

Jack Hibbs: The Word for 2025 is 'Urgency'

As we enter a new chapter in history, Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills has sounded a clarion call for all believers. The word for the year ahead, he declares, is 'urgency.' In a time of spiritual warfare and cultural turmoil, this message is meant to inspire Christians to rise to the occasion with renewed fervor for righteousness and gospel proclamation.

"Urgency is a biblical response in these last days," Hibbs states. This powerful reminder sets the tone for a year of action, reminding us that we live in extraordinary times. As Hibbs points out, "We just came off a profound act of mercy... regarding our U.S. elections last November, and there are some really good things being implemented."

While there is much to celebrate, he cautions believers not to grow complacent.

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"The danger for the Christian... is to now settle back and say, 'Well, we did our job.' And that cannot happen because we are fighting darkness," he warns.

This fight isn't merely political or societal—it's a spiritual battle. Hibbs calls attention to the profound attacks on God's creation, warning of worldly ideologies that seek to "reinterpret and reconfigure" humanity itself. "Your feelings can never trump the truth of God's Word," he says, urging Christians to anchor themselves in Scripture rather than the shifting sands of cultural sentiment.

But Hibbs' message is not one of despair. Instead, he points

to hope and opportunity. "Good things are happening," he assures. He envisions a future where believers actively bring the gospel to every corner of society. "Wherever there's human beings, we need to be there... from the streets to the halls of power representing Jesus." This vision is a direct reflection of Christ's Great Commission, a call to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

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Pastor Hibbs' call to action is greatly needed in a world desperate for hope and truth. "This year of 2025, we are going to push forward and move on with what God has given us in this act of mercy," he declares. He challenges fellow Christians to pray for leaders who will answer this call. "Pray with me that God would raise up pastors who have seen the call to battle... and to lead their congregations throughout these United States in the fight for righteousness while preaching the gospel at the same time."

This dual focus on righteousness and gospel preaching is key. The fight for truth cannot be divorced from the Good News of Jesus Christ. In a time of urgency, we must resist the temptation to get comfortable and instead embrace our role as ambassadors of God's kingdom. Let's heed Pastor Hibbs' rallying cry and step boldly into 2025, trusting that, as Scripture promises, "The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5, MEV).

The hour is urgent, but the opportunity is great. Together, let's answer the call to battle, standing firm in truth, fueled by hope, and advancing the mission of Christ with unwavering faith.

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