

Pastor Tony Spell Speaks Out After Neighbor Confrontation and Alleged Threats

The hatred directed at Israel today is breathtaking.

On college campuses, in political circles, on social media and even from some church pulpits, the Jewish state is increasingly portrayed as the villain of the modern world. The pressure to abandon Israel has become relentless.

Yet in the middle of that noise, Pastor John Hagee recently delivered a reminder the church desperately needs to hear: Jerusalem does not belong to the United Nations, the European Union, the United States or any other earthly power.

Jerusalem belongs to God.

“The fact of the Bible is that God chose Jerusalem as the place where His name would be there forever,” Hagee declared. “Jerusalem is God’s house on earth. Jerusalem is God’s address.”

That truth has not changed.

The nations may rage. Politicians may redraw maps. Activists may chant in the streets. God is not renegotiating His covenant.

For thousands of years, Jerusalem has stood at the center of God’s redemptive plan. Hagee pointed to Psalm 132, saying, “‘The Lord has chosen Zion, that’s Jerusalem, and He hath desired it for His own habitation.’ That means God lives there.”

The Battle for Jerusalem Is Spiritual, Not Political

That reality explains why Jerusalem remains the most contested city on earth.

For centuries, empires have risen and fallen while Jerusalem remained at the center of conflict. Kings, armies and political movements have fought over its streets, its hills and its future. Yet despite repeated invasions, occupations and wars, the city remains exactly where God said it would be.

“Jerusalem has been conquered and reconquered 44 times in history. Yet it stands. Why? Because God has sworn to establish it forever,” Hagee said. “Jerusalem standing is a testimonial to the keeping power of God.”

Many critics of Israel view the struggle over Jerusalem strictly through a political lens. Scripture presents something far deeper. Behind every battle, every diplomatic dispute and every attempt to divide the city is a spiritual conflict that stretches back thousands of years.



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Hagee did not mince words.

“The supernatural battle for Jerusalem is not over,” he said. “The battle of Islam versus Judaism is a supernatural struggle.”

The hostility directed toward Israel today is often wrapped in the language of politics, justice or international relations. Yet Jerusalem has always drawn opposition because it occupies a unique place in God's plan. The city He chose has become the city the world cannot stop fighting over.

Zechariah foretold that Jerusalem would become a burdensome stone for the nations. Today's headlines read like a confirmation of that prophecy.

What should the church do?

Stand with Israel.

Not because Israel is perfect. No nation is. Not because every action of every Israeli leader is above scrutiny. It isn't.

We stand with Israel because Scripture leaves no room for confusion about God's covenant purposes. The God who promised the land to Abraham has not reversed Himself. The God who declared Jerusalem His city has not changed His mind. And the God who commands us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem has not withdrawn that instruction because it became unpopular.

At a time when hostility toward the Jewish state is spreading across Western culture, believers should be careful not to adopt the world's view of Israel while claiming to uphold God's Word.

The King Is Coming to Jerusalem

Hagee recalled a moment at the Western Wall that changed the course of his life. Looking at an elderly Jewish man praying with tears in his eyes, he felt God impress something on his heart.

"That man is your spiritual brother," Hagee said. "All the things that are good spiritually came to us through the Jewish people."

That conviction eventually led to the founding of Christians United for Israel, which today represents millions of Christians who refuse to abandon the Jewish people.

The reason is rooted in Bible prophecy. God's prophetic story

is moving toward Jerusalem, not away from it. The city that occupies the center of Scripture will also occupy the center of Christ's earthly reign.

Hagee reminded believers that when Jesus returns, He will not establish His throne in one of the world's political capitals.

"He's not coming to Washington. He's not coming to Rome. He's coming to the city of David. He's coming to Jerusalem."

Those words cut through the confusion of a world searching for answers in governments, institutions and political movements. The climax of human history will not be written in Washington, Moscow, Beijing, Brussels or New York. It will unfold in Jerusalem, where the Messiah will establish His kingdom and fulfill every promise God has made concerning Israel.

As hostility toward Israel intensifies, the church cannot afford to retreat into silence. This is the moment to reject the pressure of popular opinion and anchor ourselves in what Scripture actually says.

The same God who preserved Jerusalem through empires, invasions and wars is still watching over His city today. The same God who scattered the Jewish people among the nations also brought them home. And the same God who promised that His Son would one day reign from Jerusalem will keep that promise as surely as He has kept every other one.

That's why believers should continue praying for the peace of Jerusalem, continue standing with the Jewish people and continue watching the prophetic signs unfolding before our eyes.

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Researchers Found Modern Music Is Losing Virtue—and It's Reflecting a Deeper Cultural Crisis

A new study examining more than 380,000 songs released between 1960 and 2023 found that references to virtues such as care, loyalty and purity have steadily declined in popular music, while themes centered on harm, cheating, betrayal and degradation have become increasingly common.

Researchers from Queen Mary University of London said music acts as a “cultural barometer,” revealing how societies express their values and moral concerns.

Lead author Dr. Vjosa Preniqi said, “Music is much more than entertainment. It is one of the ways societies tell stories about themselves.”

The researchers found that “expressions of moral vices such as harm, cheating, subversion and degradation have generally increased, while moral virtues like care and purity have declined.”

That is more than a shift in lyrical themes. It is a glimpse into a broader cultural transformation.

A Culture Telling on Itself

Senior author Dr. Charalampos Saitis said, “Popular music provides a unique lens through which to explore cultural change.”

He added, “Music both reflects and shapes the world around us. Understanding how moral narratives evolve in lyrics can help us better understand wider changes in culture, identity and collective values around important social issues.”

The Bible teaches that what fills the heart eventually comes out in words and actions. Jesus said, “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matt. 12:34).



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The same principle applies to cultures.

When a society values faithfulness, sacrifice and love, those themes appear in its stories and songs. When a society embraces selfishness, rebellion and bitterness, those themes begin to dominate its cultural output.

The study found that songs increasingly revolve around conflict, betrayal and emotional pain. That mirrors a culture struggling with broken families, loneliness, distrust and division.

The music is reflecting what is happening beneath the surface.

A Pattern Seen Throughout Scripture

This pattern is not new.

The Book of Judges repeatedly describes a nation that abandoned God’s ways and descended into moral chaos. One verse summarizes the entire era: “Everyone did what was right in his

own eyes” (Judg. 21:25).

The result was confusion, violence, corruption and national decline.

The same pattern appeared in ancient Israel before the Babylonian exile. The prophets warned that when people rejected God’s standards, society itself would begin to unravel.

The apostle Paul described a similar progression in Romans 1. As people rejected God, their thinking became darkened, and their moral compass deteriorated. Behaviors once considered shameful became celebrated.

That progression did not begin with actions. It began with values.

Culture changed because hearts changed.

What This Means for the Future

One sentence from the study stands out.

“What we found was a gradual shift away from language associated with virtues such as care and decency, towards themes that reflect conflict, harm and other moral concerns,” Preniqi said.

The keyword is gradual.

Moral decline rarely happens all at once. Values erode. Boundaries disappear. What once shocked people becomes normal.

Eventually, the culture begins producing art that reflects its new moral framework.

The findings are about a culture that has spent decades pushing biblical morality to the margins.

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly responded to repentance with restoration. Nations changed when people turned back to Him. Communities were renewed when hearts were transformed.

If music truly serves as a cultural barometer, this study offers a revealing snapshot of where we are.

It also serves as a reminder that cultural renewal will never begin with better songs. It begins when people return to the One who defines what is good, true and right.

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'Frankenstein' Rabbits Are Back, and Now They're Showing Up in More States

If you saw one of these rabbits in your backyard, you'd probably do a double take.

Photos shared across Wisconsin, Minnesota and New York show rabbits with black, tentacle-like growths protruding from their heads. Some appear to have horns. Others look like they walked straight out of a science fiction movie.

The disturbing sightings are raising eyebrows across social media and wildlife circles alike.

One New York resident couldn't believe what he was seeing.

"Made eye contact with this rabbit and immediately regretted it," Ze Peitica Gado wrote on Facebook after spotting one on May 30.

"All jokes aside, I reported it to the proper wildlife authorities, but this thing was gnarly."

The bizarre-looking animals may seem like a new phenomenon, but they aren't.

Charisma Media reported on a similar outbreak in August 2025, when numerous sightings emerged around Fort Collins, Colorado. At the time, photos of rabbits sporting horn-like growths spread rapidly online and fueled comparisons to the legendary jackalope.

Now the creatures are back.

This time, sightings are occurring hundreds of miles away across multiple states, leading many to wonder why these grotesque animals seem to be appearing in more places.



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The Cause Behind the Nightmare Fuel

According to a Daily Mail report, the rabbits are infected with cottontail papilloma virus, also known as Shope papilloma virus.

The virus causes wart-like tumors that often develop around a rabbit's head, ears and face. As the disease progresses, the growths can harden into twisted masses that resemble horns, antlers or black tentacles.

One Wisconsin resident shared a photo showing tentacle-like

growths sprouting from the back of a rabbit's head.

Another recalled receiving a frantic phone call from her daughter.

"Mom! I saw one of those tentacle-faced bunnies today."

Scientists say the virus spreads primarily through mosquitoes and ticks. The condition is not believed to infect humans, dogs or cats.

The first signs are typically red, raised spots on the skin that eventually develop into larger tumors.

Some rabbits become so severely disfigured that they can no longer see, hear or eat properly.

The result is often a slow and tragic death.

Wildlife officials continue advising the public to leave infected animals alone and avoid handling them.

Creation Is Groaning

The images are shocking because they reveal something deeper than a strange wildlife disease.

Romans 8:22 says, "We know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now."

That reality is impossible to miss when looking at a rabbit struggling beneath massive tumors growing from its head.

The return of these infected rabbits follows a growing number of unusual stories involving the natural world. Massive insect invasions, wildlife diseases, marine die-offs and other disruptions continue making headlines around the globe.

This is what a fallen creation looks like.

Sin affected everything.

The animal kingdom bears the scars. The earth bears the scars. Humanity bears the scars.

The rabbits appearing across multiple states are another reminder that the world is not operating as God originally intended.

Yet Scripture points to a coming restoration.

Jesus Christ will make all things new. The curse that entered creation through sin will not have the final word.

Until that day, creation continues to testify to a truth the Bible declared long ago: something is wrong with this world, and all creation is waiting for redemption.

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Country Star Ella Langley Opens Up About Her Renewed Faith in Jesus Christ

Country music fans packed Chicago's Soldier Field expecting a night of hit songs. What many received from rising star Ella Langley was something even more meaningful: a public testimony about what Jesus Christ has done in her life.

While opening for Morgan Wallen, Langley paused to share how her relationship with Christ has transformed over the past year. The moment resonated because it was authentic, personal and centered on God's faithfulness.

"I've watched this song get pitched around [Nashville], I've watched so many other artists have this song, how would you feel if I had it on the record? Because it feels like exactly where I am in my life. You know, it feels like my relationship with Christ has changed over the last 365 days, a little more than that," Langley told the crowd before performing her song "Speaking Terms."

The singer then shared something many Christians can relate to.

"I went every show of my life without even mentioning His name, to not being able to shut up about it."

That simple statement speaks to the difference Jesus makes in a person's life. When God begins moving in our hearts, it becomes difficult to stay silent about it.



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Faith in the Public Square

Moments like this matter.

Not because celebrities are our spiritual leaders. Not because famous people somehow make the Gospel more true.

They matter because culture is filled with voices competing for people's attention every day. Most people spend far more time listening to music, watching entertainment and scrolling social media than they do sitting in a church service.

When a public figure uses a platform to speak openly about

Jesus, millions of people hear something they might not hear anywhere else.

For years, many Christians have felt pressure to keep their faith private. Yet throughout Scripture, God's people were called to be visible, not hidden. Jesus said we are the light of the world. Light was never meant to stay covered.

That is what made Langley's comments refreshing. She wasn't promoting herself. She was pointing people to Christ.

A Message of Grace

The most powerful part of Langley's testimony came when she spoke about worthiness.

"I've done things in my life that makes me feel not worthy of this song. But I'll tell one thing, who makes me feel worthy is Him. I'm always worthy. He's gonna meet me where I'm at, no matter where I'm at."

That message cuts through the shame, regret and disappointment so many people carry.

The Gospel has never been about earning God's love. It is about receiving the grace Jesus purchased for us through His death and resurrection.

Langley's testimony also reflected the reality that faith is not always a straight line. Her song describes how childhood faith can encounter the hardships of life and how "the world will break you down, break your heart and shake your faith."

Many believers know that feeling.

Yet God remains faithful.

Speaking Terms

That is ultimately why Langley's message connected with so many people.

She said she included the song on her record because she wanted listeners to understand a simple truth.

"And that's why I thought this song was important to put on the record, because I want you to feel that way. I want you to know that, no matter where you are in your life, there's somebody that's listening to you, you're always talking to Him, you just don't know it."

In a culture often filled with cynicism, hearing someone publicly talk about God's grace, mercy and faithfulness is encouraging.

We need more voices willing to point people toward Jesus.

Not because they are perfect. Not because they have all the answers. But because they have discovered what every believer eventually learns: life changes when we stop running from God and start talking to Him again.

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Rare Discovery at Ancient Chorazin Renews Focus on a City Where Jesus Performed Mighty Miracles

A rare gemstone uncovered by a sixth-grade student in northern Israel is drawing renewed attention to Chorazin, one of the cities where Jesus performed miracles during His ministry in Galilee.

According to a Fox News report, the discovery was made at Korazim National Park near the Sea of Galilee, the site identified with the biblical village of Chorazin.

The gemstone was found by 12-year-old Alon Horowitz while participating in a community excavation program organized by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority and Ariel University.

“After three days of digging, about 10 minutes before we finished, I was digging with my trowel and suddenly saw something blue, round and special,” Horowitz said in a statement.

“I picked it up and showed it to the archaeologist. When I understood it was something rare, I felt really happy and proud. I received a lot of appreciation from my friends, teachers and family.”



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Archaeologists identified the artifact as a Nicolo, a rare variety of agate valued during the Roman and Byzantine periods. The gemstone dates to the sixth century A.D. and was discovered inside a wealthy estate.

“It was found inside a wealthy estate, suggesting it belonged to a member of an affluent household,” excavation director Achia Kohn-Tavor told Fox News Digital.

“The stone was not locally sourced,” he added. “Its presence indicates the owner had access to international luxury goods.”

The City Jesus Warned

The discovery site sits roughly two miles north of Capernaum, the fishing village that served as the center of Jesus’ ministry.

Chorazin occupies a unique place in the New Testament. The city witnessed the power of God through the ministry of Jesus, yet it became known for rejecting His call to repentance.

In Matthew 11:21, Jesus declared:

“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

The warning remains one of the most sobering statements recorded in the Gospels. The people of Chorazin saw miracles, healings and demonstrations of God’s power. Yet Jesus rebuked the city for failing to respond.

More Than an Archaeological Discovery

The gemstone offers another glimpse into life in ancient Galilee, a region forever linked to the ministry of Christ.

Archaeologists see evidence of wealth, trade and daily life. Christians see something even more significant.

The ruins of Chorazin stand as a reminder that Jesus walked these roads, taught in these communities and called people to repentance.

The small blue gemstone discovered by a sixth grader points back to a place that witnessed something far greater than luxury goods or prosperous estates. Chorazin witnessed the ministry of the Son of God.

Centuries after the gemstone was lost, the words of Jesus still endure, calling every generation to respond in faith to the truth of the Gospel.

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Why the Red Heifer Is Back in the Spotlight—and Why Christians Should Be Watching

Most of us have been there.

A betrayal. A false accusation. A relationship that shattered without warning. A moment when someone else's actions left wounds that still have not healed.

In those moments, our instinct is often the same: defend

ourselves, tell our side of the story and make sure everyone knows what really happened.

Author and speaker Autumn Miles says God taught her a different response.

“God told me one time in my quiet time, I saw it all. I saw it. I saw it all,” Miles said on a recent episode of The Autumn Miles Show. “The beautiful thing about God is that He sees absolutely everything. Nothing is hidden from His sight.”

Miles said the Lord spoke those words during what she described as a “Judas-type” betrayal. She wanted to pick up the phone, explain herself and set the record straight. Instead, God reminded her that He had already seen everything.

The realization brought immediate peace.



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The Justice We Want vs. the Justice God Brings

At the heart of Miles’ message is a challenge many of us do not like to hear.

“The enemy wants us to take justice into our own hands,” she said. “He wants us to get it for ourselves because it takes it away from God. And God will get holistic justice for His kids.”

That idea became central to her study of Job and God’s character.

While we often focus on revenge, vindication or proving we were right, Miles argues that God’s view is much larger. He sees motives, hidden actions, private conversations and the

damage sin causes long after a moment has passed.

When Miles studied what Scripture says about God's love for justice, she said the discovery left her stunned.

"When I look that up in the original language, this is what it said," she explained. "It means I am passionately in love with justice for My children."

The truth hit her so hard she had to stop writing.

"I couldn't even write for a couple of hours because I thought, Lord, when I would have given it up, You won't," she said.

God Has Not Missed a Thing

Miles pointed to Job 42, where God confronts the friends who spent chapter after chapter accusing and misrepresenting Job.

For Miles, the lesson is clear.

"God's eyes are on those who are against you," she said. "His eyes are on those conspiring against you. His eyes are on the motives of those that talk against you. His eyes are on it all."

That does not mean we always receive immediate answers. It does not mean every wrong is corrected overnight. It does mean God is paying attention.

"He will not let it go," Miles said. "This is why He says, 'Vengeance is mine. I will repay. I got you.'"

For those of us carrying wounds from betrayal, rejection or injustice, that may be one of the most comforting truths in Scripture.

The God who sees everything is also the God who loves justice. He sees every lie, every betrayal, every hidden motive and

every wound inflicted against His children. Nothing escapes His attention. Nothing slips through His hands.

And according to Miles, He is far more committed to making things right than we could ever be ourselves.

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DOJ Backs Nuns Caring for Dying Cancer Patients as New York Threatens Religious Freedom

For more than a century, the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne have done what many talk about but few actually do. They have cared for indigent cancer patients in their final days, offering comfort, dignity and compassion to those facing death.

Now, those same women are fighting to keep their ministry alive.

According to a Fox News report, the U.S. Department of Justice has thrown its support behind the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne as they challenge a New York law that they say would

force them to violate their religious convictions regarding sex and gender.

The sisters operate Rosary Hill Home in Westchester County, where they provide free palliative care to terminal cancer patients. They argue that New York's transgender mandate would require them to recognize gender identity over biological sex, use preferred pronouns, permit access to sex-specific facilities based on gender identity and publicly affirm policies that conflict with Catholic teaching.

The consequences for refusing to comply are severe.

According to the lawsuit, the sisters face fines of up to \$2,000 per violation, increasing to \$5,000, court-ordered compliance measures, loss of their operating license and potential criminal penalties.

The Justice Department has made its position clear.

"States should take notice that they cannot require Americans to abandon their religious beliefs in the name of woke gender ideology," Assistant Attorney General Harmeet K. Dhillon said in a statement.

Dhillon also defended the sisters' longstanding ministry.

"For more than a century, the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne have provided free palliative care to indigent cancer patients in their last days," she said. "New York's law would force these religious women to choose between their faith and their license if they wish to continue serving the dying."



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A Ministry With an Extraordinary Record

The lawsuit highlights a remarkable fact.

The sisters reported that during a four-year period between Feb. 1, 2022, and Jan. 31, 2026, the New York State Department of Health received “zero complaints” regarding their facility.

During that same period, the lawsuit notes, the state received “more than 55,000 complaints against other nursing homes.”

That contrast raises an obvious question.

Why is a ministry with a record of serving the vulnerable, caring for the dying and generating no complaints now facing the possibility of losing its license?

The sisters are not accused of abuse.

They are not accused of neglect.

They are not accused of mistreating patients.

Their conflict with the state centers on their refusal to embrace an ideology that contradicts their faith.

Religious Liberty on Trial

Martin Nussbaum, general counsel for the Catholic Benefits Association and counsel for the sisters, said the case reaches beyond a single nursing home.

“Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche’s formal certification of *Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne v. Hochul* as a case of ‘general public importance’ sends a welcome signal that a state’s policy preference for gender ideology does not trump the protection for religious freedom embedded in our country’s DNA,” Nussbaum said.

At its core, the case asks whether religious freedom remains meaningful when believers are told they may continue serving the public only if they abandon the convictions that motivated that service in the first place.

That question resonates far beyond a nursing home in New York.

Throughout Scripture, God's people repeatedly faced demands to compromise deeply held convictions in order to satisfy governing authorities. The apostles answered such pressure with a simple declaration in Acts 5:29: "We must obey God rather than men."

The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne have spent generations caring for those who are often forgotten by society. Their legal battle is about more than licensing requirements and government regulations. It is about whether ministries built upon biblical convictions will remain free to serve without being compelled to deny the truths they believe God has revealed.

The outcome of this case will be watched closely by Christians across America because if women caring for dying cancer patients can be forced to choose between their faith and their ministry, every faith-based institution should take notice.

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