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This points to one key issue I want to address that I do not think is being discussed enough, or maybe even at all: intent vs impact. A particular minister taking screenshots (fucking hell do I detest that term now!) of private minister conversations, which they thought were detrimental to the greater community, then sharing it with EM could possibly be seen as a cautionary and protective measure. Some would also view it as quite unsavory since nobody likes a narc. But that action COULD be seen as something done with a debatably "good" intention. I am being generous here. But then sharing those same screenshots of private conversations, from supposedly secure platforms, in our formerly private and secure Minister Slack, without obscuring any names or identifying pictures, during an EXCEPTIONALLY volatile time where our minister community was already incredibly scared, distrustful, with many entirely in the dark...the IMPACT of that action, regardless of intent, was incredibly harmful. The term adding fuel to a fire just could not be more appropriate here. It completely wrecked whatever trust was left. The level of fear increased drastically. I did not think things could get that much worse, but boy was I wrong!

It boggles my mind that Tracy Levin can't admit and own the impact that had on our already fragile community. That lack of awareness and humility has also created some negative impacts, and that should be acknowledged as well. Then let's add in both Tracy's, and especially Tommy's behavior and "communication skills" on said Slack. For sure I can say that Tommy has bullied, accused, name called, and just outright and unmistakably acted in ways that were utterly inappropriate as a minister and undoubtedly breaking our minister code of conduct. All the while other ministers are getting booted for similar and even not as harmful behaviour. Let's set aside the intentions behind EM for allowing that to happen, but the impact that had just continued to retraumatize us all, continuing to destabilize and also solidifying the perception that Lucien's movie night inner circle is getting more than special treatment. The fear of saying something "wrong" on our Slack, for fear of getting booted from Ministry, really started to set in.

Then, in maybe an incredible stroke of luck, a 10-day silent meditation retreat that I had scheduled six months ago took me away from this drama. I foolishly thought, or maybe hoped, that there was no way this could all get worse. Ha!

I just came out of retreat to find out Lucien created a Ministry Liaison team of his inner circle movie night friends. The impact of this has now PROVED without a doubt that LG is rewarding poor behavior to his buddies. Since I was previously asked to be the EM Liaison and a member of OrdCo, this all seemed very inappropriate, especially since some of these people aren't even ministers! And then to give this team Admin access to Slack, especially the NONministers is another significant violation of trust and incredibly inappropriate and unacceptable. This is a Minister Slack, period. No one else admitted, full stop. There is no doubt LG sending his hit squad in to "clean up Slack" was just a thinly veiled mission to gather more screenshots, with the intention of booting more ministers, the ones that spoke negatively of EM, but even ones that simply, and in pretty benign ways, questioned what was going on. Which we just saw with the latest batch of "defrockings".

The Ministry Slack is so quiet now, and in the little bit of catching up that I have done, ministers have straight out stated that they are afraid to say anything for fear of being fired, booted, or whatever we want to call it. What an impact this all has had on the people who oversee the whole community. There is so much continual trauma and painful suffering.

That's not an environment that I want to be in. I have done enough inner work that one of my most significant intentions in life is to make sure I don't knowingly put myself in situations that are uncomfortable. And TST Ministry, hell, probably TST as a whole right now, feels very UNcomfortable for me.

I knew I would be wrestling with my relationship to this whole thing while on retreat, and it was really the first or second day that I had a big Captain Obvious inner question ringing through my head: Do I want more stress in my life, or less? It was not a hard choice to make, at all.

But beyond that, and thinking about how this continued harmful impact will potentially affect TST, that is an even bigger thing that I refuse to let myself endure.

This LG inner circle Ministry Liaison team, Erin described to me as the one that will be helping rebuild TST Ministry. Well, the fact that some of the members, I'd say 5 conservatively, of this new team, are some of the most inflammatory and disruptive people in all of TST, and in my eyes, also some of the most unhealthy and unskillful as well. TST most certainly needs to get rebuilt, strengthened, and I think most importantly, HEALED. AND that will not be possible with this unqualified team, especially since Tommy and Tracy are the two who have caused some of the most significant harm.

This is another reason I just cannot have anything to do with TST now: if I stayed and tried to help, the perception of the community of ministers would be that I endorsed this team, and that's something I could not live with. Stated clearly, I DO NOT approve of this Ministry Liaison Team and refuse to lower myself to work with them.

With all this in mind, I quit. I quit it all. Please remove me from all TST spaces and take down and delete all the services I have led and been a part of on TST TV and in the Ministry Archives. I cannot be associated with TST and its current path, especially with the ones steering and guiding the ship.

A warning to EM, you will NOT be able to rebuild something healthy and sustainable with the team you have assembled and the way you've been making decisions. Please reconsider, reevaluate, and take your time getting the right people—quality people with emotional intelligence and people skills, ones who have the best interest of TST in mind, not LG or whatever BS agenda they themselves may be holding. I truly hope you can pull out of this, and I wish you the best of luck.

I'm out.

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