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The factors of this decision really center around expectations and leadership. I am working to develop a clearer set of expectations for our ministry to teens so that we can understand this role better. I believe this will help parents and teens know how to better measure what successful ministry can look like. I'm also seeing areas in my personal leadership style that need to improve. I feel a portion of responsibility in this transition rests on me in that I didn't lead Joel effectively. We all have areas we need to improve - I'm not blind to that.

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