

Morning Rundown: 2023: A Year of Celebrity Transformation and Influence

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The recent months have seen 2023 become a year of spiritual awakening for many well-known personalities in the entertainment industry. As the year began with a revival at Asbury University, the rest of the year saw an influx of celebrities from various fields leaving behind their fame and fortune to embrace a life devoted to Jesus Christ.

While some may argue that the personal lives of celebrities hold little importance, the impact of these influential individuals on the culture of America is undeniable. As Satan has long controlled the spiritual landscape of the country, the conversion of these celebrities to Christianity could potentially play a significant role in expanding the kingdom of God.

In sports, we have seen personalities like Jonathan Isaac and Christian McCaffrey openly speaking about their faith and being positive role models for the youth. McCaffrey's humility and dedication to giving honor and glory to God serve as a reminder to fans that success and fame are fleeting.

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3 Things to Remember When You're Feeling Spiritually Attacked at Christmas

Christmastime brings up all kinds of emotions for different people. For many, it is the happiest time of the year as they celebrate with family and friends, partaking in all kinds of festivities all around them. However, for others, Christmas isn't the most wonderful time of the year. It can mean an especially dark season, whether it brings up the reminders of a loved one who has since passed, or is a time when the enemy has decided to attack with financial, relational, health or other troubling issues. So how do we navigate such a time of year when we're feeling completely attacked and down?

The first thing to remember is that no matter what you're facing, no matter what things look like, God is working in the middle of the storm.

Just as the first Christmas made absolutely no sense in the natural, God was working the greatest miracle ever in the most peculiar way possible. The Jewish people were expecting a Messiah who was going to be a mighty warrior that would take down the Roman Empire, and instead, a baby born in a stable is what they got. The deliverance they thought they needed isn't what they got, but God gave them something even better. The chance to be fully set free from all bondages came in the form of this most humble gift of a child in a manger. While God can be hard to see in the middle of the storm, and the way He chooses to fix, heal or bring deliverance may not make any sense, He will bring about a plan that is even greater than anything we could have expected. The storm may be rocky, but when your eyes are locked on Jesus, He will guide you down the exact path you need to be on, even if it doesn't make sense or align with your own vision. He can be trusted.

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New Legislation Targets Chick-fil-A Operations

In a recent development, New York state lawmakers have proposed new legislation that would require restaurants in

rest stops on the Thruway and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to be open seven days a week. This proposed bill is specifically aimed at Chick-Fil-A, a fast food eatery that operates in some of the rest stops along the Thruway but is closed on Sundays due to company policy.

Chick-fil-A has a longstanding company policy, in place since its first restaurant opened in 1946, that requires its locations to be closed on Sundays. This policy allows employees to enjoy a day of rest, spend time with their families and worship if they choose. However, this policy has come under scrutiny as Chick-fil-A is now operating in some of the newly renovated rest stops on the Thruway.

As part of the remodel of the Thruway's 27 rest stops, new vendors have been introduced, including Chick-Fil-A. However, their presence has sparked controversy due to some of the company's policies.

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