

She is not a Jezebel; she is normally a fine wife and a spiritual woman. However, the fact that her husband is not permitted to exercise his abilities and do his job has rankled her. She experiences a growing resentment for Harry. Though her husband may refrain from any form of aggressive activity toward him, she will not. She may not, as Jezebel did, plot the man's execution. Though her acts are milder they are nevertheless calculated to remove the block to her husband's ambition.

She may simply begin to share the story of her husband's dilemma with close friends. In time her complaints spread to others. The image of a tyrannical, unkind senior pastor grows in many people's minds. Sympathy flows toward her husband. Other similar incidents occur in which her husband seems to be the brunt of the senior pastor's unfairness. If the campaign thus begun by a team member's wife runs its course, parties could form around the two men and divide the church. It is not a fantasy; it has happened more than a few times.

The same thing could happen in the case of a leader who is acting depressed because his ambitions have been blocked by one of his team members. His wife or another sympathizer may go to work on his behalf to destroy the opposition. In some cases, acting depressed is a clever manipulation device calculated to get others to do the dirty work.

A third result of frustration is that the person blocked may simply withdraw from the field. Withdrawal can take various forms.