

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Peter Hartzell, and my wife, Amanda, and I write this letter with a heavy but resolute heart. What follows is not merely a personal account but a pastoral warning. We are compelled to speak not out of bitterness, but out of deep concern for the Church and those who may yet fall prey to the influence of a man whose actions do not align with the character of a faithful follower of Christ.

For many years, we remained silent, giving Sean Feucht the benefit of the doubt. But as the fruit of his ministry has become more visible and troubling, we have come to understand that silence is no longer faithful. Shepherds are called to guard the flock. And if wolves arise—even from among us—they must be exposed to protect the sheep and preserve the witness of the gospel.

We are not seeking vengeance. We expect to be maligned, dismissed, and mocked for speaking out. That is Sean's pattern with those who question or confront him. Yet we speak with sober-minded conviction because it is right—and because the truth matters.

### **Our Background and Introduction to Sean Feucht**

I was born and raised in Missoula, Montana, where Sean Feucht and I attended the same Christian school. Even as a child, Sean exhibited traits defining his adult persona: dominating, impulsive, and determined to be the center of attention. What others may have labeled charisma, I saw then—and recognize more clearly now—as manipulation dressed in confidence.

Years later, I reconnected with Sean through MySpace. I learned he was now involved in a global worship and prayer movement called Burn 24/7, which he had founded in his dorm room at Oral Roberts University. Despite some hesitation, my wife and I ultimately agreed to launch a local Burn chapter in Missoula. Sean convinced us that this was a sacred assignment. He promised support, community, and spiritual purpose. We believed him. And that was our first mistake.

What followed was not ministry—it was spiritual abuse. It was manipulation disguised as a mission, coercion disguised as a calling.

### **Control, Flattery, and Emotional Exploitation**

From the outset, we were asked to make an unreasonable commitment. We were told that leading a Burn chapter meant committing to serve "until Jesus returns." That language wasn't figurative—it was binding. Any reluctance to say yes was met with spiritual pressure: if we questioned the call, we were questioning God.

Sean had a unique ability to wrap his ambitions in spiritual language. Saying "no" to him felt like saying no to the Lord. And once you said yes, the cost was yours to bear. Events were funded out of pocket. Promised reimbursements never came. Donations earmarked for our chapter were rerouted to the national organization. We were shamed for even raising the question when we asked where the funds had gone.

Sean, meanwhile, lived comfortably—selling merchandise, collecting offerings, and boasting about how lucrative those offerings could be. He would openly joke about how much “Christians love buying merch”, while volunteers like us drove long hours, slept in strangers' homes, and paid our way to serve.

One particular moment remains seared in my memory. After a Sunday service in Salt Lake City where Sean had been invited to lead worship, he was dissatisfied with the offering he received. He confronted the pastor, demanded more, and left in outrage after learning there wasn't any more. That pastor vowed never to invite him back. Sean considered it persecution. We saw it for what it was: arrogance.

### **Spiritual Manipulation and Psychological Abuse**

What began as administrative dysfunction quickly revealed itself to be something much darker. Sean expected absolute loyalty and unquestioning allegiance. Disagreement was not tolerated. Discernment was labeled as doubt. And questions were treated as betrayal.

At a national Burn summit in Dallas, married couples were separated under the guise of "purity," while Sean and his wife were granted private accommodations. The messaging was clear: one standard for Sean, and another for everyone else.

The final straw came when attendees were pressured to sign pledges to "go to the nations." It was not a call—it was a demand. Those who hesitated were shamed. When Amanda and I raised concerns after the event, Sean responded not with humility but with scorn. He belittled us, condemned us, and leveled an ultimatum: ***"Get on board, or get out."***

This is what happens when someone believes they are above correction. When ministry is built around a man rather than the Truth of the Gospel, sinfulness is on full display.

### **Concerns Over Finances and Stewardship**

We do not claim to possess detailed or forensic records of Sean Feucht's personal and ministry finances. However, based on what we experienced firsthand and what has since come to light through preliminary independent investigations, we believe there is strong cause for concern.

Donations to Burn 24/7 were regularly mishandled. Designated funds were absorbed into general accounts. We were told they could be repurposed legally, but the ethical implications were never addressed. Burn directors like us were left scrambling to pay bills while Sean's profile—and standard of living—continued to rise.

On one trip to Montana from his home in Pennsylvania, I witnessed Sean purchase a used car and register it in Montana. He used the address of a friend in Montana to evade taxes. If that wasn't bad enough, his friend no longer owned that home, deepening the fraud. Other reports of tax evasion, fraud, and even illegal activity (including poaching and lying to authorities) have circulated for years. Reputable journalists have documented some. Others remain hearsay. But

taken together, the pattern is clear: this is a man who has consistently blurred the line between personal gain and ministry expense. He operates without transparency and without accountability.

### **A Wolf in Shepherd's Clothing**

After stepping away from Burn 24/7 in 2010, we chose to forgive and move on. I truly believed that Sean would eventually grow up and adjust his course. After burning enough bridges, I presumed he would settle down.

However, in 2020, when Sean launched **“Let Us Worship”**, we witnessed the same manipulative strategies — this time on a grand scale. Now emboldened by celebrity and power, his influence has grown, and so has the danger.

He has surrounded himself with enablers and silenced dissenters. He mocks journalists, vilifies critics, and frames all opposition as persecution. This is not the behavior of a humble servant of Christ. This is the behavior of a man building his kingdom.

When Christy Gafford, former Global Communication Director for Burn 24/7, publicly shared her story of being abused by Sean and his board of directors, it felt like a gut punch. We recognized the same tactics, patterns, and spiritual damage. We realized then that this was no longer personal—it was pastoral. Our silence was enabling harm. And as leaders who love the Church, we could not stand by any longer.

### **Who is Sean Feucht?**

Sean grew up under the mentorship of Loren Cunningham, founder of YWAM and promoter of the **“7 Mountain Mandate”** and **“Dominion Theology”**. The patterns of Sean's life as evidenced by his behavior suggest that Sean is personally on a mission to dominate all 7 Mountains: **Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts & Entertainment, and Business**. This has set the stage for the development of the abusive platform Sean has built for himself.

Sean attended Oral Roberts University, where he embraced the **“Seed Faith”** and **“Prosperity Gospel”** deceptions that Oral Roberts infamously propagated. At Oral Roberts University, Sean gave birth to his “grass-roots prayer and worship movement,” **Burn 24/7**, and embarked on his Dominionist conquest.

Sean considered disgraced International House of Prayer founder Mike Bickle to be a spiritual father and mentor. Burn 24/7 emulates the format and organizational structure of IHOP-KC, while providing a more grass-roots expression. The modern prayer and worship movement is poisoned at the roots with heretical error, planted in the same soil as doctrinal blunders and insidious deceptions that have caused deep damage to the body of Christ. It adds to the gospel

and adopts mystical and new-thought ideologies that, when conflated with Christian doctrines, lead people into a yoke of bondage.

Sean is a student of charismatic leaders and a master manipulator. Before launching **“Let Us Worship,”** he was very open about studying the Jesus Movement. He began to emulate the tactics of characters like Lonnie Frisbee, who was renowned for collaborating with John Wimber to emphasize the use of spiritual gifts in founding the Vineyard movement, which inspired Mike Bickle in the early formation of his heretical ministry.

Though he theologically aligns with Bill Johnson and the leadership at Bethel Church, Sean didn’t fit in very well, and I believe he always knew that. It appears that he signed his record deal with Bethel Music because it was a savvy business move. It was the next step on his journey to dominate the 7 Mountains. As soon as his ambition caused enough friction with the Bethel juggernaut, he cut ties, giving him the optics of a “free spirit.”

Likewise, Sean never belonged in government, and I believe he knows that. But again, that mountain needed conquering, and his political campaign was just another calculated move to establish a new basecamp.

Pick a thread and pull on it. You’ll find that the tapestry of deception is woven throughout the evangelical church, and figureheads like Sean Feucht merely serve as minions to accomplish a deeper conspiracy: to obscure the gospel. It started in the Garden of Eden and is playing out before our eyes.

### **A Call for Biblical Accountability**

We are not trying to destroy Sean Feucht or rally a mob. We are issuing a call to test the fruit, examine the doctrine, follow the money, and hold leaders like Sean Feucht to the standard of holiness, humility, and integrity Scripture commands.

The Church does not need more celebrity ministers. It needs faithful shepherds. If Sean refuses correction—and history suggests he will—then it is incumbent upon the body of Christ to expose the darkness he cloaks in light.

We share this testimony not for our own vindication but for the protection of those who might be drawn in by the glamour of the platform without recognizing the poison beneath it. May this serve as a warning and spark the courage in others to come forward and speak the truth.

If history serves as an indicator, do not be surprised when Sean gaslights us, calls us devils, or claims we are sowing deception. Chances are high that he will wear this exposition as a badge of honor.

My plea to Sean is this: God's grace is sufficient for all your sins, but action must be taken. Humble yourself. God is purifying His bride; now is the time to repent and be saved. You must turn away from your sin and receive the true gospel.

With pastoral conviction and a desire for the purity of Christ's Church,

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#### **About us:**

Peter and Amanda Hartzell have been involved in worship ministry for over 2 decades, and serve as leaders of the Youth and Family Ministry at their local church. They are passionate about teaching sound doctrine, shepherding the next generation, and cultivating a culture rooted in the authority of Scripture and the hope of the Gospel.

Married and proud homeschool parents of three young children, Peter and Amanda are committed to building a Christ-centered home and ministry. Their journey includes a powerful testimony of coming out of spiritual deception. Having once been influenced by New Thought and the charismatic movement, they were false converts until God radically opened their eyes to the truth of His Word in 2018.

Since then, their lives have been marked by a deep reverence for Scripture, a burden for truth, and a desire to help others walk in freedom from sin and cultural compromise. They believe in weighing all things through the lens of the Bible—like the Bereans in Acts—and are devoted to equipping others to do the same.

Peter and Amanda believe that the Gospel is not something to be softened for cultural acceptance but proclaimed in its fullness, gracefully and in conviction. Their heart is to point people to the joy, peace, and richness of life found only in Christ.