

Franklin Graham: What We Need to Keep in Mind After Donald Trump's Lewd Remarks

After Donald Trump's 11-year-old lewd remarks regarding women broke this weekend, many Christians rushed to crucify him. But not evangelist Franklin Graham.

In a statement posted to Facebook this morning, Graham said:

The crude comments made by Donald J. Trump more than 11 years ago cannot be defended. But the godless progressive agenda of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton likewise cannot be defended. I am not endorsing any candidates in this election. I have said it throughout this presidential campaign, and I will say it again—both candidates are flawed. The only hope for the United States is God. Our nation's many sins have permeated our society, leading us to where we are today. But as Christians we can't back down from our responsibility to remain engaged in the politics of our nation. On November 8th we will all have a choice to make. The two candidates have very different visions for the future of America. The most important issue of this election is the Supreme Court. That impacts everything. There's no question, Trump and Clinton scandals might be news for the moment, but who they appoint to the Supreme Court will remake the fabric of our society for our children and our grandchildren, for generations to come.

Trump's disgusting comments do not reflect the man he is now, the Republican candidate said in a statement

Trump has told media outlets, pastors and supporters throughout the last year about his growing faith.

"I've never said I'm a perfect person, nor pretended to be someone that I'm not," Trump said in a video statement. "I've said and done things I regret, and the words released today on this more-than-a-decade-old video are one of them."

Since Trump's initial comments, he has rededicated his life to Christ. Prominent Christians like James Dobson and Jentezen Franklin stand behind the candidate, as do dozens more as part of his Faith Advisory Board.