be challenged to **"Rise Up For The Battle"**. Followed by altar time, where many boys will receive the call of God on their lives. I can hardly wait to be a part of

the Ultimate Event for Guys.

Please keep this event in your prayers, not only for safety to and from camp, safety at the camp, but for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the next generation of life-long, Christ-like, servant leaders.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MISSIONS LUNCHEON AT NETWORK COUNCIL

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Remember: Several sensitive country missionaries are usually home on furlough, too! Contact the RMMN Missions Team for more information - missions@rmdc.org.

A WELLSPRING

Our university campuses continue to be a wellspring, for better or worse, of where the culture is headed. Recognizing the influence the universities have on our societies move us to be present and ready to strategically advance the gospel.

If you have been around any Chi Alpha campus missionary you have probably heard the expression or something similar to "Today's university students are tomorrow's leaders in the marketplace." In addition to this, never in the history of the Church has a generation of Christians had a greater opportunity to reach the nations than by connecting with the million plus international students here today.



Transitions

I write this to not just remind you of the strategic mission field of Chi Alpha. I say this as a partner in the gospel that we'd love to connect with students that are graduating from High School. The students that you have invested in and discipled can

be mobilized to be disciple makers during this key point in their life and lives of their classmates. Contact me in Utah or Nate Banke, natebanke@gmail.com in Colorado to connect us with graduating seniors. We'd love to equip and prepare any student no matter where they are going to school.



Utah XA Team

God must be up to something! We had our largest staff team to date during this pandemic. We will be doubling our missionary staff team with Missionary Associates and Campus Missionaries In Training (CMIT) this coming academic year. Our current group of CMIT's have all committed to an additional year of ministry.

Our two fellowships at the University of Utah and Utah Valley University continue to be healthy disciple-making communities. With the additional staff, we are praying for not only more impact on these two campuses but are prayerfully



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considering our next pioneering effort in Utah!

Pray for:

1. An awakening on our college campuses
2. Laborers and student leaders for this awakening
3. Our next Chi Alpha plant in Utah

Thank you to the pastors and churches of the network for your continued support to help us transform the university, marketplace, and the world!



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HELLO RMMN!

The past year overall has been a healthy comeback in response to the difficult season we weathered in 2020 - early 2021. We are pleased to report that attendance has been increasing, and more and more folks are sensing and experiencing the importance of ministry in the camp context. This is a good thing for the business side of our camp ministry and facility, but also for the vitality of the Kingdom as people young and old are challenged, changed and charged toward service in biblical spiritual maturity and ministry.

We had no idea a couple of short years ago that we would be taking on the improvements that we have been, and are now, and having the kind of expansion discussions that we get to

have in 2022. There is a lot to look forward to regarding improvements in facilities, but also as it relates to increased volunteerism, staffing, strategy and investment into your Network's campground and the life transformation that accompanies a healthy camp ministry.

Recently, we've been able to improve several physical areas.

These include:

1. A main kitchen re-flooring and wall resurfacing, addition of some cleaning amenities
2. Remodel of snack bar interior with new epoxy floor
3. Continued completion of "VIP deck" on lodge building
4. Replacement of wooden snack bar deck with a new concrete pad
5. Several big maintenance fixes on utility infrastructure
6. New full hookup RV sites being developed for volunteers to park in, and much more...

Site-planning:

We also have partnered with a site planning firm, Western Slope Consulting, out of Glenwood Springs, who are helping us map out

our existing facility in order to also assist us with future planning. It will be very helpful in decision-making to be able to visualize these possibilities from a bird's eye view, and gain perspective on what direction we could go with these future improvements.

New Internship Identity:

Our internship program has been a mainstay of staffing for our team over the years, and we are moving toward a new identity with that program which better fits the nature of the work that these special young people do in the stewardship of your camp. The new name for the internship is the "Upstream Ministry Team". We would describe the role of these important team members as investors and missionaries more than we would describe them as traditional interns, so we are moving away from that kind of description toward a new identity as ministry team members.

Social Media:

Please like our Facebook page as there will be more frequent posts and pics about various happenings at your camp! Thanks for your prayers, and we are praying for you all as well.

CONFESSION AND PROSPERITY OF THE SOUL

by George M Stahnke

As a minister of 40 years, I want to live an authentic Christian life that is free from dominating sin, guilt and shame. The challenge for me is one of transparency, being honest with God, myself and others. Confessing to God is one thing, confessing to one who ministers alongside me is entirely different, and it has never been easy!

The apostle James wrote: Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins). (James 5:16a AMPC)

Humble confession is essential because it leads to a more profound sense of conviction and godly sorrow which in turn produces meaningful repentance and changed behavior. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

You may be thinking "You have to be kidding! Who does that? After all, we all have our secrets, right?" If we are serious about prospering our souls, then YES, we must confess. The writer of Proverbs wrote, "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who

confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Proverbs 28:13 ESV, see Psalm 32:5)

James goes on to say in 5:16: "and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]." (AMPC) I believe that James is referring to spiritual healing from the devastating effects of sin. This path to healing begins only when we humble ourselves to God and others, bringing our wrong thoughts, words, and actions done in the secret shadows into the light of confession.

The message for us as shepherds of God's flock is clear. If we continue to protect ourselves out of fear, refusing to be transparent, confessing, renouncing, and abandoning our sins, we will not prosper. Worse yet we will forfeit God's mercy. That is a price I am simply not willing to pay! And I hope for you, your family, and your church's sake, you aren't either.

We can hide behind our "projected self" and risk becoming the next casualty in ministry or we can find the courage to expose our "true self" living a life of integrity and leave a legacy. Every minister will face this decision multiple times in their careers.



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There is nothing that compares to the soul that has grown healthy and strong through walking in the truth and power of God's Word and the Spirit! Submission to God and transparency with others is vital to this goal. (see Psalm 32:1-11)

Heavenly Father, thank you for continually dealing with my stubborn pride and encouraging me to be honest with you and others. Thank you for trusted friends, "blood-stained allies" that have heard my confessions and lovingly ministered to me in prayer. In this, I have found forgiveness, healing and true friendship.

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