

Dr. Tony Evans Relinquishes Duties Due to Personal Sin

In a shocking statement posted to the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship website, [Dr. Tony Evan, senior pastor of the church](#), has announced that he is stepping away from all pastoral duties and is “submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders.”

The pastor, author and syndicated radio host does not list a specific reason for his decision, other than he “fell short” of the standard expected of a Christian leader.

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The foundation of our ministry has always been our commitment to the Word of God as the absolute supreme standard of truth to which we are to conform our lives. When we fall short of that standard due to sin, we are required to repent and restore our relationship with God. A number of years ago, I fell short of that standard. I am, therefore, required to apply the same biblical standard of repentance and restoration to myself that I have applied to others. I have shared this with my wife, my children and our church elders, and they have lovingly placed their arms of grace around me. While I have committed no crime, I did not use righteous judgment in my actions. In light of this, I am stepping away from my pastoral duties and am submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders. This will afford me a needed time of spiritual recovery and healing.

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During this new and unexpected season [for Evans and his 9,000-member church](#), services will continue unabated and he will continue to worship with the congregation while it is being led by Rev. Bobby Gibson, Lead Associate Pastor of Fellowship at OCBF.

During this time, it is critical that the ministry of OCBF continue as vibrantly as ever. Remember, you serve the Lord Jesus Christ, not a man. Pastor Gibson and our leadership will keep you informed on how things will continue moving forward with the ministry. During this season, I will be a worshipper like you and look forward to seeing all that God is going to continue doing to make His name great as we continue to build kingdom disciples, who function as kingdom servants, in order to make a kingdom impact as He advances His kingdom agenda at OCBF. I have never loved you more than I love you right now, and I'm trusting God to walk me through this valley. Thank you for your love, prayers, support and forgiveness as I continue my spiritual healing journey. As we walk this journey together, keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Please take a moment to pray for Dr. Evans and his church community, seeking God's grace and mercy to guide them through this difficult period.

To read the statement in its entirety, [click here](#).

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Business Owner Defends 'Heterosexual Awesomeness Month' Amid Controversy

We are only one week into the month of June, and this year has seen much more pushback against the radical Marxists who coopted the first month of summer than in years past.

One business owner, Mark Fitzpatrick of the Old State Saloon in Idaho, spoke with Fox News Digital and explained he never expected such a wide and positive reaction to his now viral "Heterosexual Awesomeness Month" celebration.

"I was thinking of a way that we could celebrate the other side of sexuality, heterosexuality, the way God designed it. And that's kind of where I'm at with people that support us and are like-minded. So we decided to do Heterosexual Awesomeness Month and then launched it and boy, oh boy, did it take off," Fitzpatrick recalls.

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This celebration brought with it discounts and free beverages for heterosexual men, women and couples throughout the month of June.

Cue the expected vitriolic response from the deranged Left who abide by the "rules for thee, but not for me" mantra. Fitzpatrick said the negativity sent his way was far outmatched by waves of support he received from around the country.

“We’ve had a whole bunch of people come in, in person into our saloon. We’ve had people driving way out of their way. We had a couple come in, they drove 400 miles out of their way on their trip across the country yesterday...and other people have said they’re going to fly in from out of state. Other people said next time they’re in the state, they’re going to stop by and support us,” Fitzpatrick says.

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Like many others around the world, Fitzpatrick finally became fed up with the constant shoving of “Pride month” in peoples’ faces in every aspect of society, and not just in the month of June, but year-round.

“I’m Christian. I follow what the Bible says. I love people. I love all types of people and everything. But when you love people, it doesn’t mean that you have to necessarily get behind everything they decide to do. And especially with the way things have been going the last few years, as far as how extreme it gets in June,” Fitzpatrick asserts.

“I’m not just going to sit there and do nothing anymore. I’m going to be involved. I’m going to be rallying people to help do the right thing, celebrate godly things. And I think the rest of the country should do that,” he adds.

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Parental Warning: Disney Debuts 'Gayest Star Wars Ever'

Star Wars was never Christian, and really, neither was Disney, but they were two forms of fanciful entertainment from which families did not have to worry about [radical left-wing indoctrination](#).

Now, this is predominantly what they push out as product to the masses.

With the newest iteration of streaming Star Wars content on the Disney+ app, "The Acolyte," viewers are deluged with radical feminist theory, LGBTQ+ themes and writing so dull and boring as to me paint drying seem like an extreme sport.

The Acolyte is a queer, Marxist vandalization of the myth of Star Wars. In The Acolyte, the Force is a metaphor for cultural hegemonic power. The Jedi are a metaphor for cisgender white oppressors who hoard the power for themselves. Yes, it really is that obnoxious and stupid.
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– Joel Berry (@JoelWBerry) [June 5, 2024](#)

But are parents aware of the indoctrinating effects of programming like "The Acolyte" and much of what Disney/Pixar produces? Will parents grasp how their children will be desensitized to the unnatural ideologies that Disney and others are pushing?

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The showrunner Disney selected, Leslye Headland, an open-lesbian who cast her wife in one of the lead roles, has made no attempt to hide her desire to implement as much homosexual messaging in the new show as possible.

"...people have told me it's the gayest Star Wars, and I am frankly ... I'm into it," Headland shared in a recent interview.

As reported by the Daily Wire, "Earlier this year, a video from the 2023 Star Wars Celebration captured Headland saying how 'The Acolyte' would be "coded queer" like the animated children's film, 'Frozen.'"

When the radical gender and sexuality activists say they are not after kids, do not believe them, because that is exactly who they are after, as well as convincing parents it's "no big deal."

"There's just no way that me being a queer woman is not going to be reflected in my work. I could try not to do it, but why would I? It just feels like a natural extension of what I do," Headland says.

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In these days, parents must take an active role in monitoring what their children take in, [as well as what we watch ourselves.](#) The devil is prowling, looking for an opening to influence our families' lives, lead us down a road of spiritual oppression and abandon the ways of God.

The words of the man granted the gift of wisdom by God, King Solomon, warns of avoiding evil, and the path that lays ahead for those who don't in Proverbs 4:14-17:

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not go in the way of evil men.

Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and pass on.

For they do not sleep unless they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

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Global Alarm as H5N2 Bird Flu Claims First Human Life

God did not create humanity with a spirit of fear, yet with the first reported case of a victim infected with [H5N2 avian influenza](#), many around the world are allowing fear and uncertainty into their thoughts and hearts.

While much of what is causing this rapid spread among birds, notably chickens, and other animals such as cows, here are five things we know about the growing spread of H5N1 and H5N2 avian influenza:

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- **First Human Death from H5N2:** A person in Mexico has died after contracting H5N2 while suffering from a pre-existing illness, marking the first confirmed human case of this bird flu strain. This individual had no known exposure to poultry or other animals.
- **Potential Human Transmission:** There are concerns about how the individual contracted H5N2 and whether they spread it to others before seeking medical attention. The possibility of human-to-human transmission could lead to widespread panic and a return to restrictive measures.
- **H5N1 Outbreak Concerns:** H5N1 bird flu is also causing alarm, with recent infections in dairy cows in the U.S. and three dairy workers testing positive. An outbreak among humans could be catastrophic.
- **Mice Infections with H5N1:** Eleven mice in New Mexico tested positive for H5N1, raising concerns due to the large mouse population and their proximity to human living spaces. Mice can become infected by drinking raw milk from infected dairy cows.
- **Potential for Bird Flu Pandemic:** The bird flu has already killed hundreds of millions of birds globally and is now infecting other animals like dairy cows and domestic cats. Many scientists believe a human bird flu pandemic is only a matter of time.

There have been prophetic voices, such as Joseph Z, who have warned that an unknown disease, even acknowledge by the World Health Organization as "Disease X" could have a global impact on 2024 and 2025.

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Even as news and reports increase [outbreak fears and the memory of COVID](#) still fresh on everyone's mind, we must

remember that God is bigger than all of what ails the earth.

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Carl Lentz Rejects ‘Disgraced Pastor’ Title

Carl and Laura Lentz’s self-imposed isolation from the public eye [is now officially over](#), as they have launched their new podcast, “Lights On” and are starting it off talking about their journey thus far.

A lot has been thrown at the couple over the last few years—some warranted, some not—but one thing that Carl Lentz addressed in their very first episode is this: he is not a disgraced pastor.

“Every headline, typically would say, ‘disgraced, disgraced pastor,’ or ‘pastor falls from grace, falls from grace, disgraced pastor,’” Lentz recalls. “What’s funny about that is, God bless those people, they don’t understand grace. Because you can’t fall from grace. You fall into grace.

“It didn’t make any sense to me. And I’m not mad at the tabloids who write ... ‘disgraced pastor.’ Disgraced? You don’t understand what grace is. The opposite of grace. Grace is

mercy and favor and forgiveness that you do not deserve but God gives it to you anyway. So if anything, I fell into grace. And if people could stop writing headlines like that, I would appreciate it because it's inaccurate—disgraced pastor," he adds.

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Lentz continued, showing that this was a subject very important to him, as though he is holding onto the Lord's grace with both hands and refusing to let go. Because without the forgiveness of the Lord and His great grace, we would be hopelessly condemned to eternal death separate from Him.

"I'm not a disgraced former pastor. I am a human being that made huge mistakes. Mine were public, everybody got to see them," Lentz says.

"And now, I'm a human being that's trying to rectify my life and make wrongs right and to live completely differently. But disgraced, I am not. I'm more filled with grace than I've ever been. Did I fall from grace? Absolutely not. I fell into it. And I'm really grateful for that."

There are still those [who hold quite strongly Lentz's past against him](#), believing he is completely disqualified from ministry and think he is playing semantics with his newest episode. And with as public of event that his leaving Hillsong was, there are still man eyes scrutinizing the podcast as well.

"You could say what I did was disgraceful. Maybe at times, sure. But I'm not disgraced because we're forgiven," Lentz argues. "I have been able to feel God's grace more than ever, I understand the thought, but I just wanted to get it out there. That doesn't fit me. I don't identify as the disgraced former pastor. No, sir. No, ma'am."

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The Bible, the inerrant Word of God, can summarize a person's journey of humility and reliance on God and His grace better than any other orator, and does so in 2 Corinthians 12:9:

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Paul knew firsthand the power of God's grace, leaning into it during his own times of weakness, and in doing so, becoming one of the greatest voices for the Lord in all of history.

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Tucker Carlson Warns of Evil, Predicts Upcoming Revival

There is a change happening in American society, and conservative voice Tucker Carlson believes this shift starts in the spiritual realm.

Many have been surprised at the topical change in Carlson since his ousting from Fox News, from his America First stance and rumors of a potential position in the Trump administration should Donald Trump be elected president again, to his

unexpected attacks on Israel in the midst of the Gaza War.

Yet in recent months, Carlson has been pointing his audience [to the spiritual as a root cause](#) to the evil that we are witnessing around the world, and this evil holds an anti-human agenda.

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Carlson opened up even more on this topic on a recent episode of the Shawn Ryan podcast, hosted by the former Navy Seal.

Why Tucker Carlson stopped looking into UFOs. [@TuckerCarlson pic.twitter.com/vkcPNxNhGb](#)

– Shawn Ryan Show (@ShawnRyanShow) [June 3, 2024](#)

“If you see a human movement that’s anti-human,” Carlson says. “The push toward nuclear war for its own sake is, by definition, anti-human. I would say AI is anti-human, by definition. Transgenderism is anti-human, by definition. Transhumanism is anti-human. Do people act against their own long-term interest? Probably not, actually, so it’s probably not human.

“Did dogs act against their own collective interest? Do caribou? Do porcupines? Do single-cell amoeba? Do sea cucumbers? No, none of them do. No animal does that, because it’s not natural. Animals are part of nature, they do natural things. People are subject to the supernatural, so they do things that are not natural, like kill themselves.”

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As the two discussed [supernatural occurrences actually being](#)

[demonic forces](#), such as UFO/UAPs, Nephilim and others, Carlson sees hope in the future for America.

“I don’t have too many great insights into things or prophetic feelings,” Carlson shares. “I’m very conventional, but the one thing that I really felt strongly a couple of years ago—really strongly, I felt it overwhelmingly like from outside me—was that there’s some form of religious revival coming. I felt that really strongly.”

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Pastor Prays for Jesus’ Return Before Election Day

In the aftermath of former President Donald Trump’s unprecedented conviction, Pastor Mark Driscoll began pleading on social media for Jesus’ return ahead of Election Day in November.

“Lord Jesus, we would humbly request that you return before November 5,” he wrote on X.

Lord Jesus we would humbly request that you return before November 5 □

– Pastor Mark Driscoll (@PastorMark) [May 31, 2024](#)

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee was convicted Thursday, May 30, on 34 counts of falsifying business records to cover up an alleged sex scandal that could have negatively impacted his 2016 campaign.

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Several prominent Christian voices reacted late last week to Trump's historic conviction.

The Rev. Franklin Graham said the U.S. is "at a crossroads," noting the former president's conviction "raises questions about whether our legal system can be trusted." He encouraged Christians to "pray for our nation, for God's guiding hand that this republic will be one nation under God with liberty and justice for all."

Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship urged believers to "pray for America like you never have before."

Others who are more critical of Trump, like Russell Moore, editor-in-chief of Christianity Today and the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, pointed to perceived problems with the Republican's character.

"The question is what it has always been – fit or unfit," he argued. "And the answer was obvious all along. Character matters, still."

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As for Driscoll, he urged his followers on social media to

keep in mind there is no politician who can solve the problems plaguing society. Rather, it is only God who can remedy what ails the world.

“Government can’t fix spiritual problems; it’s ultimately a God problem,” he wrote in an Instagram post. “Trusting in politicians won’t solve it – repentance and faith are the only way forward.”

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9 NFL Teams Opt Out of ‘Pride’ Campaign

We are into the month of June now, and as per social customs these days, many corporate entities and sports teams have changed their social media handles to celebrate “Pride month” regardless of how their customer or fanbases feel about it.

But this year, nine teams in the NFL [have chosen not to celebrate](#) on social media what people do sexually and stick to sports, like much of the fanbases want.

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Here are the nine teams staying away from pride messaging so

far this month:

- Pittsburgh Steelers
- Cleveland Browns
- Cincinnati Bengals
- Tennessee Titans
- Kansas City Chiefs (current Super Bowl champions)
- Denver Broncos
- Dallas Cowboys
- New Orleans Saints
- Atlanta Falcons

After the original reporting of the group of NFL teams not participating this messaging, the Green Bay Packers made a pride month post with comments disabled, knowing what was waiting for them in the comments section.

<https://twitter.com/enzothebaker123/status/1798099517398733086>
To be clear, this doesn't mean the organizations are opposed to the events taking place across the country this month, [they simply have not formally endorsed them, yet.](#)

As reported by Fox News:

It is clear that many within the NFL—and society—don't like pride month for varying reasons. Some people don't abide with or agree with the gay lifestyle or agenda.

And some, while having no issues with gay people whatsoever, simply don't like pride month being so ubiquitous, as if being shoved down people's throats. These people would recoil if, say, a month-long puppy or a straight people celebration was shoved down their throats every year, too.

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From Prison to Purpose: Jim Staley's Transformative Incarceration

God has shown time and again that He uses unexpected circumstances to hone us and mold us, getting us ready for a next phase of ministry and service to Him.

Stories of imprisonment fill the Bible, from Joseph to Paul, and their [stories of triumph include enduring the hard times](#), the unfair and unjust times, to continue living righteously for the Lord.

Pastor Jim Staley of Passion for Truth Ministries experienced a rapid rise in his ministry, reaching 10,000 live viewers weekly and nearing significant television exposure before being federally indicted in 2014, despite resolving related issues at the state level, he told Charisma Media recently in an exclusive interview.

“I didn’t understand what was going on,” Staley recalls . “They were accusing me of all kinds of things that I never did. And in all of these unbelievable, crazy things were

happening, my world was being turned upside down. And I didn't understand it."

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Now, Staley views his indictment and imprisonment as God's way of humbling him, teaching him to trust in God's plans and reshaping his ministry and personal character.

"This is where I learned that I had to submit to the hand of God, that God uses governments of the world to get His people where they need to be," Staley shares.

"...And so at the end of the day, like I was horribly embarrassed, I was humiliated. For what happened to me there was no way out of a federal indictment, you can't get out."

During his imprisonment, Staley endured physical and emotional challenges, [learning to rely on spiritual guidance and growth](#), transforming his understanding of spiritual warfare.

"There's things that you need to learn, you're a little bit too big for your britches, you need to learn to trust Me, you need to learn to follow Me, the prophetic is not built inside of you yet," Staley says God told him during his time in prison.

"You need to learn to live and a 10x10 cell, out of a locker with people that you don't like, that hate you, that will come up to you in the lunch line and hit you in the face, even though they've never talked to you before because you look like a pastor that molested them when they were a child. You need to be beat down so that I could build up your spirit."

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As time went by, Staley's daughter wrote a heartfelt letter to

the sentencing judge, resulting in a unique correspondence and eventual friendship between Staley and the judge, demonstrating the power of faith and forgiveness.

“She didn’t know that the judge was a Christian and was so impacted by this letter, that he wrote my daughter back, and said that he was going to take this letter and put it in a special pile that he’s had for 40 years...it only has about 20-25 letters in it from dignitaries, presidents, college deans, and so on,” Staley says.

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Air Force Facing Scrutiny Over Tax Dollars for Drag Shows

Without the Freedom of Information Act, many would have no idea how the U.S. military, in particular the Air Force, is spending taxpayer money.

Thanks to the work of Judicial Watch however, people now know that they [have been holding drag queen events](#) on base on the taxpayer’s dime for years.

The Department of Defense actually delayed both Judicial Watch and CatholicVote Civic Action requests for records on this activity up to the highest levels of leadership, such as communications “from the Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin, III, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Kathleen Hicks and the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding drag shows and drag story hours on U.S. military installations.”

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Discoveries such as “drag story hours” at on-base libraries as well as “drag karaoke” and summer reading programs with drag queens have all been uncovered, again, [at the expense of the taxpayer.](#)

This FOIA request also brought to light the indoctrination of the U.S. military with a multitude of DEI initiatives that service members are sometimes forced to participate in as “training.”

As reported by Judicial Watch:

May 2022 meeting minutes from an international diversity and inclusion group called “Pathfinders” lists an extensive number of upcoming Pride Month and Diversity Day events that will be supported at Ramstein Air Force Base.

A May 2022 email with redacted sender and recipient(s) and subject line “Diversity and Inclusion Events” contains a list of upcoming events.

“How on Earth is it appropriate to spend our limited defense dollars on promoting these sexually themed events for children and adults rather than on advancing the military’s mission?” Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton asks. “As we see in these troubling Air Force records, our nation’s military is being ruined by woke ideology.”

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Meanwhile, the Russian army is engaged in war with Ukraine and the Chinese military is continuously conducting war drills against the island nation of Taiwan in the hopes of exerting control over the chip-producing country.

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