

NOTES: 1 Peter 5. | To the Elders
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First Peter 5.1-4

ILL- In 1982, I wrestled with my life, and God was calling me to give my life to Christ and his church. I talked to many people, prayed, contemplated. One Friday night I was lonely, I was home alone, praying. I lit a light on my piano, knelt-vision: I woke up and said Yes.
Christ gave me a mandate. To train to pastor

Peter received this Mandate from Christ himself: “Shepherd the flock” (poimaino= “tend/feed/watch over”

“He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”” (John 21:16, NASB95)

Role of Called Pastors (co-vocational/FT)

1. To shepherd the flock of God which is entrusted to our care.
2. To serve not by compulsion but willingly
3. To serve not for monetary gain but eagerly
4. To serve not by being a dictator over the flock, but by being an example.

But the word “Elder” also goes beyond called pastors who choose a life of spiritual leadership.

Let me remind us of our philosophy of ministry:

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11–13, NASB95)

The role of spiritual Leadership

- Equip God’s people for ministry
- Equipping includes: training, inspiring, empowering, releasing, encouraging, correcting, and

Our Board are Elders: Our current board, and they are all elders.

David Abalos, Matt Maraugh, Billie Drake, Mike Tegdmyer, Matt Ortiz, and Brian Skelding

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58, NASB95)

We need to pray for our pastors, leaders, board, ministers and youth and children’s teachers

“But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12–13, NASB95)

We have other layers at Compelled Church of “Shepherds”

- Our Small Groups leaders. Our EHS table Leaders.
- Our Royal Ranger and Girl’s Ministry leaders, our Children’s Ministry teachers.
- Youth Ministry Leaders
- Our worship Team- feed and tend us, as we worship, more than music, chords, and notes.
- Those that are “unofficial elders.” They hold no office/title but are faithful, mature, transforming, growing, encouraging, and loving. (fifty plus leadership team)
- Danny and Lynn Green, Helping minister in pastoral care

Can I step a little outside of the context to also encourage parents who are the spiritual “Shepherds of their family.

- Your #1 responsibility is to raise your children in the faith of Christ. You being that example
- Don’t trade this in for any reason. As a Christian parent this is your mandate. Shepherd your children in the faith. Grow with them. Get them present. If your schedules don’t allow time for kids to be involved in their church/youth/children’s ministry, you are too busy and we must live limited.
- Lead them in the faith.

“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”
(1 Peter 5:4, NASB95)

We have a lot to do Church.

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.” (Galatians 6:9, NASB95)

What does the future hold for Compelled?

Continuing on Mission:

Stay involved

Get involved

Become a Shepherd-

“Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7, NASB95)