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And you'll agree,
he worked hard

he was honest and good and

he galvanized and organized and revitalized our youth ministries.
You cannot deny he is very charismatic, and gets folks excited
about our church and the work it does.

He became an outspoken member of the community,
going and reaching out
to the poor
and to the sick,
the disenfranchised
and the lost.

So

What I'm getting at is:
did you have to be so quick to let him go?
Did you have to, need to – was it absolutely necessary to
cut him off?

While he may have failed to follow you, this time, yes he failed,
He's young, sure, he's got a little chip on his shoulder

still isn't there room for a second chance
and a third and a fourth and a fifth – ?

Your sermon talked about being more accepting,
and so shouldn't that same acceptance be extended to Joshua?

... no, I've said what I have to say.
I'm going to stop talking and let you speak.