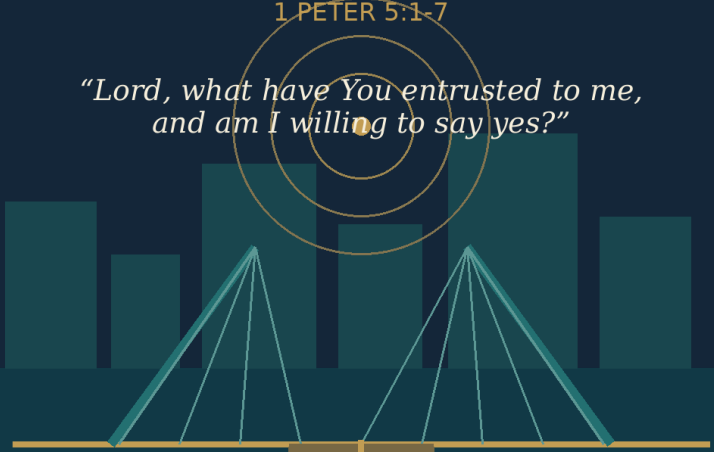
SAY YES

CALLED TO SERVE WITH AN UNDIVIDED HEART

A SEVEN-DAY DEVOTIONAL

1 PETER 5:1-7

“Lord, what have You entrusted to me, and am I willing to say yes?”



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ABOUT THIS WEEK

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; Psalm 51:7; 1 Peter 5:10; Psalm 86:11

Sunday morning was a significant moment in the life of The Bridge Church. Hein and Sarah Stapelberg were ordained into eldership, surrounded by their children, the existing elders, visiting leaders, family and the church.

Pastor Nick Hardy's message was therefore intentionally about elders and shepherding. But very early in the preach, the invitation became wider. Nick reminded us that God may 'tap' an ordinary person and call them to step forward. His picture was deliberately humble: we are not something special in ourselves; somebody simply has to be willing to say yes.

That is how we will approach this devotional.

Not everyone reading this is called to be an elder. But every follower of Jesus is called to belong to Him, to serve Him, to steward what He entrusts to us, to become more like Christ, and to respond when He calls.

Your calling may be expressed in church leadership. It may be in your family. It may be in business, education, hospitality, generosity, prayer, evangelism, discipleship, serving quietly behind the scenes, raising children, encouraging somebody, mentoring a younger believer, or simply obeying God in the place where He has put you.

So the question running through this week is not:

"Am I supposed to become an elder?"

The deeper question is:

"Lord, what have You entrusted to me, and am I willing to say yes?"

MONDAY

DAY 1

When God Taps You

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERMON

Sunday morning was a significant moment in the life of The Bridge Church. Hein and Sarah Stapelberg were ordained as elders, surrounded by their children, the existing elders, visiting leaders, family and the church. Pastor Nick Hardy preached from 1 Peter 5. The immediate setting was eldership, but the invitation quickly became wider: God still calls ordinary people, and somebody has to be willing to say yes. This week we will keep the ordination in view while asking what the same message means for every one of us wherever God has placed us.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:1-2 (NIV)

> *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

1 Nick told how he once sat in church criticizing the pastor. In the middle of that critical posture, he sensed a disturbing correction from God: stop criticizing, because one day you may be the person standing there. The moment changed him. What he had been watching from a distance could one day become a responsibility placed in his own hands. Then he turned that memory toward the congregation: perhaps the Spirit of God might 'tap you'. We are ordinary people, but somebody has to become available. Somebody has to say, 'Yes, I will step in the breach.'

Calling often begins before we feel impressive. We tend to imagine that God first gives confidence and a complete plan, then asks for obedience. Scripture often shows the opposite. Moses had objections, Gideon felt small, Mary could not see how everything would work, and Peter knew his own failure. God's first question is not usually, 'Have you already become everything I will need?' It is closer to, 'Will you let Me have your yes?'

2 Nick also reminded the church that he was not forcing anyone into eldership. Peter says, 'I appeal'. There is weight in the call, but not

manipulation. A genuine yes cannot be manufactured by pressure or the desire to be noticed. Willingness is not ambition; it is an open-handed readiness to be formed, corrected, trained and sent in God's time. I can make myself available without pretending I already know my future role.

3 After Hein and Sarah had been prayed for, the invitation widened again. Other men stood, not declaring themselves elders, but expressing that if God called them they were prepared to be trained and used. Nick prayed that God would begin shaping their lives, marriages and finances. That is a sober picture of calling: God does not merely use a gift; He forms a person. Your calling may not be eldership. It may be to disciple someone, serve a family, mentor a younger believer, pray faithfully, give generously, lead wisely, encourage quietly or obey God in an unnoticed place. Sometimes the first step is simply to stop asking, 'Why me?' and begin praying, 'Lord, if You want me, I am available.'

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	Where have I been more comfortable observing, evaluating or criticizing than becoming available to serve?
2	What is the difference in my own heart between wanting a position and being genuinely willing to be trained and used by God?
3	What is one area of my life in which I can honestly pray this week, 'Lord, if You want me, I am available' - without demanding to know the whole plan first?

PRAYER

Father, I give You my life again today. Forgive me where fear, comfort, criticism, insecurity or comparison have caused me to hold back. I do not need to know everything You may ask of me in the future. I simply want to be available to You today. If You tap me on the shoulder, give me courage to recognise Your voice and say, 'Yes, Lord. I am willing.' Shape me, train me, correct me and use me in Your time and in Your way. Amen.

CARRY THIS WITH ME TODAY

> ***I do not have to be impressive to be useful to God. I have to be available.***

TUESDAY

DAY 2

It Belongs to God

YESTERDAY IN ONE MINUTE

Yesterday we began with one simple response: yes. God does not begin by asking whether we already feel qualified. He looks for hearts that are available to be formed and used. Today Nick's message moves from availability to stewardship. If God places something or someone under my care, I must remember that the trust is real - but ownership still belongs to Him.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:2 (NIV)

> *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

1 Nick stopped over two easily missed words: 'God's flock'. The flock does not belong to the shepherd. It belongs to Jesus. Elders are entrusted with people, but they never become owners of those people. Nick pictured the shepherd close to Jesus - under His wing, close enough to His chest to hear His heartbeat and His whisper. That is the right order: before I try to lead what God has entrusted to me, I must stay close enough to the Chief Shepherd to know how He feels about it.

Nick connected that truth to a story from his own youth. At only twenty-one or twenty-two, his grandparents entrusted him with responsibility for their financial portfolio. Older and more experienced relatives existed, but the trust was placed in his hands. It did not suddenly become his money. In fact, the very fact that he had authority over it made faithfulness more important. He had to resist pressure from people who wanted him to use what had been entrusted for purposes that were not his to authorise.

2 That story reaches far beyond church leadership. A parent receives children but does not own their destiny. A business leader may control resources but remains accountable for how they are used. A Life Group leader cares for people who belong to Christ. A husband or wife cannot turn love into possession. Gifts, opportunities, influence, money, reputation, knowledge and time all become dangerous when

stewardship quietly mutates into ownership. The language changes from ‘Lord, what do You want?’ to ‘This is mine; I will decide.’

The posture of a disciple is different: ‘Lord, You have entrusted this to me. How do You want me to care for it?’ That question changes the way we hold people, roles and resources. We can care deeply without gripping tightly. We can be responsible without becoming controlling. We can work hard without imagining that the outcome exists to make our name great. A steward can be faithful precisely because he remembers whose property he is handling. The deeper question today is not merely, ‘What do I have?’ but ‘What has God entrusted to me - and would He call the way I am handling it faithful?’

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	What person, responsibility, resource or opportunity in my life am I most tempted to treat as ‘mine’ rather than something entrusted to me by God?
2	How would my decisions change if I consciously asked, ‘Lord, what does faithfulness look like with what belongs to You?’ before acting?
3	Where do I need to loosen control without becoming careless - holding God’s trust responsibly but with open hands?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the Chief Shepherd. Everything I have ultimately comes from You and remains Yours. Forgive me where I have treated people, resources, opportunities or responsibilities as though they existed for me to control. Teach me to hold them faithfully but with open hands. Keep me close enough to You to hear Your heartbeat for what You have placed under my care. Make me a trustworthy steward, especially when faithfulness is costly or when others pressure me to act differently. Amen.

CARRY THIS WITH ME TODAY

> ***What God places in my hands remains His. I am a steward, not an owner.***

WEDNESDAY

DAY 3

Willing, Eager and an Example

YESTERDAY IN ONE MINUTE

Yesterday we saw that calling involves stewardship. What God entrusts to us remains His, and that truth protects us from possession and control. Today Peter gives the spirit in which that trust must be carried: willingly rather than under compulsion, eagerly to serve rather than to gain, and by example rather than domination.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:2-3 (NIV)

> *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

Peter gives three paired contrasts that expose the heart behind leadership: not because you must, but because you are willing; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. Nick kept returning to willingness. There is a profound difference between 'I suppose I have to' and 'Lord, I want to serve You.' Duty can make us show up; willingness changes the atmosphere in which we show up.

Nick spoke very openly about money because Peter does. He told stories of giving, tithing, inheritance, business, and also his own failure in a fear-and-greed driven investment. The strength of those stories was not that a leader must have a perfect financial history. It was that money cannot safely become the centre of the calling. A shepherd cannot turn God's people into a means of personal enrichment. The same principle applies in ordinary discipleship: if recognition, comfort, influence or financial reward becomes the hidden reason I serve, service has quietly become self-service.

Nick asked a pointed question: 'What is the antidote to greed?' His answer was uncomplicated: serve. Not receive first - serve first. Service moves the centre of gravity away from me. It asks whose feet need washing, who needs encouragement, where generosity can relieve pressure, where my strength can carry somebody else's burden. That does not mean wise boundaries disappear. It means the

heart is no longer calculating, ‘What do I get out of this?’ before it decides whether another person is worth my effort.

The third contrast is equally searching: do not lord it over people; be an example. Nick spoke about leaders living in a ‘goldfish bowl’. People watch speech, affection, purity, money, driving, parenting and ordinary behaviour. But this is not only true of elders. Children watch parents. Younger believers watch older believers. Staff watch managers. Friends watch how we respond under pressure. A command may control behaviour for a moment; an example gives people a picture of what a life with Jesus can look like. The question is not only, ‘Can I tell others what is right?’ It is, ‘Would I be comfortable if they copied the way I live?’

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	Of Peter’s three contrasts - willingness over compulsion, service over gain, example over control - which one most exposes the current state of my heart?
2	Where am I tempted to calculate what I will receive before deciding whether I am willing to serve?
3	If someone close to me copied my speech, priorities, generosity and way of treating people for the next month, what would I be glad to see reproduced - and what would need to change?

PRAYER

Jesus, You came not to be served but to serve. Form that same heart in me. Remove reluctant obedience, selfish ambition and the desire to control. Guard me from making money, recognition or influence the hidden reason I serve. Make me willing. Make me eager to serve. Let my life become an example worth following in my home, my work, my friendships and my church. Where my example is poor, correct me quickly and give me grace to change. Amen.

CARRY THIS WITH ME TODAY

> ***The antidote to self-interest is service; the alternative to control is a godly example.***

THURSDAY

DAY 4

Clothe Yourself with Humility

YESTERDAY IN ONE MINUTE

Yesterday Peter gave us three marks of Christlike responsibility: willingness instead of compulsion, service instead of personal gain, and example instead of control. None of these can be sustained by a proud heart. Today Nick's message turns inward: the person God uses must remain someone God can correct.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV)

> *All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

Nick did not speak about humility as somebody who had mastered it. He described some of his shortest prayers: 'Lord, help me. Lord, I'm sorry. Lord, wash me.' He referred to Psalm 51 and the continual need to come back to God for cleansing. That honesty mattered because it stripped away the idea that mature leaders are people who no longer wrestle. Maturity is not the absence of weakness; it is the refusal to hide weakness from God or defend pride when He exposes it.

He gave a particularly sharp example from his own heart: noticing a struggling church in his city declining while his own church was growing, and allowing comparison to become superiority. He condemned that attitude in himself. The right response to another church's struggle is prayer, support and generosity - not secret satisfaction that we appear to be doing better. Pride always needs somebody beneath us. Humility can honour what God is doing elsewhere without needing our success to be measured against another person's pain.

Nick then told of being rebuked by an elder early in his ministry. His immediate response was anger. He went home wanting to leave the church. Years later he could describe that rebuke as one of the defining moments of his life because it exposed what he called his 'naked pride'. The correction was painful, but it became a doorway into submission and growth. That is a sobering test: what do I do when

God's answer to my prayer for growth arrives in the form of somebody telling me something I do not want to hear?

Peter says to 'clothe yourselves' with humility. Clothing is intentional. I decide what I put on before I walk into the day. Humility therefore belongs before the meeting, before the disagreement, before I correct a child, before I answer my spouse, before I defend a decision, before I explain why somebody else is wrong. Pride says, 'I know. I deserve. I do not need correction.' Humility says, 'Lord, search me. Teach me. Correct me. Wash me.' The person God can use most safely is not the person most convinced of their greatness, but the person who remains teachable in His hands.

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	What do my reactions to correction reveal about whether I am truly 'clothed with humility' or merely comfortable when people agree with me?
2	Where has comparison - with another person, family, church, ministry or colleague - begun to feed pride rather than prayer and generosity in me?
3	What would it look like practically to begin tomorrow by praying, 'Lord, help me; Lord, wash me; Lord, make me teachable'?

PRAYER

Father, clothe me with humility today. Expose pride before it takes root in my words, reactions and comparisons. Forgive me where I have enjoyed being right more than becoming like Jesus. Give me grace to receive correction without running away, defending myself or making excuses. Teach me to pray for those who struggle instead of using their struggle to make myself feel stronger. Lord, help me. Lord, forgive me. Lord, wash me. Keep me teachable in Your hands. Amen.

CARRY THIS WITH ME TODAY

> ***Humility is not thinking I have arrived; it is remaining teachable in the hands of God.***

FRIDAY

DAY 5

The Hidden Place Sustains the Calling

YESTERDAY IN ONE MINUTE

Yesterday we saw that a useful life must also be a teachable life. God does not merely want our gifts; He wants our hearts. Today we move behind everything visible into the hidden place from which lasting service grows - prayer, dependence, surrender and the freedom to wait for God's approval rather than living on human applause.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)

> *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

Nick spoke about Redpoint Church's long rhythm of prayer. Elders have prayed together week after week, and the church has returned repeatedly to corporate prayer. His conclusion was deliberately unglamorous: the reason the church still exists is not simply leadership skill; it is because people have stayed on their knees saying, 'Lord, help us.' That sentence challenges the way we measure strength. Calling without prayer becomes self-reliance. Leadership without prayer becomes technique. Service without prayer eventually becomes exhaustion.

The hidden place matters because visible responsibility creates pressures that skill alone cannot carry. There are decisions we cannot control, criticism we cannot silence, people we cannot fix and outcomes we cannot guarantee. Peter does not tell us to carry all of that as proof that we are strong. He tells us to humble ourselves and cast our anxieties on God. Prayer is not a private extra added to effective leadership; it is an admission that the calling belongs to God and that we remain dependent on Him inside it.

Nick also spoke about refusing to be 'crowned by men'. Peter's crown comes when the Chief Shepherd appears - not before. Human affirmation is unstable. The same people who celebrate you today may misunderstand you tomorrow. If my sense of worth is built on applause, I will eventually start protecting applause. I may avoid necessary correction, hide weakness, or make decisions designed to preserve admiration. But if my deepest audience is Jesus,

encouragement can be received with gratitude without becoming an addiction.

Sunday's ordination was public. Hands were laid on Hein and Sarah in front of the church. Yet the character required for a public calling is built in hidden places long before the public moment arrives. Prayer, repentance, generosity, integrity, obedience, submission and quiet faithfulness rarely attract attention. A parent may serve faithfully for years without being thanked. An intercessor may pray for years before seeing change. A volunteer may carry a responsibility almost nobody notices. Unseen faithfulness still matters because Jesus sees it. The platform cannot sustain what the prayer room never built.

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	What part of my current responsibility am I trying to carry through competence or control when God is inviting me back to dependence and prayer?
2	How much does praise, recognition or the fear of criticism influence the decisions I make - and what would change if I remembered that the final crown comes from the Chief Shepherd?
3	Which hidden discipline - prayer, repentance, generosity, integrity, obedience or quiet service - needs deliberate renewal if my visible life is going to remain healthy?

PRAYER

Father, bring me back to the hidden place. Do not allow public usefulness to become more important to me than private faithfulness. Teach me to pray, listen, repent and depend upon You. I cast on You the anxieties that I have been trying to carry as though everything depended on me. Free me from needing human applause and from fearing human criticism. Build in secret the character that can safely carry whatever You entrust in public. I want my life to please Jesus, whether anybody notices or not. Amen.

CARRY THIS WITH ME TODAY

> ***What God does through me publicly must be sustained by what He does in me privately.***

SATURDAY

DAY 6

Don’t Wear Somebody Else’s Shoes

YESTERDAY IN ONE MINUTE

Yesterday we went beneath calling into the hidden life of prayer and dependence on God. Today we return to the final movement of Sunday’s service. The ordination of Hein and Sarah became a prophetic word, a fresh call for future leaders, and finally a searching appeal for an undivided heart. The service ended by moving from one couple’s calling to the willingness of the whole church.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:3-4 (NIV)

> *Not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

After Nick finished praying over Hein, Sarah, their children and the elders, Eugene brought a word specifically for Hein and his family. Hein was not to try to run in somebody else’s shoes. Eugene described him as an unconventional elder and encouraged him to run in the particular calling God had given him. We should keep the distinction clear - a personal prophetic word to Hein is not automatically a promise to everybody - but the wider principle is useful: God does not need us to become copies of the people we admire before He can use us.

Comparison confuses calling. It can make a quiet person think they must become loud, a younger believer imitate a style that does not fit, or an older believer assume their opportunity has passed. God already knows our temperament, history, weaknesses and strengths. The question is not whether I can wear somebody else’s shoes convincingly, but whether I will let God shape me to walk faithfully in the obedience He has given me.

Immediately afterwards, Grant Askham asked Nick to pray again for others whom God may raise up in the future. Men stood - not claiming an office, but expressing willingness to be trained if God called them. Nick prayed for future ‘shepherds, fathers, intercessors’ and spoke about God shaping lives, marriages and finances. Some might one day lead churches; some might plant; others might become indispensable ‘wingmen’ serving faithfully beside another leader. The variety

matters. The Kingdom needs more than visible number ones. It needs people prepared to carry weight wherever God assigns them.

Then, after Charmaine Askham thanked Kati Hardy, Kati shared briefly from what God had been speaking to her. She spoke of an undivided heart. A heart can be divided into two pieces - God and family - or four - God, family, money and career - or a thousand. But divided is divided. Her desire was for a whole, healthy and complete heart after God. That word gathered the whole service into one place. Whether the call is eldership, parenting, business, prayer, hospitality, mentoring or hidden service, God is not looking only for a role to fill. He is after the heart of the person who fills it. The deepest preparation for calling is not learning to look like somebody else; it is becoming wholehearted before God.

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	Where has comparison made me believe that I must imitate someone else before God can use me faithfully?
2	When I hear the need for more shepherds, fathers, mothers, intercessors, leaders and faithful ‘wingmen’, which kind of responsibility most stirs or challenges me - and why?
3	If my heart is currently divided between God and several competing loyalties, what would wholeheartedness require me to reorder, release or surrender?

PRAYER

Father, thank You that You do not need me to become somebody else. Deliver me from comparison and imitation. Shape the gifts, personality, experiences and opportunities You have given me for Your purposes. When You call me forward, give me courage to stand - not because I think I am ready, but because I trust You to train and prepare me. Raise up shepherds, fathers, mothers, intercessors, leaders and faithful servants throughout Your church. And in me, Lord, form a whole and undivided heart that wants Your will more than recognition, comfort or control. Amen.

CARRY THIS WITH ME TODAY

> ***I do not need somebody else’s calling. I need an undivided heart and the courage to obey God in mine.***

SUNDAY

DAY 7

An Undivided Yes

YESTERDAY IN ONE MINUTE

Yesterday the closing moments of the service widened the call. Eugene urged Hein not to wear somebody else's shoes; Grant asked Nick to pray for those God may raise up next; men stood willing to be trained; and Kati's final reflection called us toward a whole and undivided heart. Today we gather the entire week into one response: an undivided yes to Jesus.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV)

> *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

The week began with a tap on the shoulder: will you say yes? Nick's own story reminded us how easily we can remain spectators, critics or admirers while God is quietly forming us for responsibility. Availability did not mean claiming a title. It meant becoming willing to be trained, corrected and used in God's time. That first yes then led immediately to stewardship. Whatever God places in our hands - people, family, money, influence, work, ministry, opportunity - still belongs to Him. We are not owners building our own kingdoms. We are stewards handling a trust.

Peter then exposed the spirit in which that trust must be carried: willing rather than compelled, eager to serve rather than eager to gain, and ready to lead by example rather than control. Nick's stories made those words uncomfortably practical. Money can become an idol. Pride can make us compare ourselves with struggling people. Correction can expose how defensive we really are. Humility therefore has to be deliberately 'put on'. We keep returning to the short prayers: 'Lord, help me. Lord, I'm sorry. Lord, wash me.' The calling grows safer as the heart becomes more teachable.

The week also took us into the hidden place. Nick did not credit the endurance of a church merely to gifted leadership. He pointed to years of prayer and the repeated cry, ‘Lord, help us.’ That is where responsibility is sustained. Public moments may confirm a calling, but private dependence keeps it alive. Human crowns are temporary and dangerous when we begin to need them. The Chief Shepherd’s approval is enough, and His timing frees us to serve faithfully even when nobody applauds.

Finally, Sunday’s ordination itself became an invitation. Hein and Sarah said yes to the responsibility placed before them. Eugene’s word reminded Hein to run in the calling God had given him rather than somebody else’s. Others stood willing to be trained. And Kati’s final reflection brought us to the heart beneath every role: divided devotion will eventually weaken whatever we try to carry. God wants the whole person. Family, career, money, ambition, gifts, wounds, future, plans and fears all come under the same Lordship. The deepest question of the week is therefore not, ‘What position will I hold?’ It is, ‘Lord, what have You entrusted to me, and am I willing to give You an undivided yes?’

Take a few quiet minutes before finishing today. Name what God has already entrusted to you. Name the place where you are reluctant. Name the place where ownership has replaced stewardship, where applause has become too important, where correction is resisted, or where comparison is stealing joy. Then bring those things back under the hand of the Chief Shepherd. You do not need to manufacture a dramatic calling. You need to be faithful with the next yes. A lifetime of useful service is built from many ordinary acts of wholehearted obedience.

THREE QUESTIONS TO HELP ME REFLECT AND REMEMBER

1	Looking back over the week, which movement has challenged me most - availability, stewardship, service, humility, hidden prayer, freedom from comparison or wholehearted devotion - and what is God showing me through it?
2	What has God already entrusted to me that I need to carry differently because I now see it more clearly as His trust rather than my possession?
3	What is one concrete ‘yes’ I can give Jesus in the coming week that would make my devotion less divided and my obedience more visible?

FINAL PRAYER

Father, thank You for the word You brought to The Bridge Church and for the visible example of Hein and Sarah saying yes to the

responsibility You have placed before them. Strengthen them, protect their family and make them faithful shepherds of what belongs to You. Thank You for every person who stood willing to be trained and for every quieter yes known only to You. Now I make this personal. Here I am, Lord. Wash me where I need washing. Correct me where I need correcting. Train me where I need training. Humble me where pride remains. Free me from comparison and from the need to be crowned by people. Teach me to steward what You have entrusted to me, to serve willingly, to lead by example and to depend on You in the hidden place. Give me a whole, healthy and undivided heart. I do not know everything You may ask of me, but today I give You my answer: yes, Lord. My life is Yours. Amen.

CARRY THIS INTO THE COMING WEEK

> ***My calling begins with availability, grows through faithful stewardship, and is sustained by an undivided heart that keeps saying yes to Jesus.***

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