

Chris Reed Issues an Apology to Rick Joyner

Chris Reed, former president and CEO of MorningStar Ministries, has publicly apologized to ministry founder Rick Joyner, expressing regret for the way he handled his departure. In a heartfelt message, Reed acknowledges the hurt caused on both sides and emphasizes his deep respect for Joyner, whom he calls “a man of integrity.”

“I apologize for the things that I said against an elder when I felt like I was being thrown under the bus. I was wrong, and I was in rare form,” Reed says, explaining that his actions stemmed from hurt and misunderstanding. He admits that he and Joyner did not communicate extensively before or after his resignation, which led to a “vacuum of suspicion.”

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Reed goes on to affirm his admiration for Joyner. “I respect Rick Joyner. He has been faithful to his wife, he’s a man of integrity, he’s a true man that has heard from God, and he’s a prolific author,” Reed states. Despite their differences, Reed expresses his continued love and support for the MorningStar leader: “I miss him, and I love him.”

In addition to his personal apology, Reed condemns recent allegations of abuse within the ministry, defending Joyner’s character. “Rick Joyner in no way had any knowledge of Ericson’s abuse. ... He would never put up with that,” Reed says firmly, distancing Joyner from the misconduct of others while supporting the victims.

As Charisma News previously reported, MorningStar Ministries is in the midst of legal battles related to volunteer ex-police officer Erickson Douglas Lee, who has been convicted of

sexual abuse and misconduct against minor boys in the church.

Reed went on to emphasize the biblical principle of honoring spiritual leaders, citing the importance of turning “the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers.” He believes this principle, from Malachi 4:6, is crucial to the health of both the church and the nation.

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“I’ll never let the fear of man dictate a decision I ever make again,” Reed explains. “I’ll do what’s right. I’ll listen to a multitude of counselors, but in the end, I’ll never let fear influence a decision I make again. So I apologize to the people that I hurt. I apologize to Rick and Julie. I sincerely apologize to them, to their family and to MorningStar, our family, in any way that I mishandled this. I want to take the low road and I want to be humble about it.”

Reed’s apology highlights the power of repentance and forgiveness, aligning with scriptural teachings. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Reed’s public statement reflects a commitment to humility and reconciliation, key elements of the Christian faith. As Proverbs 28:13 reminds us, “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”

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