

# CN Morning Rundown: Black Faith Leaders Respond to Will Smith's Infamous Academy Awards Slap

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## **Black Faith Leaders Respond to Will Smith's Infamous Academy Awards Slap**

Several Black pastors and authors across the country are responding to the scene that played out on global television Sunday night when actor Will Smith stepped up on the Academy Awards stage and smacked comedian Chris Rock.

As CBN's Faithwire reported, the unfortunate moment unfolded after Rock joked about Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, who has a shaved head due to struggles with alopecia.

"Jada, I love you," Rock said on the stage. "GI Jane 2, can't wait to see you."

## **'Voice' Winner Jordan Smith Stays Faith Forward With New 'American Song Contest' Win**

Jordan Smith, Lee University graduate and Season 9 winner of NBC's *The Voice*, is parlaying his vocal talents and contest experience into success on the new NBC show *American Song Contest*, hosted by Snoop Dogg and *Voice* host Kelly Clarkson. Representing his home state of Kentucky, where he and his wife are worship pastors at Near Church in Bowling Green, Smith won the jury vote on Episode 2 last night with the debut of his original song, "Sparrow."

The win puts him in the semifinals along with Rhode Island artist and Episode 1 winner Hueston.

"I'm really excited to be able to sing for America again," Smith told the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in an interview ahead of the show. He added that "Sparrow," which he wrote for the show, "represents the values and heart of what it means to be a Kentuckian."

## **The White House's Plan to Trace, Track and Control Every American**

Liberty Counsel has reviewed a copy of a White House PowerPoint presentation that lays out, in shocking detail, the government's plan to vaccinate, track, trace and *control* every American.

Calling for "coordination and alignment of vaccine credential activities across HHS [Health and Human Services] agencies," the document states that vaccine passports are "a critical driver for restoring baseline population health and promoting safe return to social, commercial and leisure activities."

The presentation clearly states that the "Federal government will inevitably be involved with vaccine credential solutions." {eoa}

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