Breaking the $10M Barrier

7 Strategic Misalignments That Stall Growth—and How to Fix Them

A practical guide for founder-led product and service businesses navigating the messy middle of growth.

# Why You’re Stuck Between $5M and $10M

You’ve built something valuable—but what got you here won’t get you there. This guide will help you uncover 7 silent growth blockers hiding in plain sight. Use it to self-diagnose and set your next strategic move.

## 1. Misalignment Between Vision and Day-to-Day Decisions

You say you're focused on scale, but your calendar and team are still operating in survival mode.

Strategic Move: Audit where time and resources are being spent. Shift 20% toward strategic initiatives that enable long-term growth—whether that’s R&D, channel development, or operational efficiency.

## 2. Lack of Role Clarity at the Leadership Level

Too many hats. Too little ownership. Execution gets murky when strategic roles aren’t clearly defined.

Strategic Move: Define clear outcomes for each leadership seat. Ensure someone owns customer success, product development, sales growth, and operations. Eliminate overlap and empower autonomy.

## 3. Inconsistent Customer Fit

Your ideal customer isn’t a profile—it’s a strategic decision that informs your go-to-market focus.

Strategic Move: Score your customer base: profitability, growth potential, ease of service or delivery. Focus on segments that align with your strategic edge—cut or contain the rest.

## 4. Offering Creep

More products or services ≠ more growth. Often, it spreads your team thin and dilutes the value you’re known for.

Strategic Move: Trim the portfolio. Double down on offers that scale well, are clearly differentiated, and match your best-fit customers' needs.

## 5. Execution Bottlenecks (Often You)

If key decisions, approvals, or innovations still depend on the founder, growth is capped by your availability.

Strategic Move: List 5 recent decisions you made that your team \*should\* be able to handle. Create the structures, coaching, or documentation needed to delegate them effectively.

## 6. Performance Without Consequence

Teams are busy—but are they delivering outcomes? Without clarity and feedback, effort gets mistaken for progress.

Strategic Move: Link every role to measurable outcomes. Use performance reviews, dashboards, and team check-ins to keep accountability visible and consistent.

## 7. No System for Strategic Learning

Without reflection, teams repeat the same mistakes—and miss scaling what’s working.

Strategic Move: Introduce a simple feedback loop: what worked, what didn’t, what we’ll change. Use it in sales, product, operations—everywhere decisions are made.

# Your Next Strategic Move

Where is misalignment costing you the most right now?

We offer a 30-minute Alignment Audit to help founder-led teams spot and prioritize the strategic fixes that will unlock their next stage of growth.

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