

Are We Making the Right Decisions?

It's hard to imagine Franklin Graham smoking cigarettes, gulping beer and throwing punches. It's difficult to believe this self-described bad boy—who dropped out of one school and was expelled from another—would repent and rise up in the spirit of Elijah to turn the heart of a nation back to God.

But this once-prodigal son who, in his early 20s, rebelled against his godly heritage, had an encounter with Jesus that left him burning and shining for God. Now, he's laboring with everything he has to see a nation born again.

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God has raised up Franklin, son of the late, beloved evangelist Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth, as a bold voice of truth and morality in a world that seems to be growing darker by the day. So bold and uncompromising is he, in fact, that the White House and the National Association of Evangelicals—and even pastors like T.D. Jakes—have rebuked him for telling it like it is.

Franklin refuses to remain silent in the face of rising defiance to God's Word. He is unashamed of the gospel (Rom. 1:16). He is ready to make a defense to anyone who asks for the reason for his hope in Christ (1 Pet. 2:15-16). He is exposing the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). He is telling the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). He is speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Prov. 31:8). Like the prophets of old who saw judgment ahead for Israel, Franklin is blowing the trumpet of righteousness and praying those in America will heed the warning.

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Franklin has fire in his bones, and he's worked since January to set revival fires in the U.S. that awaken the hearts of Christians to make an immovable decision for morality in the 2016 presidential election and beyond. God sent him on a mission to visit every state in the country to challenge Christians to live out their faith at home, in public and at the ballot box. His Decision America tour has seen prayer lifted up and the gospel preached at state Capitol steps from sea to shining sea.

"Our country has shifted," Franklin told me. "This shift is the moral decline of the nation—and even the moral decline of the church. I felt the only hope for this country was the people of God beginning to pray and maybe He would give us some leaders that would help turn this nation around morally. I feel the only hope for this country is God. Politicians can't save it without God's help. We need to pray."

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