

Pastor Elijah Rodriguez

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Pastor Elijah Rodriguez is a pastor, author, speaker, and mentor with a passion for helping people grow in their relationship with God, discover their purpose, heal from life's painful experiences, and live out their faith with confidence.

Alongside his wife, Pastor Lissette Rodriguez, he serves as Lead Pastor of Hope Worship Center in New Jersey, the ministry God entrusted him to lead with a heart to create "A Place for Everyone." Since launching Hope Worship Center in 2017, Pastor Elijah has remained committed to building a Christ-centered community where people can Know God, Grow in Christ, Discover Their Purpose, and Make a Difference.

His ministry is deeply shaped by his own testimony. Raised in a Christian home but without the presence of his biological father, Pastor Elijah experienced firsthand the pain of fatherlessness. Years later, he met his father while he was hospitalized and nearing the end of his life. In that hospital room, Elijah chose forgiveness—a defining moment that strengthened his commitment to be a present, loving father to his own children.

His journey has also included seasons of tremendous loss and uncertainty. After his family lost their home and many of their possessions, Elijah wrestled with his faith and trust in God. Through that valley, he discovered a truth that continues to shape his ministry today: God's presence remains even when life's circumstances do not make sense. What once felt like a season of loss ultimately became preparation for the people God would later call him to serve.

As an author, Pastor Elijah has transformed many of those lessons into resources designed to disciple, encourage, and bring healing to others. His books include *Now What? A New Believer's Guide*, a practical resource for those beginning their journey with Christ; *Now What? For Youth*, created to help the next generation develop a strong foundation of faith; and *Judas Is Necessary*, which addresses the pain of betrayal and the journey toward healing, restoration, and purpose.

At the heart of his writing and ministry is a simple conviction: people should not have to navigate their faith, pain, or purpose alone.

Pastor Elijah is known for practical, Scripture-centered teaching that connects biblical truth with everyday life. Whether preaching, writing, mentoring leaders, or sharing his personal testimony, his desire is to reach people who have felt broken, rejected, overlooked, or uncertain about what comes next and remind them that their story is not over.

Above every title and accomplishment, Pastor Elijah considers his family one of his greatest ministries. He and Pastor Lissette are the proud parents of six children and grandparents, and his experiences as a husband, father, and pastor continue to influence his message of presence, faith, family, healing, and hope.

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Through the ministry God has entrusted him to lead, his books, speaking engagements, and pastoral ministry, Pastor Elijah continues to carry a message that has been forged through his own journey:

The valley is not the end of your story. God is present in the process, and your pain can become preparation for your purpose.

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