

The Powerful, Prophetic Voice the Devil Could Not Silence

At the time he hit puberty, [Albert Milton](#) anticipated he would be like most other boys his age living in India. He believed his voice would change and that his life would go on as he expected.

When that didn't happen, people made fun of him every day, and being raised in a Christian home, it felt like he was under spiritual attack. As time went by, his voice did not change into a manly one like the rest of his friends, and he spoke with what he called a "feeble" or "female" voice.

At 13, it was a difficult situation to handle, and the confusion led to some ungodly and unholy thoughts.

"There were a couple of times where I decided to end my life," shares Milton, now an author and a prophet bringing words of encouragement and edification to America. "I even attempted it, but God delivered me from those two attempts. That was the lifestyle I was living.

"So, I decided that I'm going to be quiet, just to listen. And for five years, literally, I spoke very little because I knew if I spoke, people would make fun of me. So, I stayed silent and pretended as [though] I cannot speak. I had no true friends."

But then something dramatic happened when he began to watch American television that was being shown in India.

"I saw a lot of miracles, signs and wonders; live on these channels in mass crusades. This was during the time they were rebroadcasting Billy Graham videos. I was watching a lot of healing and miracle workers who operated in the faith and

released faith and healing in people. As I was seeing that, it truly inspired me. If these miracles were happening to other people, why couldn't it not happen in my life?

"I went to doctors, I was taking medicines and nothing could heal me. But then I came to a point where God introduced me to those channels, and I was seeing all of the miracles happen. But it still didn't happen. But then that was when one of my friends told me to read the Bible and that I would find the answer there. So I started reading the book of Matthew and saw a lot of miracles recorded there. And I was really paying attention.

"The thing that caught my attention was when Jesus asked, 'Do you believe I can do this for you?' So, everyone who said 'yes' to that, God did that miracle. God did that healing. He did the supernatural. So, I started to say that at the age of 18, I'm going to believe that the Lord is going to bring a supernatural turnaround and heal my voice."

Then the miracle happened. While in college, Milton was on a bus and he heard a friend call him by name. He responded with a manly voice, and all of a sudden, after five years of "agony, pain and persecution"—bullying, shame and two attempts to end his life, he was delivered.

"I told my friend that Jesus healed me. And I stepped out of the bus with the exact prayer request I asked Jesus for," Milton says. "And this is what God told me: 'If you're persistent and fervent in faith, I'm able to meet your need according to My riches.' So then I got connected to a church, I got baptized and I was Spirit-filled.

In 2001, a woman from Milton's church told him that God would take Milton to a different nation and that He would use Milton for His glory. Milton was thrilled for the plan God had for his life.

Milton finished college in 2005, and he came to the United

States in 2007. That is when his ministry began to take off.

✘ “God is faithful,” Milton said. “He slowly started to use me and then He started to use the faith-related videos that I had been releasing for like 12 years. But the last three years, God gave me unconditional passion for this nation and a love for the nation. He wanted me to pray for the nation and to see what He wants to do here. And that’s revival. God wants to do revival in this nation; He wants to bring salvation to this nation. He wants to prosper this nation and to see the church thrive in this nation with the prophetic anointing and the gift of deliverance.

“That’s where the enemy is really trembling. He’s really afraid. If revival breaks out, if many people come out of darkness, then what’s he going to do? That’s why he is struggling with this battle. God has given me a passion to stand firm. God is faithful, He’s very good, and, He’s going to amazing things in this nation, in all areas of life.”

Once without a voice, Milton is using the one that God faithfully blessed him with, a prophetic one, and he is impacting this nation with the words that God has given him.

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**Prophetic Word Specifically
for April 20 Already Coming**

to Fruition

As a whole, prophetic voices aren't normally bold about attaching specific dates to a word that God has given them. But author and prophet [Albert Milton](#), who [has over 124,000 YouTube subscribers](#), says that today, April 20, something will happen within the walls of the U.S. Congress that he says will shake the nation and bring "settlements" to crucial issues facing the American people, including the plight of former President Donald Trump.

And, he says, he's not at all hesitant about the word God has given him for April 20, 2023.

"This is just one more milestone towards the freedom and liberty and vindication and settlements. The word 'settlements' is the word God gave to me," Milton told Charisma News' John Matarazzo in a recent interview. "He says, 'I'll bring settlements in, in regards to President Trump. I'm going to use the House of Representatives for this.'

"No, I'm not nervous about this. At the end of the day, God wants us to prophesy what needs to happen, and God really gives us the dates as well. So for me, God told me that on April 20, tell the people, to prepare the people, and to release the faith, to speak to the mountains and to see them disappear. That's the kind of faith I'm operating—a prophetic anointing mixed with faith and then to speak to the nation to say what needs to happen to the nation."

In breaking news Thursday, a [Republican-led ban on transgender student athletes](#) passed the vote in the U.S. House of Representatives. One small step ...

But then it [was also reported Thursday](#) that the House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Ohio Republican and staunch Trump ally Jim Jordan, was awarded a victory by a federal

judge who rejected efforts by Manhattan Attorney Alving Bragg to block a former prosecutor in his office from testifying before the committee about Bragg's criminal case against Trump.

U.S. District Court Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil said former prosecutor Mark Pomerantz, who was scheduled to testify at 10 a.m. Thursday, "must appear for the congressional deposition. No one is above the law."

Jordan had said the subpoena was issued to determine whether federal funds were used in the investigation of Trump.

[Jordan recently held a field hearing](#) on the case in New York City titled, "Victims of Violent Crime in Manhattan," aimed at Bragg to discredit him in his quest to prosecute Trump. The GOP, led by Jordan, argues that the DA is soft on crime while suggesting that Bragg is wrongfully focused on Trump's alleged wrongdoing for partisan reasons.

Milton believes the prophetic word God has given him will help cause a great stir in the United States Congress, specifically calling out the names of several prominent U.S. Representatives and Senators.

"God told me that I'm going to use a lot of the people in the House of Representatives to raise [eyebrows] in this time and season," Milton says. "God has spoken to me about many of those in Congress, like Sen. Josh Hawley, Rep. Jim Jordan and Marjorie Taylor Greene and others. God specifically told me to pray for them and pray for their protection, to pray that they have wisdom and knowledge and that they lead from God so that they can do exactly what God wants them to do.

"I strongly believe that on April 20, right now, President Trump is going through a lot of legal challenges. I believe strongly and personally that God spoke to me and that He is using the House of Representatives, specifically men like Jim Jordan, on the day of the 20th, in a specific way, to bring

the truth out to bring settlement in the nation and to clear up what President Trump is going through right now.

“On that, it’s all about truth. It’s all about bring the reality as it is and then that is the justice and vindication. That is what God is going to do through the House of Representatives and especially through Jim Jordan in this case. So, I strongly believe that on the 20th, something is going to happen spiritually and also physically.”

Milton says he believes God is about to use the U.S. House of Representatives in a mighty way to vindicate not only Trump, but the American people who have been loyal to Christ.

“Similar to the church, I believe that everyone is the body of Christ, even as a nation,” Milton says. “The House of Representatives, senators and governors and also judges, everyone in the camp, is like a body of the nation, similar to how in the church, all of us are the body of Christ as a nation.

“God is the head of this nation. I strongly believe God formed this nation. That’s the reason why God gave the passion and dates...the result is up to God. That’s why I’m very bold to release what God speaks to me.

“Elijah, you know, did not have a second thought. He prophesied that, ‘this is going to happen tomorrow by this time. That’s how God leads and speaks. He also stood firm in the faith to see that happen. ... It is one thing to prophesy, but it is another thing together as the body of Christ to stand firm and see a milestone being crossed over. ... There has been progress that the Lord has been fulfilling and bringing freedom and liberty and bringing everyone on the same page just for the seek of truth and justice. The nation will be liberated and settled. That is the main goal and focus here.”

✘ It isn’t the first time God has spoken words to Milton about Trump. Twice Congress has tried to impeach Trump,

and twice Trump was acquitted. And twice, God told Milton beforehand those things would happen.

And, he says, it will happen again.

“I don’t know the facts or the truth. I don’t even know what is the reason for this,” Milton says. “But one thing I do know is that God is going to bring him out. God told me to release that.”

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George Foreman Knocked Out Hatred and Now Champions Forgiveness

Before he found Jesus, George Foreman knew nothing about the concept of forgiveness. He didn’t want to know anything about it for himself, and he especially didn’t want to give it to people he believed had hurt him.

But once God entered the picture, the former heavyweight champion of the world simply couldn’t avoid it. It soon became a huge part of his life, as moviegoers will see when they go to theaters to watch the biopic [“Big George Foreman,”](#) which opens nationwide on April 29.

Foreman admits that a great deal of hate once resided in Him. But that all changed once he found God.

“I went on this thing about asking people for forgiveness,”

Foreman told Charisma News' John Matarazzo in an exclusive interview. "Because you're dead (figuratively) and you're given another chance to live. All you think about is how wonderful it is to be alive. God's greatest inventions of all time are human beings, and I learned to love them."

Muhammad Ali, who passed away from complications of Parkinson's Disease in 2016, not only took away Foreman's world heavyweight boxing championship in Zaire—the bout famously referred to as the "Rumble in the Jungle"—but he also, Foreman believed, took away his dignity as a fighter.

Ali, who had held the world heavyweight title previously, came in as a 4-1 underdog against Foreman and many believed Ali did not have a prayer of beating Foreman. But in the eighth round, Ali knocked Foreman to the canvas, but the referee stopped the fight.

"When I lost the title to Muhammad Ali, he was probably the person that I hated most," Foreman says. "I was devastated with losing my title."

Devastated but not daunted, Foreman continued to fight and on April 30, 1976, after being badly beaten and bloodied by Jimmy Young, he thought he was going to die. That's when God grabbed hold of Foreman and saved him.

"I had an experience," Foreman told "The Today Show" in a 2007 interview. "In a split-second I was dead and alive. Of course, I'm [the] only witness to it because I was there. All around me there was nothing ... I started screaming. Jesus Christ was coming to life in me. I didn't even believe in religion."

More than 46 years later after his experience with Jesus, Foreman says he's hanging onto the power of forgiveness. He knows that with God's grace and mercy, he is also forgiven. But, he says, forgiveness is a powerful tool of the Lord.

Well into his life as a Christian, Foreman and Ali, a devout

Muslim, befriended each other. Foreman forgave himself for the hatred he previously felt for Ali, and asked Ali for forgiveness for those emotions. Ali accepted his forgiveness.

“Muhammad Ali and I became the best of friends, even until his death,” Foreman said. “It was a love affair. We’d even say, ‘bye, I love you,’ things like that.”

Foreman returned to the ring years later and, in 1995, because the oldest world heavyweight champion at the age of 45. He also became a pastor and celebrity spokesman of The George Foreman Grill, [which has sold over 100 million units](#).

☒ Of course, Foreman, who has 10 children, has enjoyed what God blessed him with later in life. But it’s the act of forgiveness that he clings to every day—and the cross of Jesus. And forgiveness, he says, is something the world sorely needs today in these chaotic, self-indulgent end times, when people are vandalizing, stealing, shooting up schools and performing other acts of violence contrary to God’s will.

“I always tell my kids that forgiveness is the subtle thread that binds both love and friendship,” Foreman says. “You could have kids, but you can wake up tomorrow without a kid or a child, or even a husband or a wife, just because you didn’t forgive.

“Forgiveness is the only thing that binds us and bonds us together. I have had to hold onto forgiveness. My wife has had to, I guess, to keep me around (joking). Forgiveness is very important. There’s nothing good you can have in your life, as far as people are concerned, unless you are determined to forgive.” {eoa}

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Legendary Preacher Charles Stanley Dies At 90

Founder of In Touch Ministries and senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta for nearly 50 years Charles Stanley died Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. peacefully at his home, his website charlesstanley.com reported.

Stanley spent 65 years in the ministry, and his website said he modeled his ministry after the apostle Paul's message in Acts 20:24: "Life is worth noting unless I used it for doing the work assigned by me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love." (TLB)

Stanley is survived by his son, Andy, and daughter, Becky. Andy Stanley is the senior pastor at North Point Ministries, a nondenominational evangelical Christian church with several campuses across the north metro Atlanta area.

[The church released a statement](#) on Stanley's death, saying:

"Our hearts are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Charles Stanley. In this time of loss, we are comforted in knowing that his faith has now become sight. The glories of heaven are now his, a reality he taught us and millions of others around the world throughout his years of faithful preaching."

On Facebook, In Touch Ministries posted:

"Dear In Touch Family, this morning at the age of 90, God called our beloved pastor, Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley, home to heaven. Dr. Stanley lived a faithful life of obedience, dedicated to teaching others how to have an intimate

relationship with Jesus Christ. Now he is receiving the joy of his soul—seeing his Savior face-to-face.

Stanley received his call to ministry at age 14, and received a Bachelor of Divinity at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He later went on to earn the distinctions of Master and Doctor of Theology from Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta.

Before coming to First Baptist Atlanta, Stanley served as pastor of several smaller churches, including: Before joining the staff of First Baptist Atlanta, Stanley served as pastor of Fruitland Baptist near Hendersonville, North Carolina (1957–1959); First Baptist of Fairborn, Ohio (1959–1962); First Baptist of Miami, Florida (1962–1968); and First Baptist of Bartow, Florida (1968). Stanley would become associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta on Oct. 1, 1969 according to his website.

Two years later, on Oct. 1, 1971, Stanley assumed his longtime role as senior pastor of First Baptist Atlanta. The following year, he launched his foray into broadcast ministry with a 30-minute program, “The Chapel Hour,” on two local television stations.

“The Chapel Hour” was renamed “In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley” and went nationwide in 1978. The broadcast grew from 16,000 local viewers to a national audience in just one week and led to the expansion of Stanley’s ministry in 1982, called In Touch Ministries.

Stanley’s messages were heard in more than 1 million households and were translated into 127 languages around the world. Stanley was America’s longest-serving pastor with a continuous weekly broadcast program.

Stanley served two terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in 1985 and 1986. In 1988, he was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame for the

consistent excellence of his broadcast and leadership in the realm of Christian TV and radio.

✘ The long-time preacher focused his messages on practical, Christ-centered, biblically based principles for every day life. He believed, as he often said, that people are to “obey God and leave all of the consequences to Him.”

Greg Laurie, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in California, posted this on Facebook Tuesday: “Charles Stanley went to Heaven today. He made his mark on this world for the gospel and his incredible teaching of God’s Word. I like so many others was blessed by hearing his messages on the radio and TV and he was a trusted voice we have all been encouraged by. It was my privilege to meet Dr. Stanley in person in Charlotte, North Carolina at the funeral for Billy Graham. He was warm and gracious. No doubt, he has already heard Jesus say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’ Charles Stanley will be greatly missed.”

Please join us in praying for the entire Stanley family. {eoa}

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Evangelism ‘Giant’ George Verwer Dies at 84

George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization and whom Franklin Graham called a “giant in the world of evangelism,” passed away peacefully on Sunday at the age of 84 from Sarcoma cancer, surrounded by family members and loved ones.

Verwer was well known and admired for his passion for making disciples of all nations. In 1960, he married Drena Knecht, and the two moved to Spain. While in Europe, Verwer smuggled Bibles into Communist-controlled countries, where he was arrested and deported. While in Vienna, Austria, he climbed a tree and saw a group of young people boarding a bus and it was in that moment that the name Operation Mobilization came to his mind for ministry, a ministry with the idea of mobilizing “busloads” of young people into mission.

Verwer was diagnosed with Sarcoma cancer in February 2023, asked in his newsletter at the time for “people not to pray for his total healing as I am looking forward to heaven.” Instead, he asked for grace for the “rough journey that will be ahead.”

He survived 14 months after writing the newsletter.

“Operation Mobilization is one of the largest Christian mission organizations in the world,” [Graham wrote in a Facebook post Sunday](#). “I’ve never known anyone who kept a schedule like him—he would preach the gospel multiple times a day almost every day somewhere around the world.”

[Verwer believed that](#) “literal adherence to the principles laid down by Jesus Christ would, without a doubt, result in worldwide revolution—a revolution motivated by love; a revolution executed by love; and a revolution culminating in love.”

Graham says Verwer’s life was transformed after a neighbor gave him a copy of the book of John from the Bible and put him on her prayer list, which she called her “Holy Ghost hit list.” Verwer would surrender his life to Christ at the age of 16 during a Billy Graham crusade in Madison Square Garden.

“Does prayer work? You bet it does,” Franklin Graham wrote. “George was a fervent witness for Christ, and it is said that within a year, 200 of his classmates had become Christians—and

his passion for seeing souls saved never faded.

“Operation Mobilization continues to touch the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. I have been with him on several occasions and always appreciated that he came to Boone (NC) to see me a number of years ago and brought his father. George Verwer was used mightily by God and will be greatly missed.”

Under Verwer’s “exuberant leadership and fueled by the passion of believers from many nations to reach those who had never heard the Good News, Operation Mobilization expanded in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s across Europe and into the Middle East. It involved volunteers crewing ocean-going ships, with the first launched in 1971. Since then, more than 49 million people have visited the onboard book fairs, with over 70 million portions of Scripture distributed at port calls in 151 countries.

“In his later years, an older and wiser George Verwer began to speak at every opportunity about how and why God works in and through a church filled with human mistakes and sin,” Archbishop Joseph D’Souza said. “Losing George is losing my life’s mentor and my closest personal friend in the ministry. It is also an inspiration of a life lived well and a legacy now made complete with the words we all long to heart, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Operation Mobilization representatives said of Verwer, “Our founder’s earthy mission is accomplished, and he is now with the Lord.”

✘ Rev. Johnnie Moore tweeted, “George was not famous on earth, but he is famous in Heaven for making Jesus’ gospel famous all over the world. George was a hero to the church but also reticent to receive any praise. He didn’t seem himself (and he wouldn’t let you see him this way either) as a Super Christian. He believed himself to be a regular, flawed person who was just fortunate to be a tool in the hands

of God to share his message of love with the world.”

To learn more about George Verwer and his legacy, [visit Operation Mobilization's website](#). {eoa}

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Too Close for Comfort: Transformation Church's Easter Service Eerily Similar to Recent Satanic Grammys

At the Grammys in March, [English singer Sam Smith](#) put on a center-stage performance that glorified satanic rituals, wearing a skin-tight leather outfit as he sang his song, “Unholy.” It not only shocked the Christian world, but also many in the secular world.

After watching what took place [at Pastor Michael Todd's Transformation Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma](#), last Sunday morning—Resurrection Sunday—Pastor Marcus Rogers isn't so sure that he wasn't watching a repeat performance.

In an Easter play called “Ransom,” which has gone viral across social media, songs were sung that have shocked many, perhaps some in Todd's congregation as well. One song was from secular performer Ke\$ha called “Die Young.” Other secular songs were performed, and actors wore dark clothes and makeup with fire and red lighting to set the stage to [actually look like a](#)

[frame in hell](#), as Charisma News reported.

During the play, “demons” danced and compared their physical features to one another saying, “I don’t have a fatty.” Use your imagination to decrypt that one. And to top it all off, a part of the service included demons pulling Jesus off the cross.

The senior pastor at Firehouse Church in Chicago, Rogers says this display from Transformation Church is completely unacceptable to the surrendered Christian.

“This looks just like the Grammys,” Roger told Charisma News’ John Matarazzo in a recent video interview. “Something just didn’t feel right in my spirit. I felt that the production was just off, not even from just watching it and saying, ‘man, this looks like the world.’”

One disturbing thing that Rogers said he noticed over the past week is that people were coming to both Todd’s and the church’s defense, saying that people were taking the video clips out of context.

But, Rogers says, there are some things that are simply straightforward and non-defensible.

“At some point in the play, after they got done, they had the ladies up there talking about their bodies and talking about yams, which was very inappropriate,” Rogers says. “The Bible talks about not causing your brother to stumble (1 Cor. 8:9). The Bible talks about modesty, and you’re talking about your body. You’re putting thoughts in people’s minds whether you want to admit that or not. ...

“So, my argument is that, if I open up my church and I say, ‘hey, I’m giving out free liquor to everybody that comes and then oh, surprise, I’m gonna give you the gospel,’ that doesn’t make what I did OK. If I make a video on Instagram and I use a pornographic image to get the attention of men and

then surprise, I'm going to give you the gospel, that doesn't make what I did ok. ... Jesus died for my sins and that doesn't make the other stuff ok."

And what does this production by Transformation Church say to the brand-new Christian, one that is just learning about Jesus and about the virtues and truth of the Bible? Rogers says it could be extremely detrimental to such individuals, who may still not be able to distinguish between the kingdom and what the world offers.

"There are a lot of Christians who are new, and in this internet world we are living in, you see so many different things," Rogers says. "You see so many opinions about everything. So a lot of people are wondering like, 'what is the real deal Christianity?'"

"You've got Mike Todd over here doing this. To me it looked like the Grammys. You really couldn't tell the difference. Then you have people like me, or other men of God, saying maybe the opposite of what we're seeing and that it's wrong. The reason I do what I do is that I'm very mindful and aware that you have people that are at different levels of Christianity, and they really don't know.

"What I think is dangerous about what Mike Todd is doing is that ... people will look at this and say, 'why would I want this sort of religious Christianity when I can have this kind of thing that's just like the world?' They use influence music from like Beyoncé, who has been known to disrespect the Bible. I mean, her lyrics disrespect Christianity."

But for the seasoned believer, Rogers says discernment must be employed. Christians who know the Bible but maybe need to know it a lot better must discern with the help of the Holy Spirit, what the enemy is trying to do to keep people in the world and away from Jesus Christ.

"John 16:13 says that the Holy Spirit will lead you and guide

you into all truth,” Rogers says. “It will show you the truth if you follow it. So, for me, when I first saw the production, it was like, I got a thumbs down in my spirit, like something is off. And what I want to stress to people is that you ask the Holy Spirit about everything. The Holy Spirit will tell you if something is a little bit off.”

Rogers says he is someone who likes to “do his research,” so he wasn’t going to simply make a judgment off the video he saw from Sunday’s Transformation Church Service. “Before the play, Mike Todd’s pretty much saying, ‘hey, we’re going to do everything short of sin in this play.’ I thought that was a very interesting and weird thing to say like, you know, we’re gonna really push the envelope, we’re gonna make religious folks upset.

✘ “And then, you also have to look at the history of some of the things that Mike Todd has said and done as well.

The Bible says you will know them by their fruit. So this isn’t just like one incident that we’re looking at and like, oh, let’s jump on this guy because you want to have grace with people; may they were just off that day and they made a mistake. But there is also a history of him doing and saying some questionable things.”

Judgment? That’s for God and God alone. But the Resurrection Sunday production performed by Transformation Church looked an awful lot like the world. And as the Bible says, “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4).

Charisma News attempted to reach out to Michael Todd for comment but did not receive a reply. {eoa}

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Was Spiritual Discernment Missing From Transformation Church's Easter Play?

What Marcus Rogers saw from Transformation Church's Easter Play "Ransom" not only shocked him when he saw it online, but it also grieved his soul—deeply.

The play included secular music from those who disrespect the Bible. It featured women in dark clothes and makeup, fire and red lighting to set the set to make it look like a scene from hell. There was another scene where demons were pulling Jesus off the cross, and yet another where women spoke about their "fatty'" backsides.

The senior pastor at Firehouse Church in Chicago, Rogers says he wonders whether Pastor Michael Todd, or any others who participated in the play, realize how dangerous this type of production can be for Christians.

"I know that some people are going to clash with me, and they're not going to understand, but I really think it comes down to discernment," Rogers tells Charisma News' John Matarazzo in a recent interview. "When I'm looking at the clip, I'm not just looking at it and saying, 'Oh, this looks worldly,' because then some people could just argue that you're just being religious.

"But when you truly have discernment, when you really spend time in the private place, and you think about the context of what the Bible says, I think most Christians would agree that we're living in the last days," Rodgers continues. "And 2

Timothy talks about how men will become lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, perilous times should come. Strong delusions, many false Christs would arise, the Bible lets us know that there is going to be a great falling away. The Bible lets us know there's going to be a lot of deception.

"So, if we know that these things are happening, we have to watch and pray and really spend time ... we're living in a world right now where you can't even say where a man is a man and a woman is a woman," he adds. "That's how crazy the deception is. You can't even say sin is sin, right? And they are getting so crazy with the deception that they're having surgeries that if you don't check a birth certificate, they won't even know. So, the delusion and the deception are strong."

Rogers is a strong believer in consulting the Holy Spirit before he preaches any sermon or does anything he realizes might be contrary to the Word of God. He says the Holy Spirit has never steered him wrong, and he wonders if anyone at Transformation Church consulted with the Holy Spirit before putting on their Easter production.

"John 16:3 says that the Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you into all truth," Rogers says. "It will show you the truth if you follow it. So, for me, when I first saw the production, it was like, I got a thumbs-down in my spirit, like something is off. And what I want to stress to people is that you ask the Holy Spirit about everything. The Holy Spirit will tell you if something is a little bit off."

The books of 1 John and 2 John speak of the spirit of Antichrist and how it is already moving throughout the earth.

☒ Rogers says we must realize that this is "even happening in the church." Spending time with the Holy Spirit is the only way to see it and avoid the heretical teaching of a church's actions.

"Just looking at the clip, what I discern is there is a lot of

worldly Christians there [at Transformation Church],” Rogers says. “There’s a lot of people that have a form of godliness, as Timothy says. I feel like the danger of these kinds of churches is ... it’s not like, ‘Come as you are.’ We want everybody to come to the church, no matter what your lifestyle, your background.

“But it looks like there’s a lot of these types of churches in America where they’re empowering people to stay in those kinds of lifestyles,” he explains. “And we’ve seen some of this stuff recently with Maverick City and some stuff that came up with them. So, I think that’s why it’s very dangerous. Come as you are, but don’t stay as you are.”

Charisma News attempted to reach out to Michael Todd for comment but did not receive a reply.

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How Sean Feucht Uses the Devil’s ‘Special Hate’ Against Him

As a worship leader, Sean Feucht is keenly aware of Satan’s hatred for him. Every time he sings a word of praise to God the enemy cringes.

But Feucht also knows that when the presence of God and the Holy Spirit comes upon him—or any other child of God—demonic forces are driven back into hell. And that’s why he continues to belt out praise to God throughout the entire country,

including during his [Kingdom to the Capitol Tour](#), in which he and his team plan to lead worship in all 50 state capitals in 2023.

[On his podcast](#), All Things Possible ministry leader Victor Marx called Feucht one of the “most dangerous men for God out there.”

“It’s true that demons hate worship, they can’t stand it,” Marx told Feucht. “Satan hates it worst of all because he has a special hate for you because you are a worship leader. That was Satan’s job in heaven, and so he can’t stand it being done for the right reason. Thank you for your faithfulness. We need to pray not only for Sean, but also for his family.”

Feucht says that our country needs all the help it can get in these evil and trying times, and it’s up to people like us—and him—to take the fight to the enemy as intensely as possible.

“Drastic times call for drastic measures,” Feucht told Marx. “We’re in a crucial time, a hinge moment in our history. We just need to start doing radical stuff. We can’t think small, we can’t dream small. “Our faith has been building incrementally over the last two and a half years since we started Let Us Worship during the pandemic, and now we’re seeing what God is doing in over 180 cities.

“Hundreds of thousands across America are seeing an awakening, a beginning, a rebirth. It has just increased our expectations of what God can do in 2023. We saw the Asbury thing kick off, and we’ve seen some rumblings take place across America. We’re going to strike while the iron is hot. We’re going to go full-blown, pedal to the metal. That’s why we’re doing this Kingdom to the Capitol Tour.”

Marx said that God loves to bring forth those that “love to smash the enemy” and “crush the forces of darkness.” And, he said, that is exactly what Feucht and his team are doing in a time where the Holy Spirit appears to be making his presence

known on college campus and many churches throughout the country—offsetting the apathetic attitudes of a great deal of churches in America.

☒ “There is so much biblical precedent for what we’re doing. At heart, it’s actually Davidic,” Feucht says. ...
“I do feel like there is something about this, a season where there seems to be a lot of grace. There is almost a leaning in to what God is doing.

“Across America, there are amazing reports from pastors about services going longer, about prayer meetings and other gatherings. There is a real pressing in to the things of God. When we kicked off this tour, we believed and still believe that ever single state we go to, we’ll have a significant impact. ... There heart of it is that we want the presence of God to be the centerpiece, that it’s what draws people to in to Him. The true presence of God, well, you can’t manufacture it and you can’t deny it.” {eoa}

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The 3 Wars of The Apocalypse are Getting Dangerously Close

“It could be a disaster of epic proportions. It could be the perfect storm.” – Christopher McDonald in a scene from the movie, “The Perfect Storm.”

Unless you have been hiding in a cave or underground for the past few months, or even weeks, you know that the propensity

for major wars in many parts of the globe is happening. [Iran has already “kickstarted”](#) a multi-front Middle East war against Israel. [News reports have it that Iran](#) has already begun enriching uranium close to weapons-grade levels, according to a report released by the [United Nations nuclear watchdog](#).

Charisma News also did a recent piece on the [“Unholy Alliances”](#) forming between China, Russian and Iran.

[China has continually grown aggressive](#) with Taiwan. In March, the Chinese Communist Party launched 25 warplanes and three warships toward Taiwan in a show of force and intimidation as tensions between the two nations continues to rise.

The Taiwanese government accused 19 of those planes over crossing over into their airspace, and the threat of war is imminent.

Also, the Russian government has announced that it and the U.S. are now in a “hot phase of war” over the [U.S.’s supplies of weapons to Ukraine](#).

Note: Fast-forward to the 1:00 mark of this video.

All of which, end times expert Michael Snyder says, has brought the world to the point “where three major wars could erupt at any moment.”

“Just one would be bad enough,” Snyder says. [“But if all three were to happen simultaneously,](#) we could potentially be facing a truly apocalyptic scenario very rapidly.”

On Good Friday, Israel launched attacks against targets in southern Lebanon and Gaza in retaliation for dozens of rockets that had been fired into Israel from Lebanon. And on Resurrection Sunday, [Israel directly attacked Syrian](#) military targets after six rockets from Syria were launched at Israel.

So Israel is to be deluged upon from all sides. And, the Israeli government is thoroughly convinced that [Iran is responsible](#) for the attacks so far, albeit behind the scenes.

In October 2019, Iranian Major General Hossein Salami called Israel a “sinister regime” that [“must be wiped off the map.”](#) The Jerusalem Post has reported that the IDF and Israeli Police [have already begun to call up reservists](#).

The heads of terrorist groups Hezbollah and Hamas have met and promise further “resistance” against Israel.

If a war between Israel and Iran does erupt, Snyder says, the U.S. will inevitably be involved. Snyder says that this weekend, [the U.S. deployed](#) a “guided-missile submarine capable of carrying up to 154 Tomahawk missiles to the region.”

Armageddon? Maybe not with any of these scenarios, but “apocalyptic,” as Snyder reiterates.

[China carried out “simulated” precision attacks](#) on Taiwan targets, according to several media reports, in response to Taiwan’s president meeting with the U.S. House speaker over the weekend.

“They are literally practicing for [an invasion of Taiwan](#),” Snyder says. “And the moment China invades Taiwan, the U.S. and China will be at war. But most Americans don’t understand any of this, and that is extremely unfortunate.”

Snyder says the U.S. is “completely and utterly unprepared to fight a war with China, [and such a war would be a nightmare for the entire planet.](#)”

But, Snyder says, “our politicians are beating the war drums anyway. ... This is really happening. But we don’t actually have enough ammunition for such a war, because we have already sent millions of rounds to Ukraine.”

Snyder says both Russia and the U.S. continue to escalate

matters as the Russians have been steadily taking territory in recent days.

“At some point, the Ukrainians are going to become completely desperate, and extremely desperate people can do extremely foolish things. If our leaders aren’t extremely careful, we could easily find ourselves in a shooting war with Russia. And that could potentially happen at the same time that we are in a shooting war with China. And there is a possibility that both of those would erupt while we are intervening in a major conflict in the Middle East.”

✘ The perfect storm, but as Snyder says, “The time to stop wars is before they begin.”

As believers, we should ask God for protection and peace to reign on our earth since Christ is the Prince of peace. Just as some people are hell-bent on destroying others, we must be determined to pray for them. We must encourage them to receive Christ in their hearts and accept the hope of glory in their future.

But this is going to take a global effort among all believers, and prayer is the only thing that will stop these potential “apocalyptic” disasters. {eoa}

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Day 4 in Jerusalem: ‘Woe to

You Scribes and Pharisees'

Yesterday, Jesus really put the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees in their place. But He didn't seem to do it in a vindictive manner, like He was resigning them all to hell and they had no way out.

Jesus appeared to have an ulterior motive—one that gave them a choice.

There's no doubt that His words had bite to them. He publicly rebuked them by saying "they do all their works to be seen by men. They make their Scripture boxes broad and lengthen the tassels on their prayer shawls. They love the places of honor at feasts and the prominent seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the marketplaces, and being called 'Rabbi' by men..." (Matt. 23:5-7).

He didn't stop there.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven against men. For you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You devour widows' houses and for pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation" (Matt. 23:13-15).

Yet this Man, whom they hated, seemed to preach with love. It's as if He wanted to show mercy on them and have them repent of their evil deeds. And that's just what many of them performed—evil and narcissistic deeds.

But if they did repent, then certainly there was room for them in what Jesus called His "kingdom of heaven." But who knows what that means?

He continued to give warnings to anyone who would listen, including a story that involved 10 virgins who went out to

“meet the bridegroom.” It appears that half of them were wise and brought oil for their lamps, and the other half ignored the need. When the latter five went out to buy more oil for their lamps, the bridegroom came and the door to the wedding banquet was shut, He explained.

He was heard saying, “Truly I say to you, I do not know you. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.” It was as if He was warning us to prepare for what is coming.

Some took heed to this warning, while others simply wrote it off as the ravings of a lunatic. Whatever the case, He warned again that judgment would come against the nations. The things He speaks of are very sober in nature. They do make you think, and think hard.

He was also overheard saying that the Son of Man, whom it was assumed He was speaking of Himself, would be betrayed and crucified. It’s a very distinct possibility as it has been said that today, the chief priests, the scribes and the elders of the people gathered in the place of the high priest Caiaphas.

Rumors circulated that they were plotting on how they might kill Jesus. It became known that even one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, met with the chief priests to conspire on how he might betray his friend. They paid Judas 30 pieces of silver, so the plan was set in motion for Jesus’ death.

And it was all because they simply did not like what He was preaching. This plan was sinister. It was as if Jesus knew all along what they were conspiring to do, yet He did nothing about it.

Passover is tomorrow and they wouldn’t dare kill Him on that day, would they? But what about after? How would they go about it? {eoa}

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Editor's Note: The preceding is an account of what one person could possibly have witnessed in Jerusalem on Wednesday during Holy Week. It is the fourth day of what happened, according to the Bible, prior to Jesus' crucifixion. Some of the text is editorial license.