Joshua House Books

Foundational Charter

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Soli Deo Gloria

Introduction

Joshua House Books exists for the glory of God. It was not established merely to produce books, build a catalog, develop a commercial enterprise, or create a platform for authors. Publishing is the means by which Joshua House Books fulfills a larger calling: to serve Jesus Christ and His church through the written word.

We believe that God has entrusted His truth to His church through Holy Scripture and has, throughout the history of His people, used faithful writing to preserve, explain, defend, teach, and proclaim that truth from one generation to another. A sermon may instruct a congregation for an hour. A faithful book may continue instructing believers for decades and may speak long after its author has entered the presence of Christ. For that reason, Joshua House Books approaches publishing as a ministry entrusted with a solemn stewardship.

Every manuscript considered, every book published, every author represented, every editorial decision made, every marketing effort undertaken, and every business practice followed must ultimately answer one governing question:

Will this glorify God and strengthen His church?

If the answer is yes, it deserves faithful and careful consideration. If the answer is no, it has no place within this ministry.

This Foundational Charter establishes the principles by which Joshua House Books shall operate. It defines our purpose, mission, vision, doctrinal commitments, publishing philosophy, editorial standards, ministry priorities, and long-term direction. Methods may change. Technology may change. Markets may change. Personnel may change. The publishing industry itself may change. But the biblical convictions upon which Joshua House Books is founded must not.

Joshua House Books belongs to Christ. Therefore, everything undertaken in its name must be conducted beneath His lordship, according to His Word, for the strengthening of His church, and for the glory of God alone.

Our Purpose

Joshua House Books exists to glorify God by publishing biblically faithful books that proclaim His truth, exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen His church, encourage pastors, equip Christian educators, and help believers grow in the knowledge of God through His Word. Our purpose is not simply literary. It is theological, pastoral, ecclesiastical, and ministerial.

We publish because truth matters. We publish because the church matters. We publish because generations yet unborn, should the Lord tarry, will need the same unchanging truth that the church needs today. Every publication should therefore be prepared with eternity in view.

The ultimate question is never simply whether a book can sell. The ultimate question is whether a book should exist.

Our Mission

Joshua House Books is committed to publishing biblically faithful books that honor God, exalt Jesus Christ, uphold the supreme authority of Holy Scripture, and strengthen Christ's church through careful exposition, sound theology, historical responsibility, pastoral wisdom, clear reasoning, and practical Christian application. We seek to publish books that remain useful because they remain true.

Joshua House Books will not measure its success primarily by the number of books published, copies sold, awards received, followers gained, or recognition achieved. Those things may be received gratefully if God provides them, but they are not the standard by which this ministry ultimately measures itself.

Our objective is not to publish the greatest number of books. Our objective is to publish books worthy of the truth they proclaim.

Our ambition is faithfulness.

Our Vision

Joshua House Books aspires to become a trusted Christian publishing ministry recognized for biblical integrity, theological depth, pastoral usefulness, historical responsibility, editorial excellence, and unwavering submission to Holy Scripture. Our vision extends beyond the writings of one author and beyond the work of one generation.

Lord willing, Joshua House Books will increasingly provide a publishing home for faithful pastors, theologians, missionaries, Christian educators, historians, Bible teachers, and other qualified writers whose work can strengthen Christ's church. We desire to identify voices that ought to be heard but might otherwise remain unpublished. We desire to encourage pastors who have spent years faithfully studying and preaching the Word of God to place the fruit of that labor into permanent written form. We desire to assist Christian educators whose scholarship can serve not merely the academy but the church.

We desire to publish books of sufficient biblical and editorial quality that pastors, elders, teachers, churches, schools, and individual believers may recommend them confidently. Our long-term vision is that the Joshua House Books imprint itself will become a mark of trust. When readers encounter the name Joshua House Books, we desire them to expect biblical faithfulness, theological seriousness, careful scholarship, pastoral usefulness, editorial integrity, and reverence for God.

Such trust cannot be manufactured through advertising. It must be earned over time through consistent faithfulness.

Our Supreme Commitment

The supreme commitment of Joshua House Books is to the glory of God. Scripture declares:

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."
Romans 11:36, ESV

The ministry therefore does not ultimately belong to its founders, officers, editors, authors, employees, contractors, or readers. It belongs to God. Every talent used in its work is His gift. Every opportunity is His providence. Every resource is His provision. Every faithful author is His servant. Every reader reached is placed within His providential care. Every good result belongs to Him.

Therefore Joshua House Books shall seek neither institutional glory nor personal glory. Its governing aspiration shall remain:

Soli Deo Gloria.

To God alone be the glory.

Our Core Values

The Glory of God

The glory of God is the highest purpose of Joshua House Books. Every book should ultimately direct readers toward a greater knowledge of God, deeper obedience to His Word, greater love for Christ, more faithful worship, and more fruitful service within His kingdom. Commercial success can never become our highest measure of success.

Faithfulness is the greater measure.

A book that sells modestly but faithfully teaches the truth may accomplish more eternal good than a popular book that compromises it. Joshua House Books shall therefore pursue faithfulness before popularity, truth before fashion, and the approval of God before the approval of the age.

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is Lord over Joshua House Books. He is Lord over every manuscript, every author, every editorial decision, every business decision, and every page we publish. Our publications should therefore magnify His person, His work, His Gospel, His kingdom, and His church.

Joshua House Books shall never treat Christ merely as a subject within Christian publishing. He is the sovereign Lord whom the ministry exists to serve.

The Authority of Holy Scripture

Holy Scripture is the final and supreme written authority for faith and practice. The Bible does not receive its authority from the church, tradition, scholarship, culture, human reason, or Joshua House Books. It is the Word of God.

Our books therefore stand beneath Scripture. They do not stand beside it, and they certainly do not stand above it. Our publications exist to explain, proclaim, defend, illuminate, and faithfully apply biblical truth. No theological system, denomination, ecclesiastical tradition, cultural movement, political philosophy, academic theory, or personal preference possesses authority equal to the Word of God.

Where human thinking conflicts with Scripture, Scripture governs.

Faithfulness

Joshua House Books values biblical faithfulness above popularity. We will not knowingly weaken biblical truth in order to gain wider acceptance. We will not reshape doctrine merely to accommodate cultural expectations. We will not avoid necessary biblical teaching simply because it is unpopular.

At the same time, faithfulness does not require needless harshness, sensationalism, or controversy. Truth is to be spoken in love. Conviction and charity belong together. The measure of every publication shall therefore be its faithfulness to Scripture, not its conformity to contemporary opinion.

Excellence

The God we serve deserves our best work. Therefore, Joshua House Books shall pursue excellence in writing, editing, research, theological accuracy, historical accuracy, book design, typography, cover design, formatting, illustration, production, distribution, and communication.

Excellence is not vanity. When properly understood, it is stewardship.

Careless workmanship can obscure a faithful message. Careful workmanship serves that message. Perfection may not always be attainable, but carelessness must never become acceptable.

Service

Joshua House Books exists to serve pastors, elders, missionaries, Christian educators, Bible teachers, local churches, and thoughtful Christian readers. Publishing is therefore not merely the distribution of products. It is an act of ministry.

Every worthwhile publication should contribute in some meaningful way to the instruction, encouragement, correction, defense, edification, or strengthening of Christ's people.

Integrity

Truthfulness, honesty, financial integrity, fairness, accountability, and Christian character shall govern every aspect of Joshua House Books. Our business practices must never contradict the biblical convictions expressed in our publications. Contracts should be understandable and honorable. Authors should be treated fairly. Financial records should be accurate. Promises should be kept. Errors should be acknowledged and corrected.

No commercial opportunity justifies dishonesty. Christian publishing cannot credibly call readers to righteousness while conducting its own affairs unrighteously.

Our Doctrinal Commitments

Joshua House Books is committed to historic, orthodox, biblical Christianity. Its theological identity is consciously rooted in the Protestant Reformation and in the conviction that the church must continually submit itself to the authority of the Word of God.

We affirm the divine inspiration, complete truthfulness, authority, sufficiency, clarity, and trustworthiness of Holy Scripture; the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments as the written Word of God and the final authority for Christian faith and practice; the existence of one true and living God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the sovereign creation and providential government of God over all things; the creation of humanity in the image of God; and the historical fall of humanity into sin and the universal guilt and corruption of mankind apart from divine grace.

We affirm the full deity and full humanity of Jesus Christ; His virgin conception and birth; His perfect obedience and sinless life; His substitutionary and atoning death upon the cross; His bodily resurrection from the dead; His bodily ascension into heaven; and His present reign and intercession at the right hand of the Father.

We affirm salvation by the grace of God alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone; justification by faith apart from works; the necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit; the present ministry and indwelling work of the Holy Spirit in believers; and the sanctification of God's people through His Word and Spirit.

We affirm the one holy, universal church of Jesus Christ composed of all true believers and the importance and divine institution of the visible church. We affirm the calling of the church to

worship God, proclaim the Gospel, administer the means God has appointed, make disciples, teach His Word, and live faithfully before the world.

We affirm the personal, visible, and glorious return of Jesus Christ; the bodily resurrection of the dead; the final judgment of all humanity; the everlasting blessedness of the redeemed in the presence of God; the everlasting judgment of the unrepentant; and the eternal kingdom and final triumph of God.

Joshua House Books recognizes that faithful Christians who affirm historic biblical Christianity may disagree regarding secondary theological questions. Such disagreements do not make biblical doctrine unimportant, neither do they require unnecessary division where Scripture permits Christian fellowship. As Joshua House Books grows, its doctrinal standards may be expressed in greater detail, but they must never be weakened in order to accommodate doctrinal error or cultural pressure.

Our Reformed Heritage

Joshua House Books stands gratefully within the theological heritage recovered and clarified during the Protestant Reformation. We affirm the principles historically summarized as Scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, and to the glory of God alone.

We recognize the profound contribution of the Reformed tradition to biblical exposition, covenant theology, the doctrines of grace, the sovereignty of God, the nature of the church, Christian worship, pastoral ministry, and the Christian understanding of history and culture. This heritage will naturally shape many of the books published by Joshua House Books.

At the same time, Joshua House Books is not established merely to serve one narrow institutional constituency. Faithful Christian authors outside the Reformed tradition may be considered when their work is consistent with the doctrinal commitments and publishing standards established in this Charter. Our theological convictions shall remain clear without requiring unnecessary sectarianism.

Conviction does not require hostility. Charity does not require compromise.

Our Publishing Philosophy

Joshua House Books seeks to publish books that strengthen the church. We do not seek to publish every manuscript presented to us. We do not seek growth merely for the sake of growth. We do not seek to build the largest possible catalog.

We seek to publish the right books.

Every manuscript considered for publication should demonstrate, according to its nature and intended audience, biblical faithfulness, theological soundness, careful reasoning, clarity,

pastoral usefulness, historical responsibility, intellectual honesty, appropriate research, respectful engagement, editorial quality, and enduring value.

Some books will be explicitly theological. Some will be biblical exposition. Some will address Christian living. Some will address worship. Some will examine history. Some will serve pastors and teachers directly. Some may address cultural or ethical questions from a biblical perspective. The subject matter may differ. The governing standard does not.

Every book bearing the Joshua House Books imprint should deserve to bear it.

We desire to publish books that readers may continue to recommend ten, twenty, or fifty years after publication because the truth they contain has not expired. Trends pass. The Word of God remains.

The Books We Seek to Publish

Joshua House Books will give particular consideration to manuscripts that serve the church through biblical exposition, systematic and biblical theology, pastoral theology, church history, Reformation history, Christian worship, Christian discipleship, Christian ethics, apologetics, evangelism, missions, the Christian life, pastoral ministry, church leadership, Christian education, and biblically grounded engagement with the contemporary world.

We especially value books that combine theological substance with readability. Academic rigor and accessibility are not enemies. A book need not be simplistic in order to be understandable, nor must a book become obscure in order to be serious.

Joshua House Books seeks authors capable of communicating significant truth with clarity.

The Books We Will Not Publish

Joshua House Books will not knowingly publish work that contradicts the doctrinal commitments established in this Charter. We will not publish material whose principal purpose is to undermine confidence in Holy Scripture, teaching that denies central doctrines of historic Christianity, or material that obscures or replaces the Gospel.

We will not publish books merely because controversy may make them commercially successful. We will not pursue sensationalism as a publishing strategy. We will not knowingly publish careless scholarship, fabricated evidence, dishonest citation, plagiarism, or material presented as fact when the author knows it to be false. We will not publish personal attacks disguised as theological argument or books primarily intended to ridicule faithful Christians with whom an author disagrees.

Controversial subjects may certainly require publication. Error must sometimes be named. False teaching must sometimes be refuted. Historical wrongdoing must sometimes be exposed. Biblical truth must sometimes confront the spirit of the age directly. But when controversy is

necessary, it must be governed by Scripture, truth, evidence, fairness, courage, and Christian charity.

Our Editorial Philosophy

Editing is not merely correction. It is stewardship.

The responsibility of an editor is to help an author communicate truth as clearly, accurately, responsibly, and effectively as possible without unnecessarily erasing the author's voice. Joshua House Books shall therefore approach editing as a partnership between author and publisher.

Editors should ask whether the argument is clear, biblically faithful, historically responsible, adequately supported, fairly presented, understandable, appropriately structured, and expressed in a tone consistent with Christian character. They should ask whether Scripture is handled responsibly, whether unnecessary repetition is present, and whether the manuscript accomplishes what it claims to accomplish.

Editorial rigor is an act of respect toward the author, the reader, and the truth itself.

Scripture in Our Publications

Because Holy Scripture is the supreme written authority for Joshua House Books, Scripture must never be treated casually. Biblical passages should be quoted accurately. Context should be respected. Interpretation should arise from responsible exegesis rather than from the manipulation of isolated verses.

Authors should distinguish clearly between what Scripture explicitly teaches and what they themselves infer from it. Where legitimate interpretive disagreement exists among faithful Christians, the disagreement should be acknowledged honestly when relevant.

The Bible is not decorative support for Christian opinion. It governs Christian opinion.

Joshua House Books therefore expects biblical arguments to be genuinely biblical.

Historical Responsibility

Books addressing history carry a particular responsibility to truth. Joshua House Books shall seek historical accuracy rather than the use of history as propaganda. Authors should distinguish documented fact from inference, tradition, legend, probability, and speculation.

Historical persons should be represented fairly, including those with whom the author strongly disagrees. Sources should be evaluated responsibly. Quotations should not be removed from context in ways that distort their meaning.

The Christian historian does not glorify God by making the past say what it did not say. Truth needs no fabricated assistance.

Theological Conviction and Christian Charity

Joshua House Books seeks to strengthen the church rather than deepen unnecessary divisions within it. Faithful Christians have long disagreed concerning certain doctrines and practices while remaining united in essential truths of the Christian faith. Joshua House Books will not pretend those differences are insignificant. Some are important and deserve vigorous biblical examination. But disagreement should be conducted under the lordship of Christ.

Authors representing differing theological convictions may be considered for publication when their work is biblically grounded, carefully reasoned, respectfully presented, and consistent with the doctrinal boundaries established by this Charter. Joshua House Books prefers persuasion through biblical exposition and careful reasoning rather than rhetoric intended merely to inflame.

We seek writing that illuminates rather than obscures, clarifies rather than caricatures, persuades rather than manipulates, corrects without cruelty, and defends truth without delighting in conflict.

Christian charity and theological conviction are not enemies. Both are expressions of obedience to Christ.

Our Primary Audience

The primary ministry audience of Joshua House Books is pastors. Pastors occupy a position of extraordinary responsibility within the church. They preach God's Word, teach doctrine, counsel God's people, shepherd congregations, train future leaders, confront error, comfort the suffering, preach the Gospel, and stand week after week before God's people with an open Bible.

Serving pastors therefore multiplies the influence of faithful books. A book that strengthens one pastor may eventually strengthen hundreds of believers through that pastor's teaching. A book that assists a pastor for twenty years may influence generations within a congregation.

For this reason, Joshua House Books shall deliberately seek to produce and distribute resources pastors can use. We desire to become a trusted ally to those who faithfully shepherd Christ's flock.

Our Secondary Audience

Joshua House Books also gives particular attention to Christian educators. This includes seminary professors, Bible college faculty, Christian school teachers, elders who teach, Bible study leaders, missionaries, church educators, ministry leaders, and independent Bible teachers.

Teachers multiply truth. When a faithful teacher is equipped, students are equipped. When students are equipped, families and churches may be strengthened. Helping those who teach the Word of God is therefore one of the most strategic forms of ministry a publishing house can undertake.

The Christian Reader

Although pastors and Christian educators represent particular ministry priorities, Joshua House Books exists for the entire church. We desire to serve believers who want more than shallow Christianity, who ask serious questions, who wish to understand Scripture more deeply, who want to know what Christians before them believed and why, and who seek to live faithfully within a confused and changing world.

Our books should respect the intelligence of ordinary Christians. Pastoral writing need not be intellectually weak. Theological writing need not be inaccessible.

The church deserves books that take both truth and readers seriously.

Our Authors

Joshua House Books seeks authors whose lives and work demonstrate respect for the truth they proclaim. No author is sinless. No writer possesses complete understanding. No Christian ministry is built upon human perfection. Nevertheless, character matters.

Authors representing Joshua House Books should conduct themselves with integrity and should be willing to receive responsible editorial correction. The publisher-author relationship should be marked by mutual respect, honesty, clarity, and shared commitment to the work.

Joshua House Books shall not treat authors merely as sources of content. Authors are fellow laborers whose work has been entrusted to the ministry for publication. Likewise, authors should not regard Joshua House Books merely as a mechanism for printing and distributing their personal ideas.

Publication under a shared imprint creates shared stewardship.

The Local Church

Joshua House Books is a publishing ministry serving the church. It is not the church. It possesses no authority to administer sacraments, exercise church discipline, ordain officers, or replace the ministry entrusted by Christ to the visible church.

Publishing must never become a substitute for the ordinary means through which Christ shepherds His people. Books can instruct, encourage, defend truth, and preserve faithful teaching. But books should ultimately drive believers toward Scripture, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and faithful participation in the life of Christ's church.

Joshua House Books therefore seeks to support the local church rather than compete with it.

Our Marketing Philosophy

Joshua House Books seeks to build trust rather than merely generate transactions. Marketing is necessary because readers cannot benefit from books they never discover. But Christian marketing must remain Christian.

We shall therefore seek to communicate clearly, accurately, and honorably about the books we publish. We will not intentionally misrepresent a book in order to sell it. We will not depend upon manufactured outrage, create controversy merely to gain attention, or promise readers what a book does not provide. We will seek to place faithful books before the people who are most likely to benefit from them.

Our primary outreach shall focus especially upon pastors. Our secondary outreach shall focus especially upon Christian educators and other teachers of Scripture. Churches, seminaries, Christian schools, ministries, conferences, and individual believers may likewise become important partners in extending the reach of our publications.

Our long-term objective is not merely that readers recognize particular titles. Our objective is that they come to trust Joshua House Books itself.

The strongest marketing asset this ministry can possess is a reputation for faithfulness.

Pricing and Accessibility

Joshua House Books desires to make faithful Christian books reasonably accessible. Publishing requires legitimate expenses. Authors should be treated fairly. Production carries costs. A sustainable publishing ministry must exercise sound financial judgment.

Nevertheless, maximizing profit shall not become the controlling purpose of pricing. Where reasonably possible, books should be priced so pastors, students, teachers, churches, and ordinary Christian readers can obtain them without unnecessary financial burden.

Financial sustainability and ministry accessibility must be held together responsibly.

Financial Stewardship

Joshua House Books shall operate with careful financial stewardship. Revenue is necessary for continuing the work, but money is a means, not the mission. Financial decisions should therefore serve the ministry rather than redefine it.

Profits may be reinvested in new publications, editorial work, design and production, author development, distribution, marketing, technology, ministry expansion, and other purposes consistent with this Charter.

Growth that destroys the convictions upon which the ministry was founded is not genuine success. Joshua House Books shall never knowingly exchange theological integrity for financial advantage.

Technology and Publishing

Publishing methods continue to change. Print-on-demand technology, electronic books, digital distribution, online retailing, artificial intelligence, design software, publishing platforms, and future technologies may provide significant opportunities for Christian publishing.

Joshua House Books may use appropriate technology when doing so improves stewardship, reduces unnecessary expense, expands distribution, assists research or production, or makes faithful books more accessible. Technology, however, is a servant. It is not an authority.

No technological tool relieves authors or editors of responsibility for truth, accuracy, originality, theological judgment, or intellectual honesty. Efficiency must never replace discernment. Whatever tools may be used, responsibility for the final publication remains human and moral before God.

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence may provide useful assistance in research organization, editing, drafting, formatting, design, production, and other aspects of publishing. Joshua House Books may use such tools responsibly. However, artificial intelligence possesses no spiritual authority, theological authority, or moral accountability. It must therefore remain subordinate to human judgment and biblical truth.

Any material assisted by artificial intelligence must be reviewed carefully for accuracy, biblical faithfulness, historical reliability, logical consistency, appropriate attribution, originality, and editorial quality. Artificial intelligence must never become a substitute for Scripture, prayer, theological judgment, pastoral wisdom, scholarship, or human responsibility.

The final responsibility for every book published by Joshua House Books rests with the people who approve and publish it.

Intellectual Honesty

Joshua House Books shall maintain rigorous standards concerning intellectual honesty. Plagiarism is unacceptable. Fabricated quotations are unacceptable. Invented sources are unacceptable. Misrepresented evidence is unacceptable. Deliberately deceptive use of statistics is unacceptable. Passing another person's ideas or words off as one's own is unacceptable.

Authors must identify sources responsibly when the nature of the work requires documentation. Editors must take reasonable steps to protect the integrity of the publication.

Christian truth must never be defended through dishonest means.

Freedom From the Tyranny of the Market

Joshua House Books recognizes the legitimate importance of understanding readers and markets. A publishing ministry that never considers whether books will actually be read is not necessarily exercising wise stewardship. Nevertheless, market demand cannot become the final authority over what we publish.

Some necessary books will never become bestsellers. Some important subjects will never become fashionable. Some faithful authors will never possess large platforms. Some books may serve relatively small audiences but serve them profoundly.

Joshua House Books therefore reserves the freedom to publish worthy books because they ought to exist, even when their commercial prospects are modest.

The market may inform our judgment. It must not rule our conscience.

Growth

Joshua House Books welcomes growth when God provides it. Growth may allow more authors to be published, more books to reach pastors and churches, stronger editorial resources, expanded distribution, and opportunities that cannot presently be foreseen.

But growth is not inherently good.

Growth that requires compromise is failure. Growth that weakens editorial standards is failure. Growth that transforms ministry into mere commercial ambition is failure. Growth that causes Joshua House Books to forget why it exists is failure.

Therefore, growth shall never require compromise, and expansion shall never replace faithfulness.

Institutional Humility

Joshua House Books does not presume that it is indispensable to the kingdom of God. Christ promised to build His church. He did not promise to build Joshua House Books.

God has accomplished His purposes throughout history through countless servants, churches, ministries, institutions, and individuals, most of whose names are now forgotten. Joshua House Books should therefore labor diligently without imagining itself necessary.

If God chooses to use this ministry greatly, the glory belongs to Him. If He chooses to use it quietly, the glory belongs to Him. If one day its appointed work is complete, the glory will still belong to Him.

Our responsibility is not to make ourselves indispensable. Our responsibility is to be faithful.

Leadership and Governance

Those entrusted with leadership within Joshua House Books are stewards. They do not possess unrestricted authority over the ministry. Their decisions remain accountable to Scripture, to the doctrinal commitments of this Charter, and to the purpose for which Joshua House Books exists.

Leadership should therefore be characterized by humility, prayer, biblical wisdom, careful judgment, financial integrity, transparency, courage, and willingness to receive correction. Major decisions affecting the theological identity or fundamental mission of Joshua House Books should never be made merely for convenience or financial advantage.

Future leaders inherit stewardship, not ownership of the ministry's convictions.

Preservation of the Charter

This Foundational Charter may be refined as Joshua House Books develops. Operational policies may require revision. New circumstances may require additional provisions. Experience may reveal areas needing greater clarity. Such development is legitimate.

However, revisions should clarify and strengthen the founding convictions of Joshua House Books rather than quietly replace them. No future revision should abandon the glory of God as our supreme purpose, the lordship of Jesus Christ, the supreme authority of Holy Scripture, the essential doctrines of historic biblical Christianity, the ministry's commitment to biblical faithfulness, or its calling to strengthen Christ's church.

Methods may be revised. Foundational convictions must remain.

Our Long-Term Ministry

Joshua House Books is more than a publishing company. It is a publishing ministry. Its influence, if God is pleased to grant it, will extend through faithful books, faithful authors, faithful pastors, faithful Christian educators, faithful churches, faithful families, and ultimately through the faithful proclamation of God's Word.

The ministry's deepest influence may never be measurable. A pastor may encounter a paragraph that reshapes a sermon. A teacher may discover an explanation that helps a student understand Scripture. A believer may find assurance during suffering. A young Christian may discover the riches of historic Christian truth. A missionary may receive encouragement in a difficult field. A future pastor may read a book years after its author has died and be strengthened for decades of ministry.

Only God knows the full reach of a faithful word.

Joshua House Books therefore seeks to labor beyond the immediate moment. We desire to publish for readers we know and for readers we will never meet. We desire to serve churches that exist today and, should the Lord tarry, churches that do not yet exist. We desire to publish books whose usefulness survives their own generation.

Our Standard of Success

Joshua House Books will necessarily observe ordinary measures of publishing performance. Sales matter because books must reach readers. Revenue matters because ministries require resources. Distribution matters because inaccessible books cannot serve the church. Growth may matter because it can increase ministry opportunity.

But none of these provides the final definition of success.

The ultimate standard is faithfulness.

Were we faithful to Scripture? Did we honor Christ? Did we treat authors and readers honestly? Did we publish what was worthy of publication? Did we strengthen the church? Did we refuse compromise when compromise might have been profitable? Did we steward what God entrusted to us? Did our work direct attention toward God rather than ourselves?

Those are the questions by which Joshua House Books desires to evaluate its ministry.

Our Prayer

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
Psalm 127:1, ESV

Joshua House Books belongs to Christ. Every author, every manuscript, every editor, every publication, every reader, every pastor served, every teacher equipped, every church strengthened, every opportunity, every resource, every success, every difficulty, and every future blessing is entrusted to His sovereign care.

We pray that God will protect this ministry from pride and theological compromise. We pray that He will protect it from the temptation to measure faithfulness by popularity. We pray that He will provide wise authors, wise editors, wise leadership, and faithful readers. We pray that He will open doors that should be opened and close doors that should remain closed.

We pray that He will give Joshua House Books courage where courage is required, humility where humility is required, patience where patience is required, and discernment in every decision.

Above all, we pray that every page published through Joshua House Books will glorify God, exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, honor Holy Scripture, strengthen His church, serve those who proclaim His Word, and faithfully bear witness to His truth until Christ comes again.

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