

# — THE — MENTOR GOD SENT

Pastor Joel Maina

Mentor • Teacher • Father in Faith  
• Builder of Men

*“Some men are not  
just encountered...  
they are assigned  
by God.”*

A testimony of  
divine mentorship,  
spiritual formation, and  
life transformation

By  
*King Daniel*




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# DEDICATION


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**To Pastor Joel Maina,**


This magazine is not a biography of your life.  
It is a reflection of the impact your  
obedience to God has had on mine.

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You did not just teach.  
You built, corrected, guided, and revealed  
what disciplined faith looks like.


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Through your leadership,  
I learned that mentorship is not a title—  
it is a responsibility carried with  
humility and consistency.


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This work is my gratitude  
*in written form.*

— *King Daniel*



# EDITOR'S NOTE




**T**here are people God places in our lives who do not announce themselves as significant at first. They appear in ordinary spaces, through ordinary connections, and in unexpected ways. But with time, their influence begins to shape direction, thinking, and even identity.


**Pastor Joel Maina is one such man in my life.**




This magazine is not an attempt to glorify a man. It is a testimony of how God uses vessels—ordinary yet willing—to build others in faith, discipline, and purpose.



What follows is not just a story. It is a journey of encounter, alignment, and transformation.



Through his teaching, mentorship, and unwavering example, I have witnessed the power of disciplined faith, intentional leadership, and a life lived in obedience to God's calling.



May these pages inspire you to value the mentors God places along your path and to embrace the responsibility of influencing others for eternity.

**For in every generation, God raises builders of men.  
And through them, destinies are shaped.**



— King Daniel  
EDITOR



## A POWERFUL SCRIPTURE

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As iron  
sharpens iron,  
so one person  
sharpens  
another.

Proverbs 27:17  
(NIV)

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Whoever walks  
with the wise  
becomes wise,  
but the companion  
of fools  
will suffer harm.  
Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)



Therefore go and  
**make disciples** of  
all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of  
the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, and **teaching**  
them to obey  
everything I have  
commanded you.  
Matthew 28:19-20  
(NIV)

# THE BEGINNING OF AN ENCOUNTER

## I DID NOT UNDERSTAND

*“God rarely introduces destiny in dramatic ways. Sometimes it begins with a simple connection.”*

My journey with Pastor Joel Maina did not begin with a face-to-face meeting.

**It began quietly.**



Through friendship.



Through a group.



Through structure  
I did not yet understand.

At the time, I had no idea that what looked like a simple digital community would become the doorway to one of the most defining spiritual relationships of my life.

I only knew I had entered something different.

**Something intentional.**

**Something carefully built.**

And somewhere behind that structure was a man I had not yet met—but would soon come to recognize as **a mentor sent by God.**



# HOW GOD CONNECTED ME TO HIM

*“God does not always introduce destiny directly,  
Sometimes He introduces people who will later  
lead you to it.”*

My connection to Pastor Joel Maina did not happen suddenly.  
*It was a process—quiet, layered, and intentional.*



2018

## IT BEGAN WITH A FRIENDSHIP.

Back in 2018, I met a lady named Gladys. She lived in Karen, Nairobi, while I was based in Mombasa. Despite the distance, we developed a strong connection, especially through our shared love for the Word of God.

I would share scriptures and reflections with her, and she would respond with genuine interest. Over time, our conversations became a consistent exchange of encouragement and spiritual growth.

*At that time, I did not know that this simple friendship was already part of a bigger divine arrangement.*



2020

## THEN CAME 2020.

Gladys added me into a WhatsApp group called **MBF**.

At first glance, it looked like an ordinary group. But very quickly, I realized it carried a different atmosphere.

- ✓ There was order.
- ✓ There was **structure**.
- ✓ There was intention behind everything.

Each day had its own focus, its own rhythm, and its own purpose.

It was not a random discussion space—it was a place of **formation**.



## AND UNKNOWINGLY...

I had stepped into the environment where I would eventually encounter the influence of Pastor Joel Maina.

But before I even understood who he was to me,

*God had already begun positioning me within the system he had built.*

♥ Through Gladys.    🌸 Through MBF.    📖 Through structure I was still trying to understand.



*What looked like a simple addition to a WhatsApp group was,  
in reality, the beginning of a spiritual alignment I would  
only recognize much later.*

*To God be the glory.*

## THE ATMOSPHERE OF MBF

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Stepping into MBF felt like entering a different world. It was still a WhatsApp group, yes—but the culture was unlike anything I had experienced before.

There was discipline in how people communicated.

There was clarity in how topics were handled.

And there was a strong sense that this was not just conversation—it was construction.

Construction of minds.

Construction of families.

Construction of purpose.

Each day carried something specific:

- Ministry of Presence

- Business Day

- Family Talk

- Relationship Conversations

- And moments of deep spiritual reflection

Nothing felt accidental.

Even the way people spoke carried weight.

It was in this environment that I first began to understand that leadership is not always seen through a face—but sometimes felt through structure.

And behind that structure was a man I had not yet met personally...

Pastor Joel Maina.



# THE PRINCIPLE OF ORDER

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One thing that became clear inside MBF was this:  
Order was not optional.  
It was the foundation.

Even the way discussions were guided reflected a deeper principle—that growth requires structure, and structure requires discipline.

There was a culture of respect in communication.  
There was direction in every theme.  
And there was a sense that everyone was part of something larger than themselves.

It was in this environment that I began to understand something important:

*God does not only send mentors to speak into your life.  
Sometimes He places you in systems that prepare you to receive them.*

Looking back, MBF was not just a group I joined.  
It was a preparation ground.  
A place where my thinking was being aligned before I even met the man behind it all.

**Pastor Joel Maina.**

# THE GATEKEEPERS EXPERIENCE

«*Access is not always denied to reject you.  
Sometimes it is controlled to refine you.*»

My entry into MBF was not immediate acceptance.

It came with questions.

It came with testing.

It came with a process that I did not fully understand at the time.

Almost immediately after joining, I was met with what I now describe as gatekeepers—voices that did not rush to welcome, but instead paused to examine intention.

They were not rude.

They were not hostile.

But they were deliberate.

And their questions carried weight.

- Who are you?
- Why are you here?
- Who invited you into this space?
- What do you hope to gain here?









At first, I felt the pressure of those questions.

Not because I lacked answers, but because I was being made aware that presence in that space required more than curiosity.

It required alignment.

Then came a moment that felt like a test of identity.

A WhatsApp conversation that would define my entry.

-  **Admin:** Who added you here?
-  **Me:** Gladys added me.
-  **Admin:** What brings you to MBF?
-  **Me:** A desire to grow in the Word of God, and to learn about faith, family, and purpose.
-  **Admin:** Have you been in such a structured environment before?
-  **Me:** No... but I am willing to learn and respect the structure.
-  **Admin:** In MBF, we don't just talk—we build. Why should we let you stay?
-  **Me:** Because I am not here to impress anyone. I am here to grow, listen, and align with what God is doing in this space.

(Seen ✓✓)

Then came silence.

Not rejection.

Not approval.

Just silence.

And in that silence, something deeper was happening—character was being observed beyond words.

Looking back now, I understand that this was not resistance.

It was formation.

Because before I could receive from the man God had placed over that system, I first had to learn the culture of the system itself.

And that culture was built under the leadership of **Pastor Joel Maina.**

# THE PEOPLE — WHO GAVE THE — SPACE LIFE

“Every vision becomes visible not only through leadership, but through the people who carry its atmosphere.”

While MBF carried structure, order, and discipline, it was also alive with people—voices, personalities, and moments that gave the space its human warmth.

Before I fully understood the depth of Pastor Joel Maina's leadership, I first experienced the community through the people within it.

And behind all of it—quietly, consistently, and intentionally—was the leadership of **PASTOR JOEL MAINA.**



**GLADYS**  
THE BRIDGE



Gladys was the connection point.

The one who unknowingly became the doorway into this entire journey.

Our friendship had started long before MBF, built on shared conversations around the Word of God. She would listen, respond, and engage deeply with spiritual discussions.

I did not know then that she would later become the link between my life and a mentorship environment that would shape me profoundly.



**SCHOLAR  
GATHONI**  
THE VOICE OF HUMOR



Then there was Scholar Gathoni.

A personality that could not be ignored.

She carried humor in a way that brought balance to serious discussions.

Whenever conversations became too intense or overly structured, she would appear with a comment that would shift the atmosphere instantly.

Her presence reminded everyone that joy also belongs in spiritual community.



**BETTY**  
THE LIVELY VOICE



Betty was among those who brought energy into conversations.

Her contributions often sparked engagement and kept discussions active. She was part of the rhythm that made MBF feel interactive rather than distant.



**JOY**  
THE CONSISTENT  
PRESENCE



Joy, as her name suggested, carried a calm but steady presence.

She contributed in a way that added depth and continuity to the flow of discussions, helping maintain the group's sense of balance.

**TOGETHER, THESE VOICES FORMED  
SOMETHING BIGGER THAN INDIVIDUALS.**  
*They formed an environment.*

# FURAHIDAY: LAUGHTER, LESSONS & REALITY

*“Some lessons are not taught in classrooms—  
they are revealed in conversations people are  
bold enough to have.”*

**F** Among all the structured days in MBF, one stood out differently.  
Friday.  
Or as it was affectionately called—Furahiday.  
It was a day set aside largely for couples and family-centered conversations.  
And unlike the other sessions that leaned more formal and instructional,  
Furahiday carried a lighter, more open atmosphere.

It was honest. Sometimes humorous. Sometimes surprisingly deep.  
But always real.

Couples would share experiences from marriage, family life, misunderstandings,  
growth moments, and lessons learned along the way.

For me, as someone observing from the outside looking in, it became more than  
just conversation. It became a classroom of life.  
Without realizing it, I was learning about communication, patience, responsibility,  
and emotional maturity—simply by listening.

There were moments of laughter that would fill the group.  
Moments of honesty that carried weight.  
And moments where people spoke freely about real-life struggles and victories.  
It was a space where reality was not hidden. It was discussed.

And through it all, I began to understand that relationships are not built on  
assumptions—they are built on conversation, understanding, and intentional effort.  
Even in the humor and lightness of Furahiday, there was structure.  
There was guidance. There was a deeper intention behind what seemed like  
casual interaction. And slowly, it became clear that nothing in MBF was accidental.  
Not even laughter.



*Not every lesson comes from a teacher. Some arrive through laughter,  
honesty, and the courage of people willing to share their story.*

# THE MAN BEHIND THE VISION

“Every structure has a source.  
Every system has a mind behind it.  
Every vision has a man who carried it first.” ”

**B**y the time I had spent enough time in MBF, one question kept forming quietly in my mind.  
Who was the man behind all this order?  
Who designed this structure?  
Who thought through these daily programs, these conversations, this discipline, and this culture of growth?  
Because it was clear to me—this was not random.  
This was intentional leadership.

And slowly, I began to hear his name more often.

## **Pastor Joel Maina.**

At first, he was not a constant voice in every conversation.

But his presence was felt in everything.

In the structure.

In the discipline.

In the way discussions were guided.

In the tone of correction and encouragement.

Even when he was not directly speaking, there was a sense that this environment had been shaped by someone who valued order, growth, and spiritual seriousness.

I had not yet met him personally.

But I had already encountered his influence.

And that realization created a deep curiosity within me.

Not curiosity about popularity.

But curiosity about substance.

What kind of man builds something like this and sustains it with such consistency?

What kind of heart carries both structure and spiritual depth in equal measure?

What kind of leadership produces not noise—but formation?

The more I observed MBF, the more I understood that

Pastor Joel Maina was not just leading a group.

**He was building people.**

**Quietly.**

**Consistently.**

**Intentionally.**

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# THE WORLD HE BUILT

« You can often recognize a leader not just by what they say, but by what they consistently build. »

MBF was not a casual gathering of people.

It had structure.

It had rhythm.

It had order that you could feel even without anyone explaining it.

As I stayed longer in the group, I began to notice something deeper—the way everything was intentionally arranged.

Nothing was random.

Every day had a defined purpose, and every purpose had a direction.

There was a quiet sense that someone had thought deeply about how people grow, how families are strengthened, and how individuals are shaped.

And that “someone,” I would later understand, was Pastor Joel Maina.

The group functioned almost like a living system of growth:

- A space for spiritual reflection
- A space for practical life conversations
- A space for family understanding
- A space for business and responsibility
- A space for relationships and accountability

It was not entertainment.

It was **formation**.

And what stood out most was not just the content, but the **consistency**.

The same **standard**.

The same **discipline**.

The same **intentional flow**, week after week.

Without realizing it, I was being introduced to a leadership style that valued **structure** over noise, and **growth** over popularity.

At that time, I had not yet met Pastor Joel Maina personally.

But I was already inside the environment he had carefully built.



# PRESENCE WITHOUT PRESENCE

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**O**ne of the most striking things about Pastor Joel Maina, even before I met him, was this: His presence could be felt without him being physically present in every moment.

- 🌿 It was in the structure.
  - 🌿 It was in the discipline.
  - 🌿 It was in the way conversations were guided back to purpose whenever they drifted.
  - 🌿 It was as though the system itself carried his mindset.
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And that is when I began to understand something important about leadership:

*True leadership does not always demand attention.  
Sometimes it builds environments that speak for it.*

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MBF was one of those environments.  
And Pastor Joel Maina was the architect behind it.

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At this stage of my journey, I had not yet had a personal conversation with him. But I was already learning from him—through the culture he had established.

# THE SHIFT TOWARD ENCOUNTER

- As time passed, something began to **shift** within me.
- The curiosity was no longer passive. **It was becoming expectation.**
- I no longer just observed MBF as a group. I began to observe it as **a system**, with a **purpose**—and a **leader** I needed to understand more deeply.
- There was a growing awareness that at some point, I would have to move from **observing** to **encountering**.
- From seeing influence indirectly... **to meeting the man** directly.

*Pastor*  
**JOEL MAINA.**

“ And unknowingly, I was approaching one of the most **defining moments** of my *spiritual journey*. ”

# MY FIRST DIRECT ENCOUNTER WITH PASTOR JOEL MAINA

**“Some encounters don’t just introduce a person – they redefine your understanding of leadership.”**

**Up to this point, I had observed Pastor Joel Maina from a distance.**

**Through structure.**

**Through systems.**

**Through the culture of MBF.**

**But nothing had prepared me for what would happen next.**

**My first direct encounter with him came through a phone call.**

**And what I expected to be a short interaction turned into something I would never forget.**

**The call lasted more than three hours.**

**It did not feel rushed.**

**It did not feel mechanical.**

**It felt intentional.**

**From the very beginning, there was a sense of presence in his voice – calm, firm, and deeply attentive. He did not just speak to respond; he spoke to understand.**

**And more importantly, he listened.**

**A lot.**

**We spoke about life.**

**About purpose.**

**About discipline.**

**About faith.**

**About direction.**

**There were moments of correction – gentle but clear.**

**Moments of insight that made me rethink how I viewed certain things.**

**And moments of encouragement that felt like alignment rather than motivation.**

**I realized quickly that this was not a casual conversation.**

**It was mentorship in motion.**

**At some point, I became aware of something deeper:**

**This was not just a man speaking into my life.**

**This was a man carrying responsibility for my growth in that moment.**

**And that realization humbled me.**

**I was not just talking to the leader of MBF.**

**I was speaking to the man behind the structure I had been observing for weeks.**

**Pastor Joel Maina was not distant.**

**He was present.**

**Fully present.**

**Even through a phone call that stretched beyond three hours, I could feel consistency, patience, and clarity shaping every part of the conversation.**



# WHAT THAT CALL DID TO ME

A SHIFT IN UNDERSTANDING.  
A TURNING POINT IN GROWTH.

- That conversation marked a shift in my understanding of mentorship.
- Before that call, I had seen leadership from a distance.
- After that call, I experienced it personally.
- It was no longer about observing systems. It was about receiving guidance.
- There was something about the way Pastor Joel Maina carried the conversation that made me reflect more than I spoke.
- He was not trying to impress. He was not trying to overwhelm. He was shaping thought.
- And in that process, I began to realize that true mentorship is not loud. It is deliberate. It is patient. It is consistent.
- By the end of that call, I was not the same. Not because everything had changed externally. But because something had shifted internally.
- My understanding of leadership. My understanding of discipline. And my understanding of spiritual guidance. All of it had begun to take a new shape.

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TRUE MENTORSHIP is not loud, but deliberate, patient, and consistent.

Joel Maina



**DELIBERATE**  
Every action has purpose.



**PATIENT**  
Growth is never rushed.



**CONSISTENT**  
Small steps, lasting impact.



**MENTOR**  
Empowering others to lead.



“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”  
Proverbs 3:5-6

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# THE BEGINNING OF ALIGNMENT

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Looking back, I now understand  
that this call was not just an introduction.

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It was *alignment* of thought.

It was *alignment* of direction.

It was *alignment* of purpose.

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It was the moment where distance was removed  
and **clarity** began.

Pastor Joel Maina was no longer just a name in a group.  
He had become a **voice** in my journey.

And unknowingly, I had stepped into a deeper layer  
of **mentorship**—one that would continue shaping me  
long after that call ended.

What began as *observation...*  
had now become *relationship*.

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And I was only beginning to understand  
what **God** was building through  
him in my life.



# LESSONS FROM PASTOR JOEL MAINA

"Mentorship is not only what you are told—it is what you begin to live after the conversation ends."

After that first long call, something changed in the way I listened, thought, and even responded to life.

Pastor Joel Maina did not merely speak into my situation.

He spoke into my formation.

And from that moment, certain lessons began to stand out clearly—not as theory, but as lived truth.

## 1. DISCIPLINE OVER EMOTION

One of the clearest impressions I received was the value of discipline.

Not discipline as punishment,  
but discipline as direction.

A life guided by purpose rather than mood.

A life built on principles rather than feelings.

For lasting growth, discipline must lead where emotions cannot.

## 2. PURPOSE OVER IMPRESSION

He emphasized, both directly and indirectly, that life is not built on how people perceive you, but on what you are becoming.

This shifted my focus from being noticed  
to being formed.

From seeking approval  
to pursuing purpose.

## 3. CONSISTENCY OVER INTENSITY

Success is rarely found in occasional bursts of effort.

It is found in daily faithfulness.

The lesson was simple yet powerful:

steady growth outlasts temporary excitement.

Consistency accomplishes what intensity alone never can.

## 4. FAMILY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Through MBF and personal conversations, the importance of family, responsibility, and healthy relationships became increasingly clear.

Not as abstract concepts,

but as foundations upon which meaningful lives are built.

Strong families nurture strong futures.

## 5. SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Beyond knowledge, there was an emphasis on maturity.

A walk with God that is stable,

grounded,  
intentional,  
and genuine.

Not merely knowing Scripture,  
but living it.

Not merely speaking faith,  
but walking in it.

Each of these lessons did not come through a single lecture.

They came through observation, conversation, correction, and example.

And slowly, they began shaping the way I view life, leadership, faith, and responsibility.

Looking back, I realize that some conversations inform us,  
but a few transform us.

This was one of those conversations.



# Personal TRANSFORMATION

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The more I stayed connected to the environment *Pastor Joel Maina* had built, the more I noticed internal change.

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Not overnight.  
But *gradually*.

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My thinking became more *structured*.

My approach to conversations became more *intentional*.

My understanding of faith became more *practical*.

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What once felt abstract began to feel *applicable*.

And what once felt distant began to feel *personal*.

I stopped viewing mentorship as occasional advice.

I began to see it as *continuous formation*.

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There was a shift in how I interpreted *correction*.

And a shift in how I received *instruction*.

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What I once resisted, I began to *value*.

What I once overlooked, I began to *reflect on*.

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This was no longer just a group. It was a *shaping environment*. And *Pastor Joel Maina* was at the center of that shaping process.

# THE IMPACT

ON MY

# LIFE

Looking back, I can clearly see the **impact** of this mentorship journey.

It did not only introduce me to **new information**.

It introduced me to **new formation**.

My understanding of **leadership** changed.  
My understanding of **discipline** deepened.  
My understanding of **spiritual growth** matured.

And my understanding of **mentorship** became real.

**Pastor Joel Maina** became more than a name I heard in a group.

He became a **reference point** in my journey of growth.

Not because he tried to elevate himself.  
But because of the **consistency** of his **leadership** and the **structure** he carried.

His influence was not loud.  
But it was **lasting**.

And for that,  
*I am deeply grateful.*



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A NOTE OF  
GRATITUDE  
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*To Pastor Joel Maina,*

This magazine is not enough to fully capture what your mentorship has meant in my life.

But it is a beginning.

A written reflection of a journey that has shaped my thinking, discipline, and spiritual growth.

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Thank you for the structure.  
Thank you for the correction.  
Thank you for the consistency.  
And most of all, thank you for the example of leadership that is both intentional and grounded.

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May God continue to strengthen your hands and enlarge your influence.  
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— *King Daniel*



# FINAL REFLECTION

“Some mentors don't just teach you lessons for a season—they shape the direction of your entire journey.”

Not every influence is loud.  
Some are structured.  
Some are consistent.  
Some are quiet in appearance  
but deep in impact.

**Pastor Joel Maina** remains one of those rare lives whose leadership was not centered on attention, but on formation.

Through structure, discipline, correction, and presence, he became more than a voice I heard.

He became a reference point in my journey of growth in faith and character.

And this magazine is simply a record of that journey.

A reminder that God still sends people who shape destinies quietly, intentionally, and deeply.

— THE END —

# THE MENTOR

*God Sent*

P. M. P. P.