

California Legislation Prompts Faith Leaders to Urge Pastors and Parents to Step Up

The California Bill AB-495 Family Preparedness Plan Act is currently stirring controversy and worry among Christian believers and parents for fear that once passed, practical strangers could take custody over their children. Now that this bill is in motion, California faith leaders are speaking out against the state's controversial and anti-family legislation.

Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills talked at the Turning Point USA's Faith Forward Pastors event last week about why this bill calls for pastors to speak up.

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According to the Christian Post, Hibbs said, "This state is the greatest state in this nation, and that's why I think it is the absolute target of the of the greatest movements in the church have happened in California."



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They also noted that Hibbs acknowledged the spiritual battle that is happening within the church in California. "...when I look across the landscape of the American pulpit, the California pulpit, if we don't get this next argument right in showing up during the battle, then I don't know how it's going to go for California."

Hibbs is not the only pastor who is fighting for state of California. Pastor Ché Ahn of Harvest Rock Church located in Pasadena recently announced his candidacy for the California Governor's race. One of the key issues Ahn is desiring to tackle is the safety of the family unit.

On X, Ahn wrote: "Every child deserves an education that prepares them for the future. Higher standards. Stronger parental involvement. Freedom to live out their values. I'm ready to restore excellence to California's schools.

Ahn also noted that proper border security is essential for safe and productive families.

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"Every parent deserves to raise their children without fear. Every community deserves to be secure. This isn't a partisan issue – it's a human one," he writes.

Along with Hibbs and Ahn, Let Us Worship leader Sean Feucht also has concerns about the direction that California is heading regarding the family unit.

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"I love to mobilize worship and prayer across California, but there are times as a parent we need to hold the line," Feucht says in a social media video.

During this time, pray for the state of California and for its leaders to choose the path of righteousness, instead of the path of darkness.

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7 Billion People May Be Touched by September's Rare Blood Moon Eclipse

Could the entire world witness a powerful eclipse all at once?

According to IFL Science, this incredible eclipse is set to happen on September 7 and 8, and will be noticed from Oceania to Brazil. The eclipse length, from partiality to total coverage to partial covering again, will take a total of 3 hours, 29 minutes and 24 seconds.

Most of the continent of Asia, western Australia and part of Eastern Africa will have the chance to see the blood moon eclipse in totality. IFL Science calculates that 60 percent of the world's population will see the full eclipse, and 87 percent will have the chance to see it in part.

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From a biblical and end-times perspective, celestial events like the upcoming blood moon eclipse serve as powerful reminders of God's sovereignty and the prophetic signs written in Scripture. Joel 2:31 warns, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes." This prophecy connects unusual astronomical phenomena, such as eclipses and blood moons, directly to God's revelation of judgment, calling His

people to awareness, repentance and preparation.

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Matthew 24:29-30 also emphasizes the cosmic disturbances that will precede Christ's return: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven." The widespread visibility of this eclipse could serve as a partial foretaste of these end-time celestial signals, reminding believers that the heavens themselves declare the glory and warning of God.

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For believers, this event is more than a scientific spectacle—it is a call to spiritual vigilance. Just as ancient prophets and apostles urged God's people to watch the skies and discern His signs, today's global observance of a blood moon can inspire prayer, repentance and proclamation of the Gospel.

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Sid Roth and Mario Murillo Expose Spiritual Battle

Surrounding Obamas and Clintons

In a candid walk down memory lane, “The Chosen” creator and director Dallas Jenkins has revealed his top 10 favorite moments from the series so far – not necessarily the most popular scenes with viewers, but the ones that hold the deepest personal and creative significance for him.

“These aren’t the best scenes per se,” Jenkins explained. “They’re the ones that mean the most to me as a filmmaker – moments where the writing, acting, cinematography and story all came together in a way that left a lasting impact.”

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10. Nathanael Meets Jesus

Filmed at night on the Utah set, this moment paralleled Jenkins’ own journey through failure and doubt. Jesus telling Nathanael, “I saw you when you were under the fig tree,” resonated with Jenkins as a reminder of God’s intimate knowledge of each person’s struggles.

9. The “One-Shot” Healing Scene

This was a 14-minute, unbroken take showing Jesus healing crowds while the disciples wrestled with their calling. Pulled off with only minutes of daylight left, Jenkins recalls “bursting into tears” when they nailed the shot.

8. Lazarus and Jesus Talk About Suffering

This quiet exchange between Jesus and Lazarus detailed what it truly means to be the Messiah. Jenkins treasures it as

“quintessential ‘Chosen,’” blending intimacy with theological depth.



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7. Jesus and Little James

This scene recounted a heartfelt conversation between the characters of Jesus and Little James about why some followers are not healed. Jenkins says the scene “felt downloaded” as he wrote it, and many viewers shared it helped them reconcile faith with suffering.

6. “I Am the Law of Moses”

Jenkins noted that this scene was a dramatic synagogue confrontation inspired in part by a John MacArthur sermon. The slow shift from Jesus’ hometown support to rejection captures both the heartbreak and inevitability of His mission as the Savior of the World.

5. The Death of Ramah

This scene was a polarizing but, in Jenkins’ view, artistically powerful sequence. From music to cinematography, he calls it “our best work” in terms of technical execution.

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4. Nicodemus on the Rooftop & The Calling of Matthew

Jenkins highlighted two powerful moments as his number four top favorite scene. The first, which is the intimate John chapter three conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus,

followed by Matthew's life-changing invitation to follow the Messiah. For Jenkins, these scenes represents "the culmination of season one."

3. The Miracle of the Fish

The next scene that Jenkins discussed was pulled together against impossible odds, which helped him to realize that "The Chosen" was bigger than him. Jonathan Roumie's idea for Jesus to meet Simon "eye to eye" added unexpected emotional weight to this cinematic moment.

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2. Walking on Water

Jenkins talked about how this sequence blends epic visuals with deep, personal stakes as Peter wrestles with grief and trust. The parallel moment of Eden praying, "Don't let him go," brought Jenkins to tears.

1. "You Are Mine" – Mary Magdalene's Redemption

The first appearance of Jesus in the series remains the most important scene for Jenkins. If it didn't work, Jenkins believes the show might never have found its audience. "That scene is the reason why many people watch 'The Chosen,'" he said, noting its lasting impact worldwide.

Jenkins also offered honorable mentions, including the healing of Veronica, the lowering of the paralytic through the roof, the Beatitudes, the feeding of the 5,000 and Eden's miscarriage reveal. While each holds a special place for him, the ten scenes above represent the heart of "The Chosen's" storytelling so far.

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Fascinating Discovery from Abraham's Era Offers Unique Glimpse into Biblical Past

An intriguing discovery from Abraham's era just may provide clues into what it was like to live in the days of old.

According to Fox News, a Canaanite blade factory was unearthed in Israel, dating back to 5,500 years ago. The workspace was found in Kiryat Gat, which is located about 40 miles from Tel Aviv. No other space like this has been uncovered in Israel.

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As Fox pointed out, this news was shared with the world by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

"The most impressive findings discovered at the site are large flint cores, from which extremely sharp, uniformly shaped blades were produced," the IAA wrote. "The blades themselves were used as knives for cutting and butchering, and as harvesting tools, like sickle blades."



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The factory was discovered within an archaeological site that has hundreds of underground areas that are believed to have been used for storage and craft production.

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The IAA further noted that this discovery is “...clear evidence that already at the onset of the Bronze Age, the local society here was organized and complex...”

It is also believed that these newly discovered tools correlate with the Canaanite time period and culture of when the father of the Christian and Jewish faiths, Abraham, lived.

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This remarkable discovery serves as a vivid reminder that the events and cultures described in Scripture are not distant myths, but part of a real and tangible history. For believers today, such finds encourage our faith, affirming that the biblical record is rooted in actual places, people and times.

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Nephilim, Enoch and the Seed War: Why These Giants Matter Now

“My foundation was shaky,” Matt admits. “I was leading while leaking—broken inside and bound by rejection.” It was a painful season, but it drove him closer to Jesus and healing. Without that pain, he says, he would never have found his true strength.

Because of the hardships he endured, Cruz is now able to give practical advice for weathering storms, such as:

- Recognize God's relentless pursuit of you.
- Building your altar in private through daily prayer and repentance.
- Respond to conviction, not condemnation.
- Stay alert and sober-minded, avoiding isolation and distraction (1 Peter 5:8).

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Storms often lead to seasons of waiting, which many find hard. "I used to get mad at God for delays, but now I thank Him for protecting me," Cruz says. Waiting seasons are God's way of maturing us and aligning our desires with His will. "He doesn't give us what we want; He gives us what we need to want." Over time, our desires shift toward something greater: His presence.



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Cruz also warns of the danger of "cheap substitutes" – lesser lovers and temporary solutions that fill the void when we drift from God. He uses King David's fall with Bathsheba as an example: even a mighty worshiper became vulnerable when he distanced himself from God's presence.

To avoid this, he emphasizes cultivating a vibrant relationship with God. "Keep the fire on the altar burning, never letting it go out," he urges, quoting Leviticus 6:12. This requires daily intentionality, repentance and fellowship.

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At one point, Cruz realized he was working hard for God without truly sitting with God. He lacked the “burning bush” encounter Moses had before his assignment. “God was calling me back to the burning bush—to recharge spiritually,” he explains. The church can be a charging station, but real power comes from private time with God.

In life’s storms, God reveals what our foundation truly is. Spiritual maturity isn’t about external success but about who we are to God. Waiting seasons transform us and align us with His perfect will. Keeping the fire of God burning in our hearts through intimate fellowship, repentance and vigilance enables us to stand firm—built on the rock that is Christ.

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The Truth About Demons in the Modern Church: Why Deliverance Ministry Is Rare

If you’ve ever wondered why modern churches rarely show the kind of dramatic encounters with demons that Jesus and the apostles faced in the Bible, you’re not alone. Everywhere Jesus went, Scripture records demons shrieking through people and being cast out. Yet today, especially in many churches across the United States, it often feels like the demonic is barely discussed, much less confronted. So, is the Bible wrong? Are demons just not active anymore?

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Mike Signorelli, featured on Kap Chatfield's Directed Life podcast, offers one of the best explanations for this puzzling reality. "It's like this weird fear of they're going to think that I'm 'that guy,'" he says, referring to pastors and church leaders avoiding the topic of demons. But he challenges this silence head-on: "If you're a Christian, you're already in on psychopathic level crazy. You believe that a teenage girl was impregnated by a spirit and conceived a human named Jesus."



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Signorelli points out that the ministry of deliverance was not just a part of Jesus' work but continued through the apostles. "It was predominantly this stuff," he says, emphasizing how much of the gospel narrative revolves around healing and spiritual warfare. For instance, he cites Acts 19: "They're praying over handkerchiefs because they don't have phones... When they touched the handkerchiefs, they were healed of diseases and unclean spirits came out of them."

He warns against reducing these accounts to mystical superstition or novelty. "I truly believe the heart behind it wasn't 'let me get some kind of mystical object that holds power.' I really believe the point was we believe so much that people need to be free from the influence of demons and that they can be healed that we will do whatever we can to get a point of contact to them."