

# Why You Definitely Need to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (If You Haven't Already)

I love the wonderful Holy Spirit, and I hope that you do, too. He is the most amazing person I have ever met. I think having a personal relationship with Him is one of the most incredible adventures we can have in life. When we are walking with the Spirit, He loves to reveal His love to us in new and exciting ways every day.

I had such a profound and [powerful encounter](#) when I was baptized with the Holy Spirit when I was 18 years old. I have never been the same. Ever since that day, I have seen thousands of people receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit in numerous ways. Whether it has been at churches praying near the front, in prayer groups or them sitting behind me or beside me in church vans, even at residential treatment foster care facilities or standing outside near the gun ranges, I've witnessed Jesus baptizing His kids in the Holy Spirit.

Whether I've laid hands on people or not, or encouraged people to go home and pray, many report how the Spirit of God filled them up and they spoke in tongues. Acts 2:1-4 shows us the amazing encounter where the Holy Spirit was poured out for the first time. But ever since then, the Spirit is poured out in power for everyone who calls on the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38-39).

The promise is for you and your children. My kids were [between the ages of 4 and 6](#) when they received the Spirit baptism. As I've heard it said before, "There is no junior Holy Spirit." Kids receive the same Holy Spirit you and I do when we are

baptized with the Holy Spirit.

And the Holy Spirit is given to you and me without measure. That means we can have as much of Him as we want. How much of the Spirit do you want in your life? I want to be so filled up I am overflowing everywhere I go. And I have been overflowing since I was baptized with the Holy Spirit.

If you need to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit, my wife and I released a *free* e-course available on [Charisma Courses](#). We're believing that thousands of people will watch the free e-course, use the downloadable file and receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. We go through the biblical stories and principles on what the baptism with the Holy Spirit is, sharing how we were baptized with the Spirit and how we've seen others receive the gift that is also for you. And we lead an activation, knowing people will be baptized with the Holy Spirit as Jesus moves in power.

Jesus loves you, and He loves me. And that is why He gives us the promise of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Please go through the [free Baptism with the Holy Spirit E-Course](#) with your friends, or a small group or church group, and share it with others so that they will be baptized with the Spirit. The promise is for you, and you will never be the same. {eoa}

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# How to Release Bitterness and Unforgiveness From Your Soul

In this video clip from a pre-quarantine service, Mike Signorelli, lead pastor and founder of V1 Church based in New York, says many times Christians want to sit in God's judgment seat and hold onto unforgiveness. But humans were never meant to sit in the position of judge, jury and defender.

Instead, Signorelli says we need to release our pain and unforgiveness to God in worship.

"See, here's what happens in worship," he says. "We say this: 'It's so much better Your way.' ... You take this seat of justice, and you say, 'God I'm going to really trust you.'"

Watch the full clip here. {eoa}

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## Strange Ad Prophecies Trump Will Be the Last U.S.

# President and Muslims Will Nuke Nashville in July

The editor of the *Nashville Tennessean* has vowed to investigate how a full-page ad predicting a nuclear attack by Muslims purchased by a breakaway Seventh-day Adventist group ran in the paper.

A version of the ad from Future for America, a “prophecy ministry” based in Arkansas, ran on Sunday (June 20). The ad featured a photo of Pope Francis and Donald Trump in front of an American flag and was filled dire warnings and a few Bible verses. Its authors claim that Trump will be the last president of the United States and that Trump’s feud with Democrats was predicted by the Bible.

“We are under conviction to not only tell you but to provide evidence that July 18, 2020, Islam is going to detonate a nuclear device in Nashville, Tennessee,” the ad began. It also included [a link](#) to a detailed Bible study and website.

On Sunday afternoon, after a backlash appeared on social media, Michael A. Anastasi, vice president and editor of *The Tennessean*, denounced the ad and said an investigation was underway. The paper reported that its advertising policies forbid hate speech.

“The ad is horrific and is utterly indefensible in all circumstances. It is wrong, period, and should have never been published,” Anastasi [told](#) *The Tennessean*. “It has hurt members of our community and our own employees, and that saddens me beyond belief. It is inconsistent with everything *The Tennessean* as an institution stands and has stood for.”

Bible prophecy teacher Jeff Pippenger of [Future for America](#) told Religion News Service in an email that he wrote one version of the ad and a friend from Ireland wrote a different

version of the ad, which ran earlier in the week.

Pippenger said the ministry paid for the ad, which he said was inspired by the work of Ellen White, one of the co-founders of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

He said that he and the others behind the ad consider themselves Seventh-day Adventists, “though some such as me have been removed from their membership by the Adventist Church because of our prophetic beliefs.” The ad itself also criticizes what it calls the “backslidden Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

The Future for America ministry claims its mission is “to proclaim the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified by the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.”

“The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future-for it is taking place before our eyes,” its website claims.

Pippenger said that plans to run more ads were now on hold.

“We were going to do a mail-out, but the printing company that had agreed to print and mail it out backed out based upon counsel from their attorneys.”

The ad was reminiscent of similar warnings from the late radio preacher [Harold Camping](#), best known for his 2011 prediction about the end of the world. {eoa}

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# Enough Is Enough: Trump's Presidency Is Making Christians Bolder

America has had some difficult periods in its history, and I lived through one of the worst. I came of age during the radical anti-Vietnam War era in the late '60s. I remember the riots at the 1968 Democratic convention when radicals tried to take over the party. We saw the same sort of street violence over the Vietnam War that we see today against President Trump in what is almost a repeat of that era.

As a student journalist, I covered the riots of radicals at the University of Florida (UF). I reported on the protests after the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University in May 1970 for the student newspaper. The following year I called in a story to the Associated Press from a pay phone inside the UF administration building after it had been seized by students. I remember the rhetoric and the inflamed passions of the radicals.

The radical societal changes I saw surfacing when I was a student came as a shock for most traditional Americans; they refused to believe what was happening until it was almost too late.

America has a long history of lively and often extreme political discord, going back to the time of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, whose acrimonious political fight must have seemed extreme after our first president, George Washington, was elected without opposition. But the acrimony then was nothing like what we have seen the last 60 years.

With the Left becoming more and more extreme, it was as if the people said, "Enough is enough." When Donald Trump was elected in 2016, the American people sent a message to Washington that they wanted change. It was a message the political and media elites missed, so they were shocked by Trump's decisive win in the electoral college. Even though Trump lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton, our Constitution set up a system in the electoral college that protects the small states from being overpowered by the more populous states. Trump won because he took three states the Democrats thought were in their pocket: Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. But he only won by roughly 80,000 votes spread over all three states— less than 1% in each state. "This was not a blowout," said Ralph Reed, a respected conservative political strategist.

Trump's campaign in 2020 is entirely different because while he has been fighting since 2016 to make life better for all Americans, the Left has grown more extreme in its radicalism. It's become more dangerous than it's ever been in the history of our country. Meanwhile Trump has become the unlikely hero of most conservatives, including evangelicals. They see his courage and his stand for the truth. They see his unprecedented presidential support of religious liberty, life of the unborn and Israel.

While the country has lurched left over the past few decades, Trump has at least slowed the momentum. Christians have sensed this reprieve, and it has emboldened them to take a stand like they hadn't recently. Conservative news sites—and even Christian ones—are more prominent. Some Christian movies, such as *Unplanned* and *Breakthrough*, have been big hits, whereas before, few Christian-friendly movies even got a slot in a theater. Leaders who may have been intimidated into silence are again taking courage from how Trump speaks the truth and survives the onslaught from the politically correct crowd.

Let's face it, the same people who oppose Trump almost uniformly oppose Bible-believing Christians. If Trump loses,

not only do we lose the benefits we have gained from some of his executive orders, but we lose a champion and a real American leader. {eoa}

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## **Kentucky Pastor Invites Christians to Join Him on Prayer March in CHOP**

Protesters in Seattle have taken over a few blocks of the city after they were vacated by police, designating the area the Capitol Hill Organized Protest (or CHOP). The area—previous known as the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ)—is marked by repurposed police barricades at each end, but people are free to walk through. Marches and protests in Seattle often originate and end in this “cop-free zone,” and protesters [have reportedly](#) made themselves at home, planting community gardens, setting up food and aid booths, and creating street art.

Pastor Brian Gibson—who leads His Church, a multisite church with campuses in Kentucky and Texas—says he has felt the Holy Spirit leading him to minister in CHOP. He tells *Charisma News* that last night, he visited the area and prayed for local protesters. And next week, he intends to hold three days of prayer marches through CHOP to reach those inside with the hope of Jesus—and he’s inviting Christians from around the U.S. to join him.

“We just see that the city needs a covering of prayer and a

gospel witness," Gibson says. "If we can get people praying, we can change the atmosphere. So I feel like we're going to have a big turnout. I feel like it's going to make a big spiritual impact. ... [In CHOP,] what I do is I ask people. I listen to people—everybody wants their story told, and everybody wants to be heard. And then I'll offer to pray for them: 'I'm a Christian minister. Can I pray for you in the name of Jesus?' And I prayed for tons of people last night."

Gibson's prayer march at CHOP will take place in the evening from June 23-25. Gibson says he has partnered with several Seattle-area pastors and churches for the march, and they're extending the invitation to leaders and laymen alike to come join them.

"We're going to be bringing pastors from all over the nation," Gibson says. "[I've been] here for two or three days, just me and a few friends. We walked in last night and ministered in CHOP. But I'm bringing pastors from all over the nation. They'll be flying in, and we're going to start ministering this coming Tuesday."

Gibson says that he is glad to see so many brothers and sisters in Christ standing against racism and says he approves of all peaceful protesters—"It smells like liberty [even] when they disagree with me." But he says he was specifically drawn to minister in CHOP because he is concerned by the lawlessness and violence in that area.

"Seattle's one of the most beautiful cities in America, and I hate to see it be destroyed from the inside out. You see right now all the businesses boarded up. I'm down here where the action is in Seattle, and it looks like they're prepared for war. ... Seattle right now is falling into lawlessness and falling into a godless culture on that hill."

Gibson says he believes prayer will be more effective than any political action from the right or left—and he believes our

nation needs a turning point within the next “six weeks to two months.”

“I think we need a spiritual awakening in America,” Gibson says. “That’s the only thing that’s going to end racism. That’s the only thing that’s going to end fear. And quite frankly, I think hatred is at a higher level right now than it’s been in years in America. So I think that’s what we need: the heart of humanity touched. ... When we get the heart of humanity touched, fear, hatred and racism will bow their knees to the name of Jesus.”

In that vein, Gibson says the point of the prayer march is simple: “I believe it’s a time to pray. It’s a time to witness. It’s a time to love people and drive hatred back.”

Gibson encourages anyone interested in joining him to email [info@peaceablygather.com](mailto:info@peaceablygather.com) for more information or to visit the [Peaceably Gather website](#).

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## **The Essential Reason This Organization Exists**

The preeminent why of MAPS Global is the worth of Jesus. Jesus’ worth is both objective and subjective.

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reconciled the cosmos in His own body on the cross; therefore His worth is objective because there is no other man who is fully God, and there is no other person in the universe like him.

But Jesus' worth is not only objective, but also subjective, because the question becomes, "What is He worth to you?" He is not only worth worship as the creator and the inheritor of all things, but He is also worth my worship because of what He has done for me.

No one else has loved me, saved me, comforted me, delivered me and led me like He has in every season and in every situation.  
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## **Why Does God Leave the 99 to Save the One?**

Mike Signorelli, pastor of V1 Church, says God's act of leaving the 99 sheep to save one lost sheep is a message for

both the sheep and the wolf hunting them.

“So why does God really leave the 99 to save the one?” Signorelli says in a video posted to Facebook. “I mean, you’ve all heard it preached that in your own sin and failure, when you ran from God, He chased after you and saved you. And while that’s all true, do you also know that a good shepherd has this awareness that there’s a wolf prowling around seeking whom he may devour?”

“So in leaving the 99 for the one, He’s actually retraining the wolf. He’s saying, ‘Hey, if you get the one, you’ll have an appetite and come back for 99 more. But I’m actually saving the one because I’m sending a message that I’m saving all their friends, all their family and everyone connected to them.’ I don’t know if you’ve ever thought about it like this, but in saving you, God was actually retraining the wolf and telling the enemy, ‘You’re not having the rest of them either.’”

Watch the full video [here](#).

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## **Jim Bakker Sues Arkansas AG, and Arkansas AG Sues Back**

Evangelist Jim Bakker has been sued by Arkansas’ attorney general, Republican Leslie Rutledge, for allegedly making a false promise that a product featured on his show could cure coronavirus. Bakker has denied these claims. Though Bakker’s show is filmed in Branson, Missouri—[where he has also been sued](#)—Arkansas is involved, [according to Rutledge](#), because 385

Arkansans bought more than \$60,000 in colloidal silver product from Bakker.

Rutledge's lawsuit comes only eight days after Bakker [sued](#) Rutledge, the city of Los Angeles and two other California counties after lawyers demanded records of his supporters' information. Bakker said such demands violated his First Amendment rights and his religious freedoms. (Rutledge [has denied this, saying](#) the lawsuit is about consumer fraud, not freedom of religion.)

Jay Nixon, attorney for Bakker and Morningside Church, emailed a statement in response to Rutledge's lawsuit Wednesday morning.

"The Arkansas attorney general's lawsuit is obviously in direct response to our prior suit seeking to protect the names, addresses and contribution histories of church members," Nixon wrote. "Through our lawsuit filed last week in federal court, we took necessary steps to protect our clients' constitutional rights, and the rights of its congregation. Attorney General Rutledge's filing today confirms that our action to prevent this type of retaliation was warranted. The Constitution, federal statutes, and prior cases clearly provide protection from this intrusion. It is important to note that Pastor Bakker never said Silver Solution prevented or cured COVID-19. Silver Solution and similar supplements are also commonly sold at Walmart, GNC, CVS and on Amazon, without legal action from the Arkansas attorney general."

The lawsuits center on a segment from the Feb. 12 episode of *The Jim Bakker Show*, in which Bakker hosted natural health expert Sherrill Sellman, who allegedly implied that Silver Solution could cure COVID-19, in addition to HIV, SARS and other diseases.

In the episode—which has since been removed from Bakker's website and YouTube channel—Bakker asked Sellman, "This

influenza that is now circling the globe—you're saying that 'Silver Solution' would be effective?"

Sellman replied, "Well, let's say it hasn't been tested on this strain of the coronavirus, but it has been tested on other strains of the coronavirus and has been able to eliminate it within 12 hours. Totally eliminate it. Kills it. Deactivates it."

She added that Silver Solution "has been proven by the government that it has the ability to kill every pathogen it has ever been tested on, including SARS and HIV."

In March, [CBS News](#) reported that Bakker and six other companies were warned by the FTC and FDA "to stop selling unapproved products and treatments." The Missouri attorney general's office said that Bakker had "falsely promised to consumers that Silver Solution can cure, eliminate, kill or deactivate coronavirus and/or boost elderly consumers' immune system and help keep them healthy when there is, in fact, no vaccine, pill, potion or other product available to treat or cure coronavirus disease 2019." The New York attorney general's office also sent Bakker a cease and desist order.

In response, Bakker stopped selling the product on his website in March. In May, Lori Bakker [announced on Facebook](#) that Bakker had experienced a stroke and would take a sabbatical from the show to recover.

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# Worshippers Continue 'Unity Revival' at George Floyd Memorial Despite Pushback

The camera pans from a memorial of George Floyd in Minneapolis to a stage set up fifty feet away. Roughly 50 people are gathered in worship—faces toward the stage, backs toward the memorial.

“George Floyd Avenue—they’ve renamed it,” [says worship leader Sean Feucht](#). “That’s where the trauma happened right here. Where the injustice happened right here. And now, right here on this corner, a move of the Holy Spirit is happening.”

On May 25, George Floyd—a black Christian man—was murdered by police officer Derek Chauvin, who placed his knee into Floyd’s neck as other officers watched.

Whether it is appropriate to host a worship event just 50 feet from the weeks-old site of a national tragedy is the question sparking serious disagreement even among Christians.

Feucht responded after several criticized him for holding revival meetings at a place where many are mourning.

Some charismatic leaders say that turning the site of Floyd’s death into a place for worship gatherings is a miracle—proof of how God transforms bad situations for good. Christophe Ulysse, from Youth With a Mission, told [Fox News](#), “We’re going from pain and hatred to healing and hope.” Awaken the Dawn’s Joshua Lindquist says, “God is giving beauty from ashes.” And last Monday, Circuit Riders’ Joel Bomberger [said](#) baptisms were taking place and deaf ears were being opened.

But other Christian leaders call it [colonization](#) and [gentrification](#).

Feucht—a charismatic artist and activist who founded “Burn 24-7,” “Light a Candle” and “Hold the Line”—is not the only one who believes God is on the move. Awaken the Dawn’s Joshua Lindquist believes the memorial will become an “epicenter of revival.” On his [Facebook page](#), Lindquist explained the heart behind Unity Revival Minneapolis and said miracles are taking places.

“A unity revival is taking place at the exact location where the world’s heart was broken by witnessing George Floyd being unjustly murdered,” Lindquist says. “In response to this heart breaking crisis, many churches & many ministries have come together to share the love of Christ within this hurting community & it has shifted the atmosphere of this place from an atmosphere of death to life. There has been so much unity, healing, deliverances, forgiveness, racial reconciliation, miracles, salvations & even baptisms on the exact location where George’s life was unjustly taken... God is giving beauty from ashes... People have come forward for prayer who said they were suicidal & in despair & depression because of all the world’s frequent traumatic events... They have received prayer and have been set free & have found healing & hope! People of all races have been seen every day in each other’s arms weeping deeply as God is uniting hearts of all ethnicities at the memorial in Minneapolis through the love & forgiveness message that is within the gospel of Jesus Christ!”

Dr. Charles Karuku, senior pastor of International Outreach Church in Burnsville, Minnesota, is one of the event’s key leaders. [According to Lindquist](#), Karuku was endorsed and invited by Floyd’s family to bring healing to the Minneapolis community following Floyd’s death. In a [Facebook Live](#), Karuku described the groundswell of support for the Unity Revival—the associated Facebook group has over 1,200 members as of Monday—and the unity the event is fostering in the community.

“What we are providing is an opportunity for people who are

saying, 'What can I do' to be able to find something to do," Karuku says. "This is the unity that we want to see turn into racial reconciliation. And so our message is very clear. Jesus Christ brings us together and through Jesus Christ we can be reunited one to another, because reconciliation first of all starts with God and then one with another. And when that vertical is in place, the horizontal is so easier."

However, critics described Unity Revival Minneapolis as disruptive to those who were simply there to remember Floyd and mourn his death. They perceived Feucht and other leaders as trying to co-opt this tragedy. One Twitter user, @emmalouiseri, posted [a thread of pictures and videos](#) from the event that detailed her concerns.

Another user, @MarlaAReid, [responded](#) to Feucht's post with skepticism, writing, "I keep having a major 'check in my spirit' that something is off here. I am all for revival and pray earnestly for Jesus to come and for fire to fall and true repentance to change hearts and for our land to be healed. But this must be the Spirit's doing, not our own."

In a video posted Sunday to [Twitter](#), Feucht admitted the worshippers had experienced "a little bit of resistance" but that they intended to return again. During the prior week, Feucht [had tweeted](#) about his mixed feelings regarding Black Lives Matter—"the statement is true while the movement is shady"—and [declared](#), "NEVER LET THE MOB SILENCE THE SOUND OF YOUR WORSHIP!!!!"

Feucht's failed bid this spring to become the U.S. House Representative for California's 3rd Congressional District was also scrutinized by some critics. Feucht [placed third](#) in the March primary election, garnering 13.9% of the votes according to the New York Times.

In response to criticism, Feucht wrote on [Twitter](#), "The beautiful worship, prayer, baptism and hope happening at the

George Floyd Memorial site is profound! 9 nights in a row these black local pastors have led it and it's still going! ... These gatherings have zero to [do] with me and/or Bethel. I'm honored to promote, encourage and bring awareness to them though. They live there and know the needs of their own community. If threats, vulgar language and trolling on me and my family is the price to pay, then so be it.

"You can't CANCEL what God is doing and the lives being changed! The response of the church on 38th and Chicago to engage and bring hope is reverberating across the world. The boldness of these pastors is breathing courage into our hearts!"

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## **Louie Giglio Apologizes After Describing 'the Blessing of Slavery,' 'White Blessing'**

Pastor Louie Giglio apologized on Tuesday after receiving significant backlash to comments made on Sunday in which he suggested the phrase "white privilege" should be replaced with "white blessing." Giglio's comments came during a [recorded sit-down conversation](#) at Passion City Church in Atlanta with Lecrae and Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy.

In a [clip](#) posted by *Faithfully Magazine* editor Nicola A. Menzie, Giglio said that because white people recoil at the concept of "white privilege," it would be "a great thing" to

change the name to “white blessing.”

“I want to flip that upside down because I feel like the other side of it’s true with our nation’s history,” Giglio said. “We understand the curse that was slavery—white people do—and we say, ‘That was bad.’ But we miss the blessing of slavery, that it actually built up the framework for the world that white people live in. So a lot of people call this white privilege. When you say those two words, it just is like a fuse goes off for a lot of white people because they don’t want somebody telling them to check their privilege. I know that you and I have both struggled in these days with ‘Hey, if the phrase is the trip-up, let’s get over the phrase and let’s get down to the heart.’ Let’s get down to ‘What then do you want to call it?’ And I think maybe a great thing for me is to call it white blessing. That I’m living in the blessing of the curse that happened generationally that allowed me to grow up in Atlanta.”

Though Giglio’s intent [appeared to be](#) highlighting that the prosperity of white people came on the backs of decades of oppression, his wording confused and alarmed many online. Several Christian leaders criticized Giglio’s comments for calling slavery “a blessing” in any sense.

Lisa Sharon Harper, founder and president of Freedom Road, wrote [a Twitter thread](#) rebuking the theological inaccuracies of Giglio’s remarks and calling him to public repentance, lest his remarks confuse and lead other Christians into sin. She pointed out that the term Giglio ought to have used was “white patriarchy,” or systems based upon the inaccurate theology that God intended for white men to rule the earth.

“Both blessings and privileges are given,” Harper wrote. “They do not magically appear out of thin air. God gives blessings. In scripture, God blesses those who do what is just and good. Parents give privileges to children who do well. By calling slavery #whiteblessing or #whiteprivilege, you attempt to

conscript God as a co-conspirator in the [aberration] of human hierarchy. You attempt to make #whiteness God's responsibility; aligning God with the very setup that wages war against God's image on earth."

In response to criticism, Giglio posted a [video apology](#) Tuesday afternoon, in which he said he was wrong, clarified his intent and emphasized his need to continue learning.

"I just wanted to come directly to you today and sincerely apologize for the use of a phrase Sunday: 'white blessing,'" Giglio said. "And I extend that apology today to every single person who is listening to me right now but most importantly I extend that apology to my black brothers and sisters. I, like so many, am so burdened about what is happening in our nation right now and I'm heartbroken about where we are as a nation, and one of the things I'm most heartbroken about is trying to help myself continue to learn and to help my white brothers and sisters understand that white privilege is real. And in trying to get that sentiment across on Sunday, I used the phrase 'white blessing,' for which I'm deeply sorry. It was a horrible choice of words. It does not reflect my heart at all.

"To be clear, I don't believe there is any blessing in slavery. To the contrary, I'm trying to understand and help people see that I and my white brothers and sisters, we sit in large part where we are today because of centuries of gross injustice done to our black brothers and sisters. This is my heart. This is what I want to more fully understand, because I believe this will help us stay engaged in this conversation so we can all move forward together. So thank you for just letting me open my heart to you today. Thank you for letting me apologize directly to you today. And I ask that you would pray for me and possibly even join me as I just desire to learn, to understand, to stay engaged and to be a part of all of us moving forward together to the place that God wants us to be."

Lecrae also posted a [video to Twitter](#) in which he said that he was “not OK” with Giglio’s original comments about “white blessing.” He said the reason he remained quiet in the video was because he was processing the statement and how to respond.

“I wasn’t OK with it. I was very uncomfortable, and I was processing, ‘Man, what do I say in light of this?’” Lecrae said. “There have been a lot of times, as I’ve navigated white supremacy or racial injustice and I’ve wanted to lash out, honestly, in anger. And there [are] other moments where I’ve been like, ‘God, give me the grace and wisdom on how to deal with this.’”

Lecrae says he ultimately decided to talk to Giglio privately on Sunday, immediately after the filmed conversation ended, to discuss where he had gone wrong. He says he also spoke to Giglio again on Monday night. Lecrae also thanked those who had asked questions online for bringing this important conversation to light.

In recent weeks, Giglio has been vocal in his support for racial justice, including encouraging Passion church members to attend peaceful protests taking place in Atlanta.

“There’s no way I believe a Jesus-follower can watch what happened to George Floyd and not be outraged and not be so brokenhearted,” Giglio [said on Pentecost Sunday](#). “And so we pray for his family today. We pray for our nation today.”  
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