

THE UNDERSHEPHERD



“The Undershepherd deals with money, power and infidelity. This movie is not an indictment of the Black Church. It’s an indictment of man, of who we place on that pedestal sometimes, just an ordinary human being with flaws. You can’t let them get to the point where they are so powerful that they think for you.”
Russ Parr, Writer/Producer of “The Undershepherd”





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Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

The Office of Elders

“The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.”

Titus 1:5





Peter Reinstated by Jesus

“Feed my lambs.”

“Take care of my sheep.”

“Feed my sheep.”

John 21:15-17



Shepherds protect, lead, guide,
and feed sheep

Elder Motivations

Not reluctantly – “have to”

Willingly to please God

Not for money

Eagerly to serve church

Not bossing people around

Serving them like Jesus

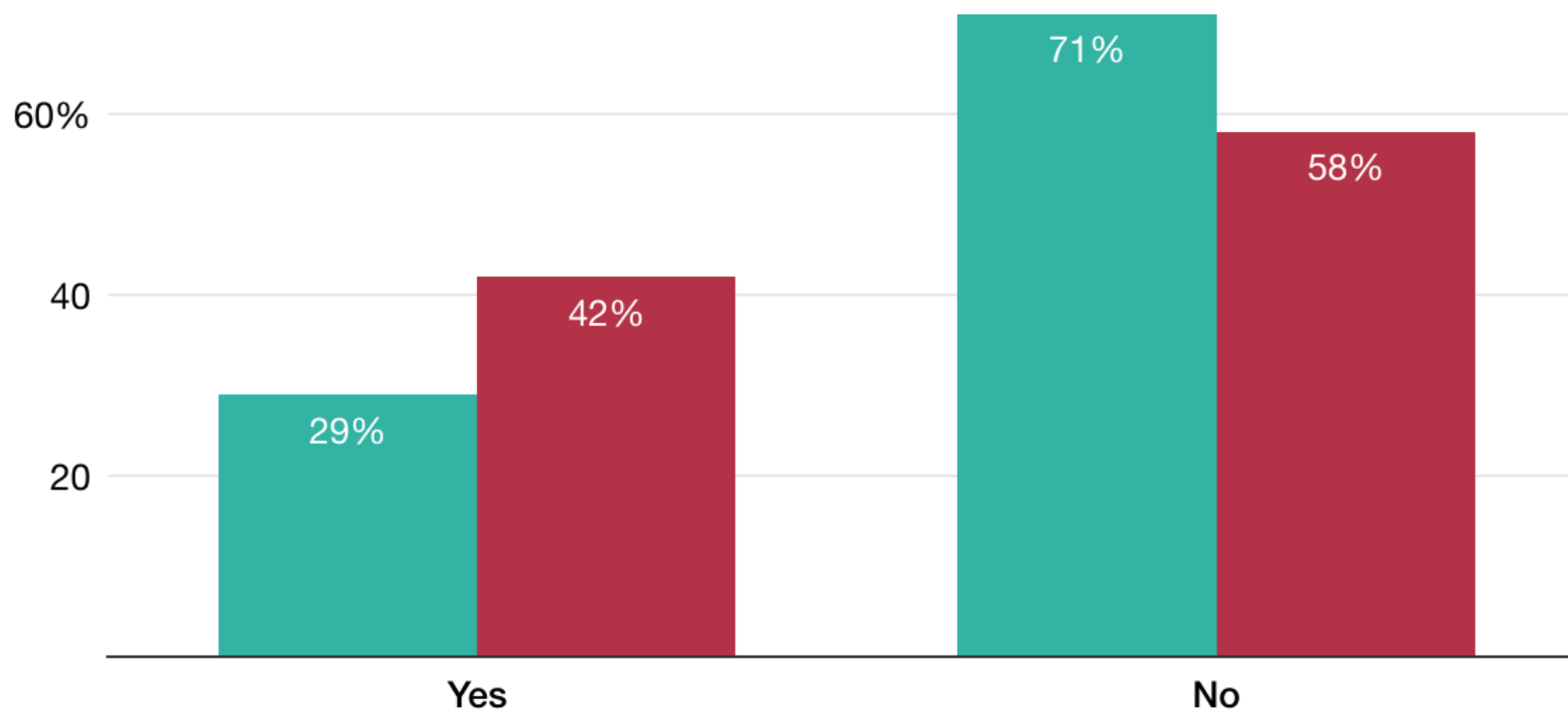


PASTORAL BURNOUT, 2021–2022

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Have you given real, serious consideration to quitting being in full-time ministry within the last year?

● Jan 21 ● Mar 22



n=413 U.S. Protestant pastors, January 22–27, 2021.

n=510 U.S. Protestant pastors, March 10–16, 2022. | Source: Barna Group

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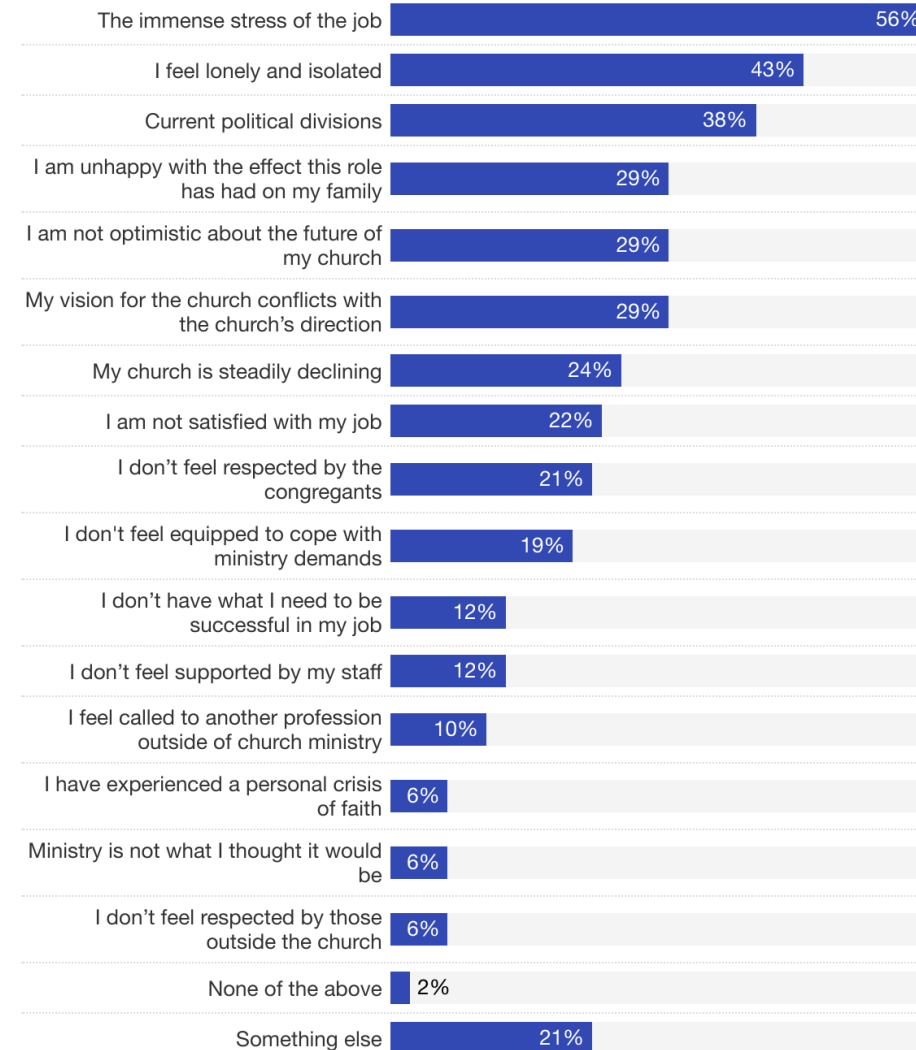
MINISTRY CHALLENGES, BY PASTORS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED QUITTING

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Are any of the following reasons why you have considered quitting full-time ministry?

Select all that apply.

Base: % among those who have considered quitting full-time ministry



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**CHICAGO PASTOR STEALS \$1
MILLION FROM CHURCH FUNDS
TO BUY A NEW BENTLEY**

**FORMER HARRISON, ARK.
PASTOR ARRESTED FOR
STEALING \$500,000 FROM
CHURCH**

**LARGE FLORIDA CHURCH
REMOVES PASTOR FOR
STEALING FROM OFFERINGS**

**RETIRED PITTSBURGH PASTOR
ACCUSED OF STEALING \$357K
FROM FORMER CHURCH**

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“Those Entrusted to You”

κληρος

Kleros

“lot; portion; share”

We get the word “clergy” from this word.





Guiding, not Driving Sheep

Spiritual Leadership is Servant Leadership

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:42-45

FOREWORD BY TISH HARRISON WARREN
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TOXIC CHURCH CULTURES AND HOW TO FIX THEM



**Think
Biblically**

God our Chief Shepherd

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”

Psalms 23:1

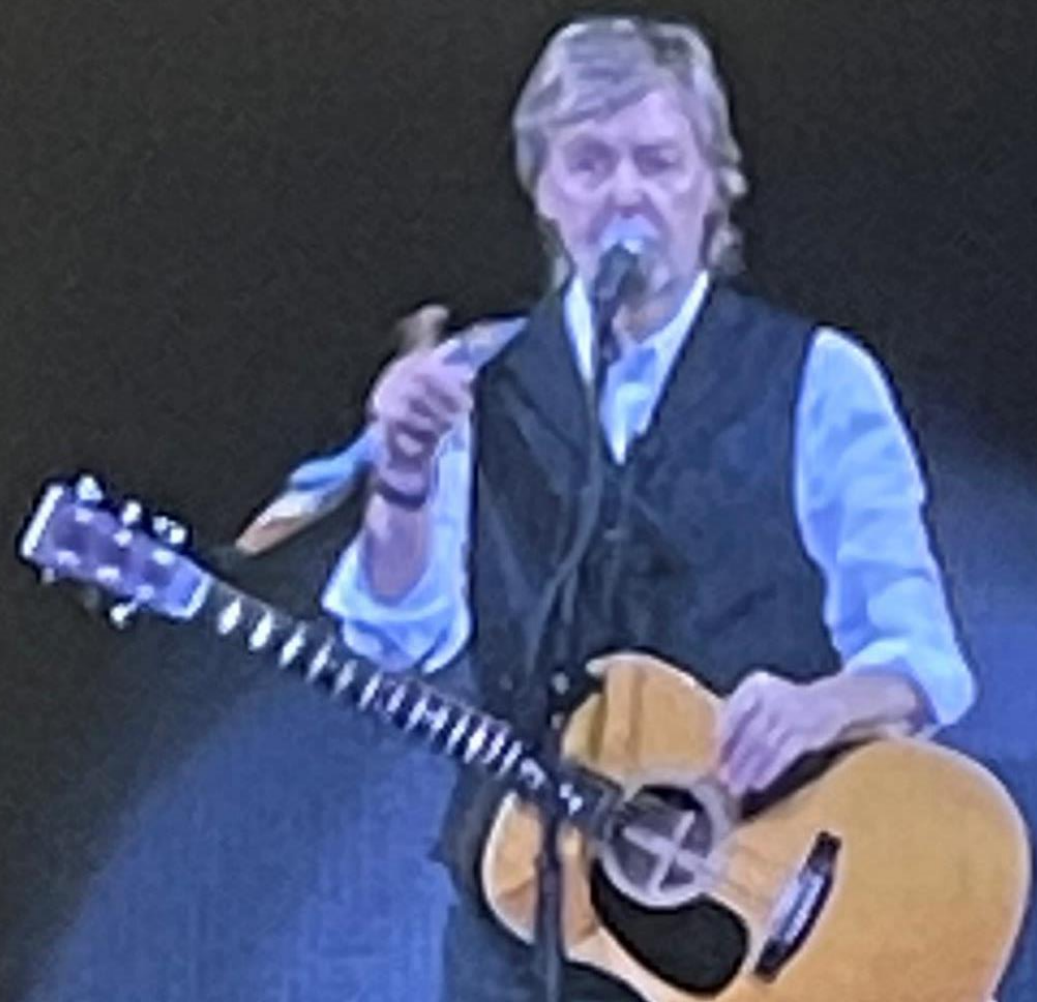
“I am the good shepherd.”

John 10:10

“...our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep.”

Hebrews 13:20







Greek Victor's Crown

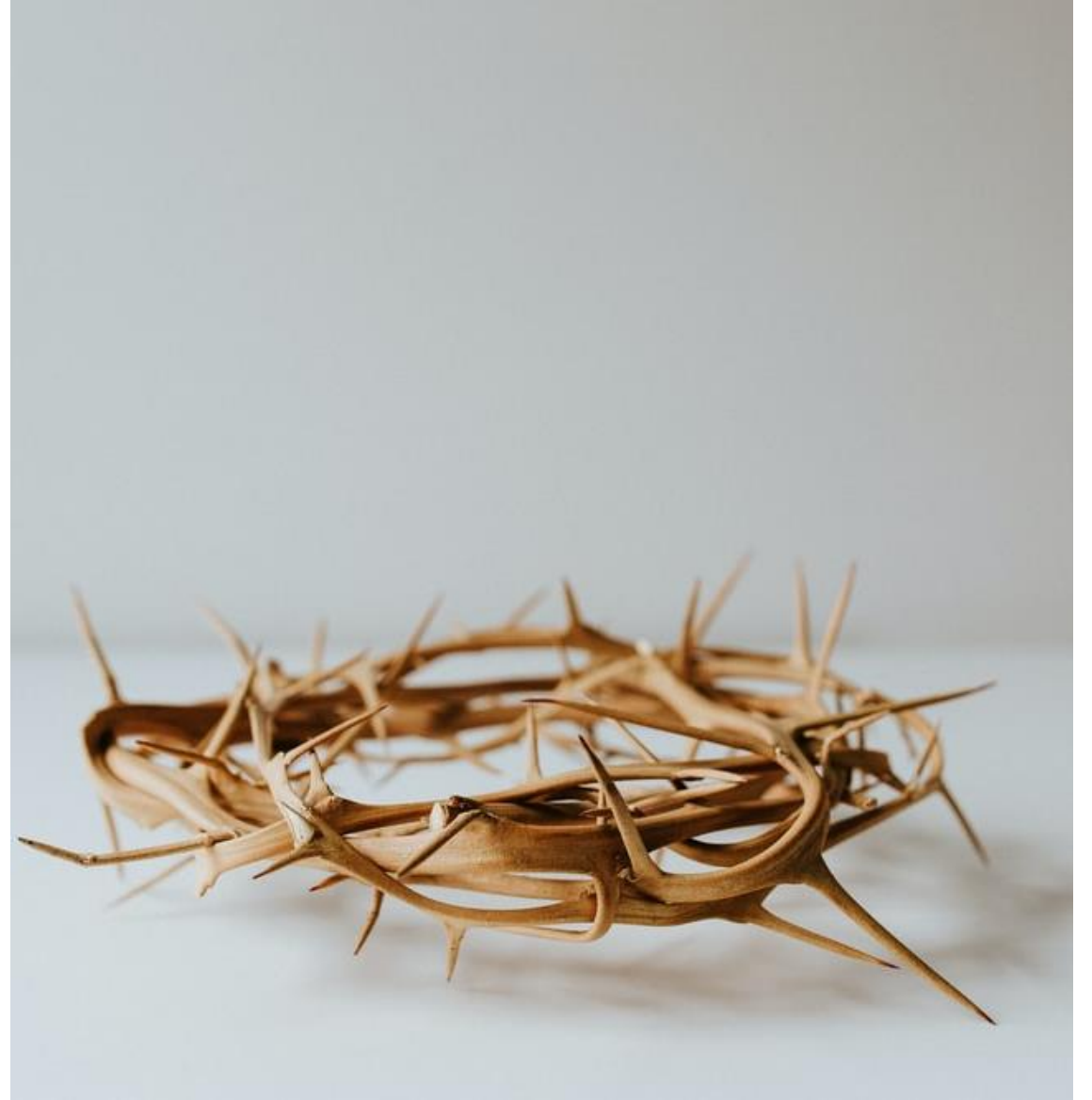
Jesus is our “Crown of Glory”

“In that day the Lord Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people.”

Isaiah 28:5



Which Crown Will You Choose?



ELDERS



Ben Lavine



André Riendeau



David Blough



Matt Allen



Bob Blomberg



Bill Franks



Steve Okon



Chris O'Neil



Kyle Van Etten

The Under-Shepherds

Elders are to faithfully under-shepherd God's people by being...

1. Enthusiastic about the privilege of shepherding.
2. More concerned for the flock than themselves.
3. Good examples of full devotion to Jesus.
4. Motivated by eternal, not earthly, glory.



Honoring Our Elders

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”

1 Timothy 5:17





Rich and Kathy Ainsworth – 50 Years

BE THE LEADER YOU WOULD FOLLOW

