

# Vineyard Pastor Resigns Amidst Son's Misconduct Allegations

The senior pastor of The Vineyard Church in Duluth, Minnesota, Michael Gatlin, has resigned according to an email sent by The Special Committee of the Church Council.

Gatlin's resignation comes on the heels of an investigation into his son, Jackson Gatlin, who served as the church's young adult and online community pastor.

The Vineyard church posted an announcement regarding the matter to their website, stating that the Gatlins knew of the misconduct allegations and did not act on that knowledge. The church also revealed that police were involved with the investigation.

"His resignation comes in the context of allegations of misconduct against one of our former pastoral assistants and Michael's son, Jackson Gatlin," the statement read. "There are also allegations that Michael and Brenda Gatlin knew about this misconduct at the time and failed to act. This matter is being investigated by the police."

In the letter drafted by The Special Committee of the Church Council, Gatlin was asked to meet specific criteria by providing information relevant to the investigation.

"Immediately prior to Michael's resignation, we directed him to provide a statement to the Special Committee detailing his response and the actions he took, if any, to certain allegations of misconduct regarding Jackson Gatlin. We are Michael's supervisor, yet he missed our deadline and never provided a statement. We had also advised him that his failure or refusal to provide information we had requested or to be

interviewed by GRACE may result in the termination of his employment.”

In his resignation letter, Gatlin informed the council that he was unable to cooperate with their directives.

Addressing all potential victims in this heart-wrenching situation for the church, they made their stance of support for them known, loud and clear.

“Also, we want to again say to all survivors of abuse that we hear you and believe you. It is never your fault. And, you are not alone. We are praying for you and we call our community to a time of prayer and lament. As Jesus was always on the side of the vulnerable and the wounded, in our response to abuse the safety and care of survivors must always come first.”

While it still remains to be seen moving forward how the church acts in support of the victims, simply admitting to their existence and pledging to stand with them is a step in the right direction.


As reported by the Christian Post, “Myrissa Overfors, who claims she is one of Jackson Gatlin’s victims, said in a statement on Facebook that she was working with investigators and ‘other victims’ of his alleged misconduct.

“I am currently working with their investigators and I think this may be a long battle for me and his other victims. Send us all positive thoughts and prayers if you believe in the upcoming months. I’m sure we all will need it. If you have been a victim of this predator, you’re not alone.”

While Gatlin has resigned from his position and his future is uncertain pending the police investigation, The Vineyard Church is moving forward in obedience to the words of Paul in the New Testament. They are conducting themselves in an open, transparent manner reminiscent of the spirit in which James 5:16 is written: “Confess your faults to one another and pray

for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much.”

This act of confession, and support for victims, pulls back the veil of secrecy and allows God’s healing light to shine on the situation. Victims can be healed, church members restored and the congregation may move forward grateful to the Lord for guiding them through such a perilous season. {eoa}

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## **‘ Jesus Revolution ’ Experiences Double Portion at Box Office**

Originally projected to bring in \$7 million during its opening weekend, the Erwin brothers latest film “Jesus Revolution” raked in more than twice that amount and became the third highest-grossing movie over the weekend as the nation continues to experience revival.

The Lionsgate movie “Jesus Revolution” brought in a total of \$15,525,000 in more than 2,400 theaters.

The movie’s performance at the box office surprised many, but then a lot of people continue to underestimate God and the pockets of revival that continue to happen throughout the country. A headline from the Washington Examiner read, “Frasier Star Kelsey Grammer and Jesus Revolution Shock Box Office with No. 3 Open.”

Troops and Allies, a Nashville-based marketing agency that is promoting "Jesus Revolution," said in a release:

"It's been an exciting weekend for Jesus Revolution. The audience response has been overwhelming. Lionsgate's 'Jesus Revolution' from Kingdom Story Company took in an estimated \$ million this weekend (including pre-release awareness screenings), significantly overperforming pre-release tracking. Before the weekend, estimates for the film showed the film opening in the \$6-7M range.

"With a 99% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes and an A+ CinemaScore, Lionsgate and Kingdom targeted the faith community, and the opening weekend audience at 2,475 North American theaters was 59% female and 89% 25+. The film is positioned solidly with faith-inspired moviegoers."

To build excitement around the film, Lionsgate organized church screenings, university screenings and other initiatives that garnered enthusiasm for the film prior to its nationwide release.

The film also set a record this weekend: the release of "Jesus Revolution" marks the first time in history that a director (Jon Erwin) has scored four A+ CinemaScore Grades since the company publicly released the results in 1986. These films include:

- I Can Only Imagine
- American Underdog
- Jesus Revolution
- Woodlawn

Many viewers praised the film on the movie's Facebook page:

- Kelsey Grammer did an outstanding job as did the rest of the cast. This movie is inspirational.
- We absolutely LOVED it! Let the revival begin!
- My family watched a movie on Saturday. The movie theater

is full. We all clapped ! Thank you for the good work. I hope to the new wave of revival coming again.

- I'm so glad to see Kelsey Grammer's Stand for Christ in the midst of Hollywood.

☒ Along with Grammer, the film stars Kimberly Williams-Paisley and Anna Grace Barlow. "Jesus Revolution" is the true story of one young hippie's (Laurie) quest in the 1970s for belonging and purpose that leads not only to peace, love, and rock and roll, but that sets into motion a new counterculture crusade, changing the course of his life.

Laurie is the founder and pastor of Harvest churches in California and Hawaii. He is an evangelist and a bestselling author. {eoa}

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## **Perry Stone Shares 'Bizarre' Prophetic Dream of Foreign Invasion**

Last weekend, Perry Stone prophetic minister and author Perry Stone revealed a "strange" dream he had, one where foreign troops had invaded the United States.

Stone posted the gist of the dream on Facebook Sunday says he is still "processing what he saw."

- ☒ "STRANGE DREAM! Last night I had a bizarre dream of something that had occurred in the United States, and

foreign troops had taken over the transportation (fuel and rails) in the United States.

Stone says the Lord also prophetically spoke to him about Turkey and the recent deadly earthquakes there. He says it is a preview of Ezekiel 38-39, and that he will teach this as one of his prophetic messages in March. {eoa}

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## **Former Satanist John Ramirez Exposes After School Satan Clubs**

Former Satanist John Ramirez has been on a mission to expose the kingdom of darkness since he gave his life to Jesus. His heart is for everyday Christians to understand and be aware of what's happening in the spirit realm around them. Now, with After School Satan Clubs being introduced in schools, he is exposing the lie that they claim they don't actually worship Satan.

"These clubs, these Satanism people, how they dress things up, how they introduce things to people, how they finesse it and say they don't worship Satan. They are a bunch of liars," Evangelist Ramirez says.

He equates their lie to someone saying they are a Christian, yet they don't believe in Jesus. "In the foundation of whatever you follow, there has to be a deity," he says.

In schools across the country, there are Satan Clubs popping up with the aim of giving an alternative to a Christian club. In a Chesapeake, Virginia school board meeting one parent spoke out on the matter saying, "We can't be so afraid of being mocked or called names or canceled that we open the door wide open to evil in our community and most importantly to our children."

But, the fear of being mocked is exactly what has kept so many people from speaking out. Ramirez is sounding the alarm on the danger of the theology they are presenting. In the beginning they claim not to worship Satan, then Ramirez says once you are accepted in through ceremonies and contracts with the dark side they start to be honest.

"The more ingrafted you get in, the more you see," he says.

It's no surprise there is a war going on right now against the young generation. An outpouring just started at Asbury University with a few hungry students seeking the Lord. The world was impacted by their hearts for Jesus. Satan is after that generation. He wants to snatch them from God's calling and purpose for their life and bring confusion and chaos.

"We see what's going on in Kentucky right, the move of God. Who's there? All young people. Satan is a copy cat, he wants to copy anything that is original," Ramirez says.

At eight-year-old Ramirez was brought into the Satanic church. He went to meetings from 7PM to 5AM the next day being trained by witches and warlocks. In his new book coming out March 7th "Fire Prayers: Building Arsenals That Destroy Satanic Kingdoms" Ramirez gives a practical manual for every Christian.

☒ "The Holy Spirit said 'why don't you write a manual for spiritual warfare prayers and how to destroy satanic kingdoms,'" he says. Not only does he share how to destroy plots, schemes, entrapment, delay and blockages but the

satanic kingdoms themselves. “Who called fire from heaven? Elijah. It’s called ‘Fire Prayers.’ Destroy every demonic altar that’s got your family bloodline on it,” Ramirez says.

Pray for this nation. Pray that God would set a part this generation for His glory and all plans of the enemy would be broken. Watch the rest of the interview to hear more on fighting the enemy with spiritual warfare prayers. {eoa}



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## **Barry Meguiar and God’s Better Business Blessing**

God often uses people from non-traditional backgrounds to make a kingdom impact.

Sometimes people get into the mindset that they aren’t called into ministry because they are a banker, lawyer, doctor or some kind of profession other than an ordained minister.

For Barry Meguiar, he was a third-generation business leader who had no idea that the Lord was going to use his business as a form of ministry.

“We were selling [car wax] to body shops and car dealers, when God inspired me back in 1969 to take the business into retail,” Meguiar shared in a *Charisma News* exclusive interview.

“I didn’t know what I was doing but I came out of a Christian college with Proverbs 3:5 in my heart.”

Proverbs 3:5 reads: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”

“I said ‘God, that’s easy. I have no intelligence! I don’t have a clue what I’m doing in retail.’” Meguiar recalled. “So, I just trusted Him, and I’ve done that for 50 years. We’re the number-one selling car wax in America, and in countries all over the world.”

Yet even as Meguiar was leading a successful business with God at the center, he had no idea what God had planned for him as far as ministry went. He was even willing to leave his business if it meant remaining obedient to the Lord.

One day, when Meguiar was praying about going into full-time ministry or not, he had a fateful encounter with someone the Lord sent his way.

“A guy walked into my office from my church, he was a missionary kid about my same age. I never talked to him, never exchanged a glance with him, but I recognized he’d been around the platform a couple of times,” Meguiar recalled.

After catching up briefly and explaining to the man, David Nutt, that he had been sharing his faith with people recently, Nutt exclaimed, “Boy! God’s given you a wonderful ministry here, hasn’t He?!”

Meguiar was caught off guard with the statement, not seeing how his business in the automotive world had anything to do with ministry.

“The people you’re reaching, a pastor couldn’t reach,” Nutt explained. “But as a businessman, you can. It’s obvious your business is your pulpit.”

Taking this stranger at his word, Meguiar has lived a life

from his pulpit: the automotive industry, with Jesus at the center of it all.

“This is what life is all about. Life is about redemption! And so, He gives us an opportunity to understand who He is, [and] in the rest of our time it’s to get on His team and find your position and play it out to the best of your ability,” Meguiar revealed.

“Then everything else works. It’s not like my business failed because of that. But it’s also secondary to living for God’s purpose. And when you do that, it ignites your life.” {eoa}

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## **What’s Coming for America? Listen to Rick Joyner’s Prophetic Insight**

The Bible tells us, “Surely, the Lord God does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

✘ Rick Joyner is respected and looked up to by multitudes throughout America and abroad as a senior prophetic leader who has faithfully served the body of Christ for decades. He led MorningStar ministries for years and is the author of over 50 books.

At the recent Roundtable leadership summit in Fort Mill, South Carolina, Rick provided guidance to senior leaders from throughout America who came together for the annual gathering

that has taken place for over three-and-a-half decades.

For this special edition of the “Week in Review” video commentary, I sat down with Rick and encouraged him to take 10 minutes to share personally with all of us inspiring prophetic insights during this turbulent time in our history. Take advantage of this opportunity and pass it along to others.  
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## **Michael Brown: The Opposition to Holiness Is Mounting**

Have you ever heard the saying, “Being forewarned is being forearmed”? When you know the hurricane is coming, you board up your house and go to safer territory. When you know a severe cold spell is on the way, you make sure that you have proper winter clothing.

In the same way, the Bible not only predicts seasons of great temptation and lawlessness, it also tells us how to survive such times. We can even thrive during such difficult seasons, with the grace and help of God. In fact, the same proven methods for overcoming sin and resisting temptation that apply to everyday life also apply in times of severe pressure and stress. We just need to be more vigilant in putting these methods into practice during times like this.

That’s because it’s so much easier to swim with the tide, to embrace the prevailing culture, to go with the flow, rather than to push back and resist.

If you decide not to acquiesce to the latest LGBTQ talking points on the job or in school, you will be vilified, marginalized and demonized. You will be excluded, marked, mocked and even canceled. You will be branded a bigot, a hater, a Nazi, to the point of losing promotions, jobs, scholarships and your reputation. Who wants any of this? Better to conform than to resist. At the least, better to be silent. That's certainly what the flesh wants to do.

Yet when we do this, compromising our convictions for the sake of our comfort, we compromise our very souls. This, too, is part of the Lord's warning, and it accurately describes the culture of the day. Lawlessness abounds. Wickedness has increased. The opposition to holiness is mounting. The resistance to the gospel is growing.

Will we stand tall for the world to see, or will we cower? Will we hold to God's truth regardless of cost or consequence, or will we rationalize our spineless choices? Will we have the courage to do what is right even when it makes us unpopular, or will we succumb to the pressure to conform? Put another way, which is more important to us, being accepted by God or being accepted by people? Whose favor do we value more? Whose praise do we live for?

In the words of Paul, "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10). That is some straightforward language.

In that same spirit, Jesus said to religious leaders in His day, "How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God" (John 5:44)? As John recorded later in this same book, "Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in Him [referring to Jesus]. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more

than praise from God” (John 12:42–43).

Does that apply to any of us? Do we care more about human opinion than divine opinion? Are we more interested in the praise of people than the praise of our Lord? Are we more focused on temporal favor than eternal favor?

☒ May the Lord open our eyes to eternal realities and deliver us from the fear of man and the desire to be praised by man. As a colleague of mine once said, “When you are on your knees [meaning, in prayer], the praise and the criticism go right over your head.”

Or perhaps this question will help us get the right perspective: Would you rather be rejected by God or by people? Chew on that for a moment. How you answer that question will have eternal repercussions. {eoa}

(Excerpted and adapted from Michael L. Brown, “Why So Many Christians Have Left the Faith: Responding to the Deconstructionist Movement with Unshakable, Timeless Truth.” To read a free chapter, visit .)

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## 80-year-old Janitor Shocked

# by Student Benevolence

Some Texas high school seniors are trying to help a senior citizen retire from the workforce once again, and it appears their amazing act of kindness will be successful.

KXII-TV reports the three Callisburg High School seniors noticed Mr. James, a retired resident who had to come out of retirement and become their school custodian last month, due to the rising cost of living in recent months.

“It’s just so sad seeing an 80-year-old man having to do things an 80-year-old shouldn’t have to do,” said senior Banner Tidwell.


All it took to get the project rolling was a single video posted to TikTok. Senior Greyson Thurman uploaded the video showing Mr. James cleaning the halls. He also mentioned the GoFundMe page he created for James, aiming to help him to continue to live comfortably.

“I have 2,000 followers and that was enough to get the word out,” Thurman told KXII.

The page raised \$10,000 in 12 hours with most of the donations coming from students, the outlet reported.

Jason Hooper, the school’s principal, said he was proud of the three seniors and all of the students who participated in the fundraiser.

“It’s just amazing,” Hooper told KXII. “You know of the need that was met because of three kind kids, but of all of our students who have pitched in to help that need.”

 In seven days since the GoFundMe page was created, donations have continued to roll in. As of Wednesday, more than 5,000 people had donated to the page, raising more than \$159,000, just shy of the \$200,000 goal.

“Hey guys, I’m having a fundraiser for our janitor who is struggling to pay his rent,” Thurman wrote on the page. “He had to leave retirement to continue to pay his rent that was raised. Just a little will change his life!!”

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## **Holy Spirit Moves at AG University in Pennsylvania**

The University of Valley Forge, an Assemblies of God institution in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, has a storied and miraculous history.

In 2013, Charisma Media Founder Stephen Strang reported Valley Forge, founded in 1939, won a Supreme Court case in 1978 that allowed it to keep its beautiful 106-acre campus, and it has been churning out godly community leaders since its founding in 1939.

And now, Valley Forge has joined the growing list of universities, high schools, grade schools and churches where the Holy Spirit has overwhelmed these campus and where nationwide revival—if not an awakening—is becoming more and more evident each day. It all started with Asbury University nearly three weeks and, the fire is spreading.

On social media Wednesday, author and evangelist Rick Curry posted the news of an outpouring at Valley Forge.

“GREAT NEWS! Valley Forge College in Pennsylvania is still in chapel service since 11 a.m. and school has cancelled classes for TOMORROW! There is a move of God coming no building can contain and no ministry will control. Reported from trusted friend!”

Curry posted an update Friday from Valley Forge: “Valley Forge College! Update. We are so excited to see the Holy Spirit rest upon a generation and raise them up to take their place in the storyline of history! Let’s go! Let’s encourage, support and get excited this generation can change the world!”

At mid-day Friday, Curry also posted a video that he and others were “on their way to revival in Florence, Kentucky.

Wednesday, Dr. Michael Yeager of Jesus is Lord Ministries, posted this on Facebook: “Carrie Brooks: There is a beautiful move of the Holy Spirit happening at UVF—University of Valley Forge right now... Jesus is at work in the hearts and lives of those waiting in His Presence. Thankful for His grace & kindness.

“Better is one day in your house than a thousand elsewhere.”

There are also reports of the Holy Spirit moving at Hannibal-LaGrange University in Hannibal, Missouri. Hannibal-LaGrange is affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention (Southern Baptist).

CBN reported that Shane Pruitt, the national Next Gen director for the North American Mission Board, tweeted a photo of students worshipping together on Wednesday night.

“Full house at @HLGUniversity on Wednesday night.”

CBN reported that, “In a follow-up tweet, Pruitt reported 8 students responded to the gospel for salvation. Pruitt delivered the gospel message at a service in the school’s chapel earlier Wednesday morning.”

*Full house at @HLGuniversity on a Wednesday night.  
#revivalgeneration*

*– Shane Pruitt (@shane\_pruitt78) February 23, 2023*

- ✘ And in yet another follow-up, Pruitt tweeted, “19 more people got saved at Hannibal-LaGrange University tonight!”

Stay tuned to Charisma News for reports of the Holy Spirit working in more school campuses and churches throughout the country.

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# **Humility is a Force That Works With Honor**

*This article first appeared on Curt Landry Ministries.*

*\*Note: This is the second in a two-part series. You can view the first part [here](#).*

## **Honor and Humility Are the Currencies in Heaven**

Similar to honor, humility is also a currency in Heaven. So keep this in mind as we pray today. I want you to take into consideration what you learn in these prayers. They are touchpoints from the Holy Spirit about areas you may need to repent of. Maybe I need to repent of some places where pride

has seeped in because it's part of life. We'll do it together, praying and asking the Spirit to guard us against it consistently.

## **Things to Remember When Battling in the Courts of Heaven**

There are keys we must remember when we're battling and praying in the Courts of Heaven.

### **1. Walk in humility.**

We have to walk in humility when we start having a lot of victories because pride can creep in, and you start thinking, "Well, maybe I'm the one doing this."

So we have to walk in humility because God's Word says, "The Lord resists the proud. He gives grace to the humble." We see that in the Bible in James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5.

Humility is essential to spiritual warfare. It impacts the victory and the verdict that you receive. We need to understand that we only receive it because of the power of the blood of Jesus. Humility leads to repentance and wisdom.

### **2. Live a lifestyle of repentance.**

So I always try to encourage people. I don't want to focus on negative things. But here's the key: you must have a lifestyle that's quick to repent. That is the beginning of wisdom, understanding the longer you leave an offense or wound uncovered, the worse it will get. Repentance covers the offenses and wounds in our lives with the blood of Yeshua.

Christie and I have three grandchildren, and they all are little daredevils. These are fearless little people who like to jump off of anything. I mean, they love to swim. Praise God, two of them are swimming. We got one more to go. But in the process of being healthy and loving all that activity,

they get wounds, scrapes and bruises.

When they get a boo-boo, you pray for them and kiss the boo-boo. Then you got to clean it off with some antiseptic and put Neosporin and a bandaid on it. So the sooner you can get it covered, the better.

So why is that important? The reason it's important is that the wound is going to become an issue if it gets infected. If it gets cleansed immediately and treated appropriately to get rid of the germs, and it doesn't get infected, then the body has a natural way of healing itself.

And the little people, and praise God, I'm one of them too, heal very quickly because we have strong immune systems.

## **Understanding How Repentance Works in the Spirit**

But you need to understand that in the Spirit when you get a cut, it is a picture of sin. If you just let it fester, it's going to get infected. Then, all of a sudden, you're going to have to get on antibiotics, and you have a bigger battle on your hands.

It's just better to immediately repent once the sin is there. Don't wait and let it fester. Immediately cleanse it and then immediately put the Neosporin, so to say, the blood of Jesus. Put a bandaid on it and cover it and let it heal.

### **3. Stand in agreement with God's Word.**

When you stand in agreement with God's Word, you adopt His mindset and truth, which empowers you. So it's not enough just to speak His Word. It's about adopting them as your own words. It's embracing and having a faith mindset that you believe what His Word says about you more than what you have thought in the past.

If the Lord has said something is wrong, then it's wrong. Why fight the Lord? A lot of people think, "Well, maybe this is a

sin." Listen, it's really quite simple: Right is right, and wrong is wrong.

And the thing is, especially if you're sensitive in the Spirit, you'll know what you're doing because you'll feel conviction, not condemnation. If He has said something is righteous, then it is righteous. And then, if something is righteous, find righteous behavior and habitually do that versus bad behavior.

Because when you make that conscious decision, you're going to have different results in your life. Come into agreement with God's Word and bring Him glory, which releases restoration to you. So one of the biggest keys to walking in humility is to say, "I surrender to God's ways, and I agree with God's ways because that is wisdom," and that humility will open many doors and heal your body.

#### **4. Extend forgiveness.**

If you're battling unforgiveness in your heart, it blocks Heaven's powers in your life. The Lord gives you the divine power to forgive because you have been forgiven. And that's really the key to the Lord's prayer: the need to forgive others.

Probably one of the strongest things you can do is ask the Lord to show you the other person's heart. This can be painful. My wife is the one that does the intercession in our family for this. If we're having a challenge with an employee, we're having a challenge with a relationship or someone is suffering, she's like quick to this. She'll pray, "Lord, show me their heart. Why are they behaving this way? What wound is in their past?"

She'll start interceding for them, and the Lord will show her, "This happened, and this is why they can't trust. This is why this rebellious behavior is coming. This is why they aren't able to respond correctly at this touchpoint that we're

intersecting within their life.”

And then she starts to intercede for it and pray, and I’ll intercede with her and pray as well. But many times, I’m the one that will have to speak with them. And when I do, I feel safe bringing it up after we’ve interceded and prayed, knowing how to come as a father in love and, through a series of questions, say, “Hey, could it be this?”

When the disciples said to Jesus, “Lord, will you teach us to pray?” Jesus responded with a prayer recorded in Matthew 6:9–13. Jesus taught His disciples to pray by addressing their Father where He was—in heaven. And to ask Him for His will to be done, not theirs.

So the Lord’s saying, “You need to say first of all, ‘Lord, let Your will be made known to me and let Your will be made manifest to me that I might say yes.’” And that’s what we have to do. {eoa}

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