





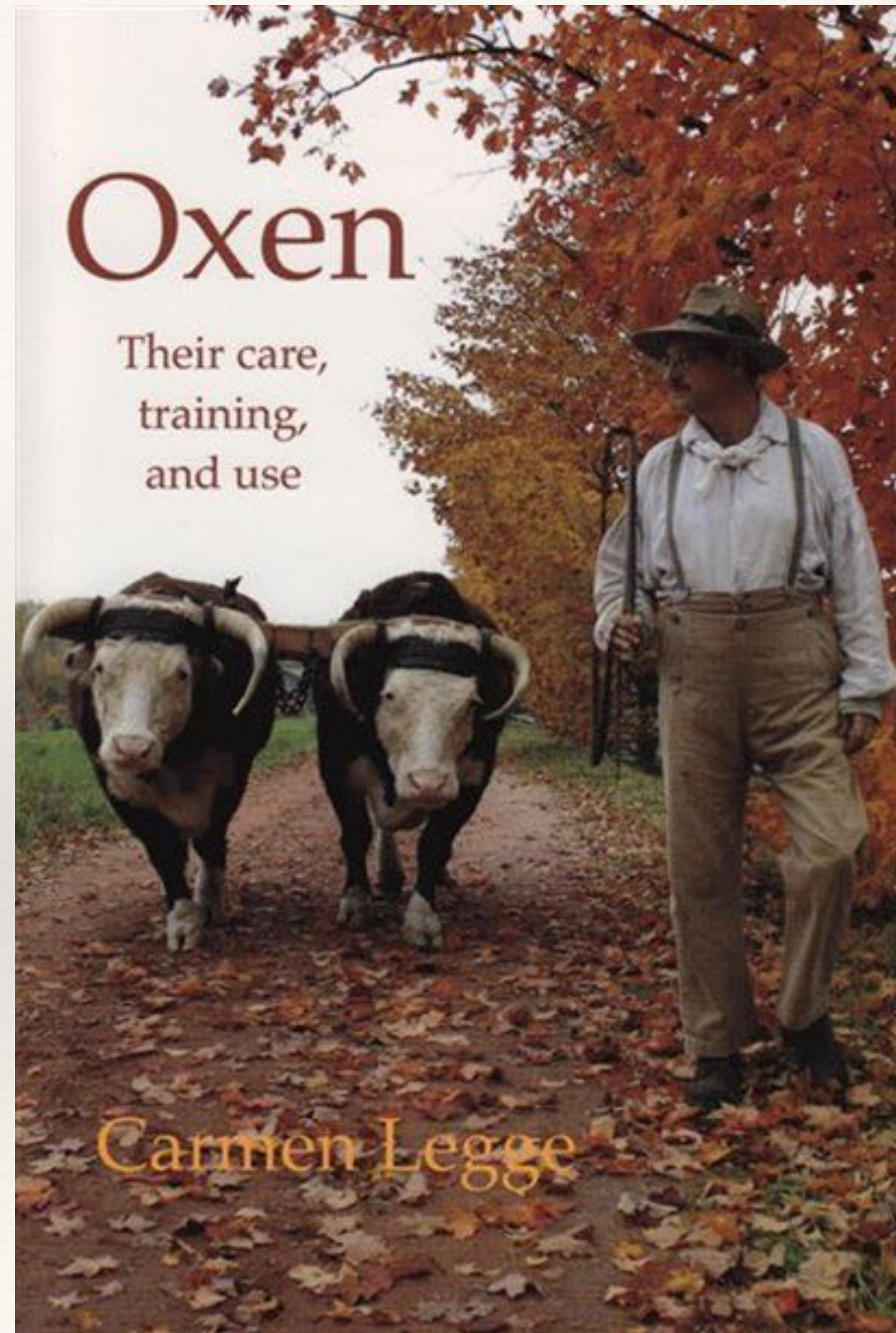
The Reward, Regulation, and Recruitment of Elders

1 Timothy 5:17-25



The Care of Oxen

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Timothy 5:17-25 NLT

Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain.” And in another place, “Those who work deserve their pay!”

Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses. Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others.

I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the highest angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing favoritism to anyone.

Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often.

Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later. In the same way, the good deeds of some people are obvious. And the good deeds done in secret will someday come to light.





1. Reward your oxen.



Feed them well



2. Regulate Your Oxen





Mark Driscoll Resigns from Mars Hill

"I do not want to be the source of anything that might detract from our church's mission."

KATE SHELLNUTT AND MORGAN LEE

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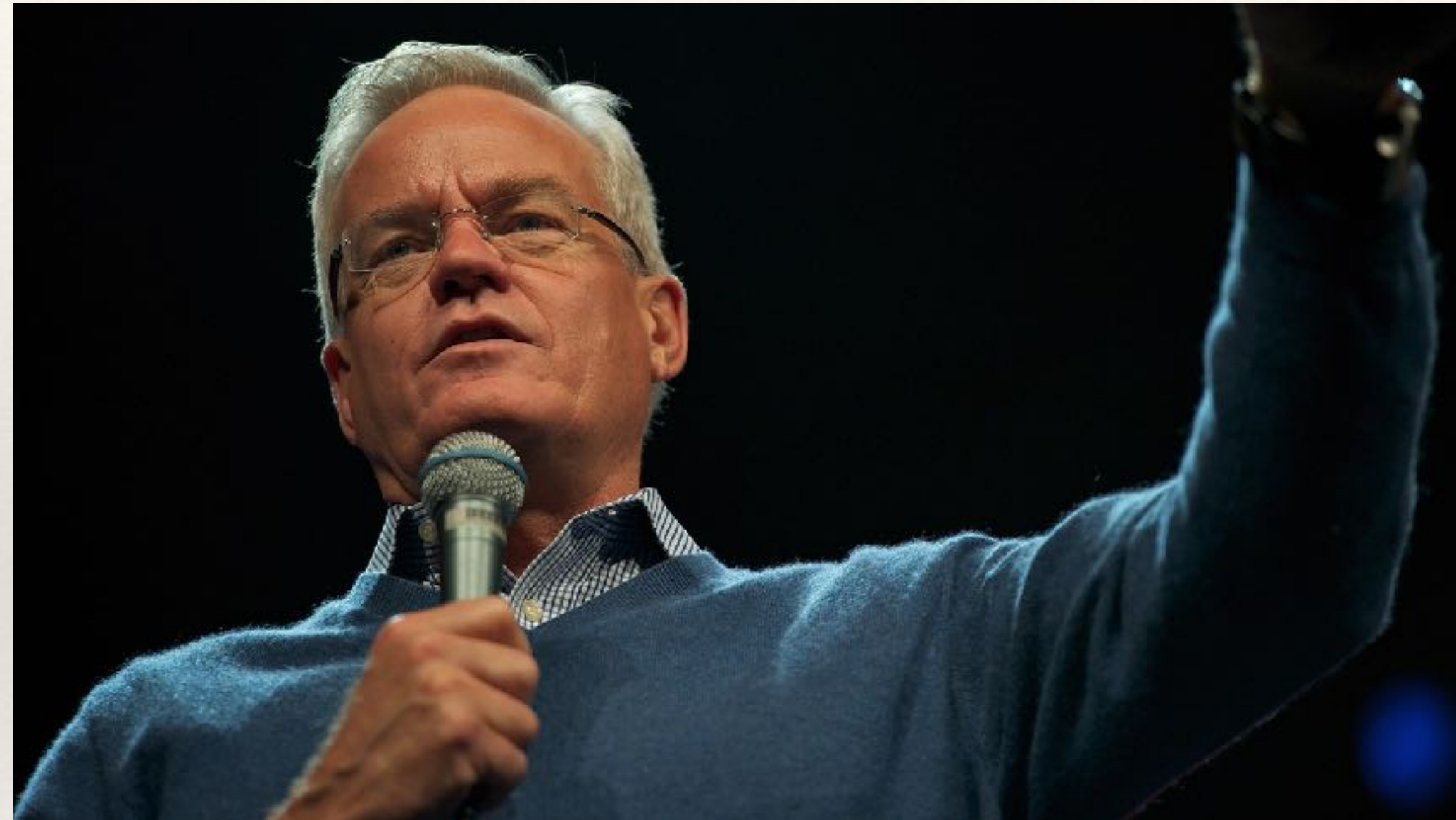
....They concluded Driscoll had “been guilty of arrogance, responding to conflict with a quick temper and harsh speech, and leading the staff and elders in a domineering manner,”

“And a lot of people were being hurt.”

Willow Creek Investigation: Allegations Against Bill Hybels Are Credible

Independent Advisory Group releases report backing claims of pastor's "sexually inappropriate words and actions."

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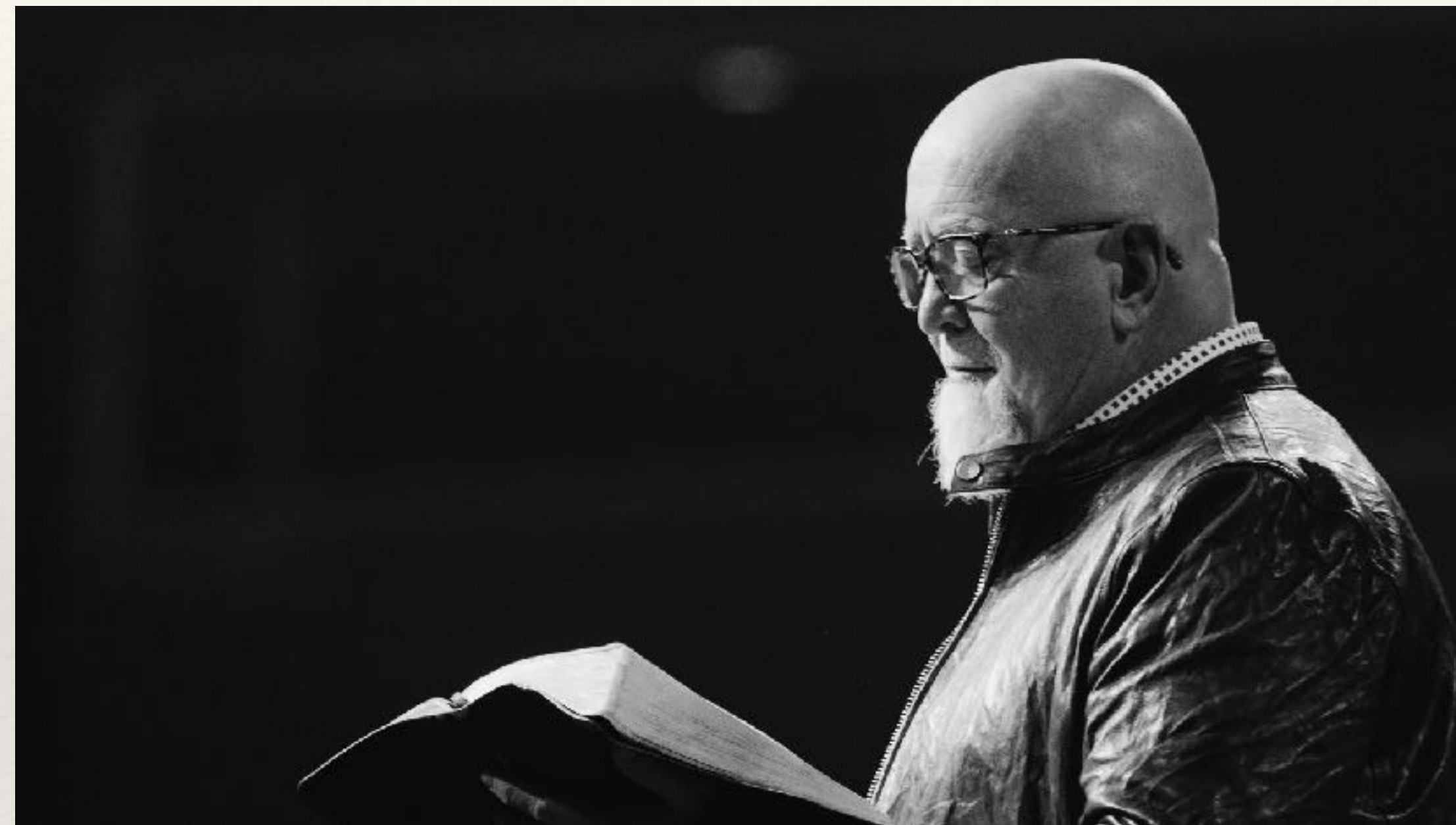


According to the findings, Hybels "verbally and emotionally intimidated" both female and male employees, while church board members were "unable to provide effective oversight" to keep him accountable.

James MacDonald Fired from Harvest

Leak of “highly inappropriate” comments by founding pastor of Chicago-area megachurch caps months-long clash with critics.

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In the midst of efforts to reconcile with longtime critics, Harvest Bible Chapel fired its founder and senior pastor James MacDonald for “engaging in conduct ... contrary and harmful to the best interests of the church.”

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'It's overwhelming': Survivors create public list of Catholic clerics accused of sexual abuse



Organization posts names of men involved in cases in London diocese

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In releasing the list, she said she is looking not only to validate survivors' stories but also to hold the church accountable for what it knew about abuse by clergy and what action it did or did not take.



Galatians 2:11-14

But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?"



3. Recruit your oxen with care.



