



Training Day | Marriage on Mission

Thursday 11 September 2025 | Auckland

A powerful one-day masterclass designed to equip pastors and ministry leaders with a **clear, practical roadmap to strengthen marriages and families in their church**.

Featuring global experts Ron Deal (blended families) and Neil & Sharol Josephson (marriage mentoring), the training explores:

- why relationships are central to discipleship,
- how to launch or grow a family ministry,
- and how mentoring can multiply impact without overburdening staff.

Sessions include interactive workshops, a vision-casting moment from Tony Wee on mobilizing couples for mission, and insights tailored to the New Zealand context. Leave with tools, inspiration, and a renewed calling to disciple through marriage and family.

Who it's for: Senior pastors, ministry staff, and key lay leaders wanting to build stronger families and churches through intentional, gospel-shaped relationships.

Cost: \$55 per individual / \$95 per couple*
Includes Morning Tea and Lunch

[Register Online](#)

* Our desire is to bless and equip leaders to strengthen marriage ministry. If cost is prohibitive to you attending, please get in touch about available scholarship

About the Presenters:

Neil and Sharol Josephson:

Neil and Sharol Josephson, FamilyLife Global Resourcing, are dedicated to strengthening marriages and equipping church leaders. Married since 1978, they bring decades of experience from leadership, pastoral ministry, and family coaching.

Their passion for marriage mentorship has led them to develop programs that empower couples to guide others, helping churches build thriving marriage ministries. Their engaging, practical approach has impacted countless relationships, making their sessions both inspiring and transformative.

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Ron & Nan Deal:

Ron and Nan Deal have been married since 1986, have three boys, and are coauthors of the highest endorsed book *The Mindful Marriage: Create Your Best Relationship Through Understanding and Managing Yourself*. Ron is a popular speaker with the international ministry of FamilyLife®, the author of more than a dozen books and resources, a licensed marriage and family therapist, and podcast host. Nan is a retired teacher with over 25 years of experience in public and private schools. Together, Ron and Nan have been featured in various teaching videos and present The Mindful Marriage Conference™ around the country.

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Thursday 11 Sep - Pastors Training Day			
Time	Session	Speaker(s)	Notes
08:30	Arrival, Coffee & Welcome	Host	Registration, orientation, networking
09:00	Welcome and Opening	Host	Introduction and Framing
09:10	Session 1: Why Relationships Matter: A Theology of Relationships	Ron Deal	30 min – Value of relationship in the Kingdom of God, The Missing Spiritual Discipline in Church Ministry
09:40	Session 2: Family Ministry Workshop	Neil & Sharol Josephson	120 min – Interactive workshop with break mid-way
10:30	Morning Tea Break	—	Light refreshments
10:50	Family Ministry Workshop (cont.)	Neil & Sharol Josephson	Practical roadmap & tools
13:00	Lunch	—	45 minutes
13:45	Session 3: Blended Family Ministry Overview	Ron Deal	50 min – Addressing stepfamilies in church life
14:35	Short Break	—	—
14:45	Session 4: Marriage Mentoring Overview	Neil & Sharol Josephson	30 min – Simple, scalable model; NZ examples
15:15	Short Break	—	—
15:30	Session 5: Partnerships, Resources & Vision + Q&A	Wynand Jacobs, Tony Wee, Nick & Sarah, Ron	Includes Tony Wee's family ministry guidebook and other NZ resources with Q&A
16:30	Closing Remarks & Prayer	—	Wrap-up & optional networking



Auckland 11-13 Sept

11 Sept: Pastor's and Leaders training
12 - 13 Sept: Marriage on Mission Conference

Hamilton 9-10 Sept

9 Sept: Couples' Evening
10 Sept: Pastors' Workshop

Wellington 8-9 Sept

8 Sept: Couples' Evening
9 Sept: Pastors' Workshop

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New Zealand Tour 2025

Christchurch 7-8 Sept

7 Sept: Couples' Evening
8 Sept: Pastors' Workshop



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6 Sept: The Mindful Marriage Conference
7 Sept: Fathers Day Message

