

Pastor's told to Preach their Own Sermons

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SermonCentral, which provides online sermon materials, says the campaign is an attempt to restore the centrality of the Bible in preaching. “We introduced The Pledge because we think preachers must engage the Bible in their sermon preparation and not simply short circuit the process with someone else’s study,” said SermonCentral general editor Ron Forseth. “Our site is a valuable supplement but not the primary source for a sermon. God’s Word is.”