

4 Flashpoints From 42nd Leadership Roundtable

Recently in Washington, D.C., prominent spiritual influencers such as Charlie Kirk of Turning Point USA and catalytic leader Lance Wallnau, plus others, received a challenge from the 83-year-old leader of a church of over 100,000 in Chad. He said, "It is imperative that we get with what God's doing now!"

Decades ago, Arthur Wallis, one of Great Britain's premier prophetic leaders, told me, "Larry, if you would do the best with your life, find out what God's doing in your generation and fling yourself into it!"

Has God given you a passion to pursue His will? Reflect on four insights.

4 Takeaways From Recent Summit

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1. Remain radical in upholding the centrality of Jesus and His bride, the church, along with the proclamation of the gospel and biblical truth.

Amid the incredible intervention of God in our recent election and deliverance from the corruption and insidious policies of leftist progressives, God mercifully answered our prayers and engagement, granting us a reprieve.

"Christians should not be involved in politics"? We'll be courageous in addressing corruption, illegal immigration, fraudulent spending, homosexuality, trans insanity, abortion and indoctrination of our children.

2. Demonstrate real diversity by equipping and releasing God's gifted people for ministry, not maintenance.

Pastors must prepare people (see Eph. 4:11-16) to be participators, not pew sitters attending “In-N-Out Burger” services. are overfed and underchallenged.

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Christians must find their place on the wall as in Nehemiah 4:15. Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem’s 4.5 miles of broken-down walls, which lay in ruins for 150 years but were restored in 52 days by teamwork, not one-man ministry.

Our own roundtable reflected the riches of a multigifted mosaic. Check out real diversity versus bogus Diversity, Equity and Inclusion wokeism: Rick Joyner, prophetic ministry; Janet Porter, pro-life pioneer; Wellington Boone, Black bishop; Gen. Jerry Boykin, retired special forces; Ricky Skaggs, Grammy-winning musician; Brad Cummins, Founders Bible innovator; Bobby Connor, healing and deliverance; Dr. Nicholas Papanicolaou, economist; Lance Wallnau, catalytic leader; Mark Nuttle, political strategist; Bob Weiner, evangelist; Rick Eldridge, movie producer; Nigel Bigpond, Native American leader; me, cultural commentator. Also (in absentia) Cindy Jacobs, prayer and Steve Strang, publisher.

3. Intensify intercession. As Trump dodged a bullet, crediting God and declaring “Fight! Fight! Fight!” so was America rescued, requiring intensified prayer for our leaders as 1 Timothy 2:1-2 directs!

The pastor from Chad said, “What’s miraculously occurred here in America was not only due to your prayers and work but prayers offered throughout the world. What happens here affects the world!” We must remain fervent in prayer (especially for protection).

Here’s Intercessors for America’s 2024 report. I’ve never seen anything like it in my almost 50 years on the board:

- Over 2 billion website viewings.
- 80 million website engagements.
- 100 million emails.

Pastors: Was your church involved in prayer for the election? Were you passing out objective voter guides? If you erred, stating, “Christians should not be involved in politics,” will you pledge to change?

All of us have been spared what would have been a catastrophic collapse. It’s time to be bold and involved as salt, holding back decay.

4. Recover biblical principles for adjudicating accusations.

Of all the issues prayerfully and biblically discussed at this year’s roundtable, this topic was given the most time. Mike Bickle, leader of this generation’s global prayer movement; Dr. Michael Brown, respected apologist, along with others have come under scrutiny because of allegations raised against them questioning their behavior from even decades ago.

What about T.D. Jakes and Daystar leaders?

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Caution: Sincere Christian investigative journalists citing Jesus with unregenerate money changers (Matt. 21:12) and the exposing of sinning elders (1 Tim. 5:19-20): There are biblical procedures to carefully obey first. In the quest for titillating headlines and a breaking story, there’s often a rush to judgment instead of treading carefully, calling for prayer and patiently waiting for the investigation to get all the facts before jumping in prematurely.

The Bible tells us, “If a man is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore such a one in the spirit

of meekness, watching yourselves, lest you also be tempted," (Gal. 6:1-2, MEV).

Paul corrected the Corinthian church because members were going to worldly judges instead of properly handling offenders in the context of the church (see 1 Cor. 6:1-8).

Jesus exposed the hypocrisy and self-righteousness of religious leaders who brought a woman caught in the act of adultery (the man was not brought) then told the woman that He was not condemning her, telling her to "go and sin no more," (John 8:1-11).

Starting with the fall, it has been God's intention to restore broken relationship between Himself and humanity. Two of the most prominent leaders in the New Testament were products of restoration: Paul, who supported killing Christians; and Peter, who betrayed Jesus three times.

In a brief commentary such as this, it is not possible to succinctly lay out every aspect of this subject, but we can recognize that the Bible warns us in Jude 1:16–19 (ISV) and 2 Peter 2:11 (KJV) about those who have a "faultfinding" spirit and those who "bring a railing accusation." Jesus clearly instructed in Matthew 18:15-16 the procedure of going to a brother or sister (leaders included) involved in sin and dealing with it privately; then bringing two or three others to confirm every fact; and then after repeated attempts with no proper response, working through the matter in the context of the local church.

Today with social media mob rule, ignorant or disobedient Christians and people carrying offenses from the past, it has become open season to quickly rush to judgment, ignore due process and simply blast someone accused of something. Once the feathers are thrown from the tower, they can never be retrieved, and reputations are ruined. Remember the Duke lacrosse players and Jussie Smollett cases exposed as lies?

Recently elders issued a statement (plus gave a 30-year megachurch pastor over \$ million), apologizing for not properly handling their actions.

No one is saying we forget real repentance, minimize sin, ignore the plight and suffering of victims, remove consequences, fail to investigate, fail to verify allegations, conceal matters from proper authorities or fail to minister responsibly and compassionately to victims of abuse.

What every individual at the roundtable understood and agreed upon is the need to refrain from social media posts, slander, speculation, speaking recklessly and stoking the fires of schemes by the “accuser of our brethren,” (Rev. 12:10-12, NKJV). God hates “sowing discord among the brethren,” (Prov. 6:19).

“The first to plead his case seems right, until another comes and examines him,” (Prov. 18:17, NASB 1995). So may we all be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger,” (James 1:19b, CSB). In the midst of all these circulating stories and accusations, let’s commit to pray for individuals in question and trust that leaders investigating matters will have wisdom on how to proceed for the good of all and the glory of God.

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