

Start ELDER.

he was honest and good and

PASTOR.

~~no yes~~ all of that is true Brother Jay

ELDER.

he galvanized and organized and revitalized our youth ministries. You cannot deny he is very charismatic, and gets folks excited about our church and the work it does.

He became an outspoken member of the community, going and reaching out to the poor and to the sick, the disenfranchised, and the lost.

PASTOR.

...

ELDER.

So

What I'm getting at is:
did you have to be so quick to let him go?
Did you have to, need to — was it absolutely necessary to cut him off?

While he may have failed to follow you, this time, yes he failed, he's young, sure, he's got a little chip on his shoulder,

still isn't there room for a second chance and a third and a fourth and a fifth —?

Your sermon talked about being more accepting, and so shouldn't that same acceptance be extended to Joshua?

... no, I've said what I have to say.
I'm going to stop talking and let you speak.

END

(Elder does so.)

PASTOR.

Thank you for that,
Elder Jay.

I hear you.

Ya know, it's kinda like a marriage, how in the Bible it says that in a marriage you cannot be unequally yoked. A divided head cannot lead.

I welcome Joshua into this church. But if he is going to lead it with me, under me, any way, then we need to be of one mind.

You talk about Joshua reaching out being the face of this church out there in the world.

True: he does reach out.
But what does he show the rest of the world about this church?
How does he represent us?
Do you know how he represents us?

ELDER.

I know he can be very uh passionate, sometimes a bit

PASTOR.

last November

ELDER.

right.

PASTOR.

you know about this

ELDER.

I think I do

Elder
Monologue

