

## Resignation Letter

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters of Journey of Faith Church,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my upcoming resignation as the lead pastor of Journey of Faith Church. It is with great sadness and heartache our family has come to this decision, and I know it would be a difficult transition for all our Journey of Faith Church family.

I have been blessed beyond measure to serve this congregation for past 18 years. During these years, JOF has grown from an English ministry congregation to an independent church. God also clarified and refined my calling as a servant of God. As a family, we have formed open and trusting relationships with many of you, and we are forever grateful for all the beautiful memories, deep conversations, and ministries we did together.

This year marks my 25 years in ministry. If God permits, I will be in full-time ministry for another 25 years. Recognizing that I am at the midpoint of my ministry career, God has impressed on my heart to focus on the vision He has given me for the past couple of years. As many of you are already aware, my heart and passion is to restore and reconcile relationship between the first generation Korean immigrants and the second generation Korean-Americans. Also, I was called to go beyond the Korean community and build relationships with other ethnic groups for the sake of Gospel.

The vision was clear, but the context and methodology were still uncertain. I had a strong urge to spend some time in prayer, seeking God's direction, so that my second-half of the ministry would be more effective. As God was stirring my heart, I also shared with the JOF deacon board what I was going through and asked them to pray with me for 3 months. What became clearer during those three months was that I needed to surrender everything. I was initially asking God to decide for me which path I needed to take, but I was convicted that God was telling me to make choices based on complete faith in Him.

After the resignation is accepted, I would like to stay with JOF until the end of summer to serve as JOF's acting senior pastor and assist in the pastoral search process. I have no doubt that God has already prepared a perfect pastor to lead JOF in its growth and in fulfilling God-given mission. As for my family, we are not sure yet what God has planned for us. The only assurance is that God is calling us to trust and obey Him in a new journey. Despite the uncertainty, I am fully confident that God will help me and my family grow in this season of transition. I am also confident that this will also be a season of growth for JOF as we trust and obey God as a body of Christ—He is the head of this church.

As our mission statement states, "Save the Lost, Build the Saved, and Send them out to do the Same!" I am tremendously indebted to Christ and to JOF. I have been equipped and built from experiences as your pastor. I am asking that you would send me out with joyful and prayerful hearts, so that the work of God will continue wherever God will take me and my family.

In Christ,  
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