

Who Will Rise Up Against the Wicked?

Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers? Psalm 94:16

"...If the church doesn't wake up now and stand and fight there IS no church in America. This is the red line. It has been crossed. When I read about this I immediately thought THIS IS RIGHT OUT OF MY BONHOEFFER BOOK."

So wrote Eric Metaxas on October 18, 2014 in an email exchange that included me. He is the author of the NY Times bestselling biography, Bonhoeffer, which describes the heroic stand of one pastor against the rise of the Third Reich in Nazi Germany. Eric was voicing his outrage over what he had just read concerning the subpoenas issued by the Houston mayor's office to five Houston pastors.

Mayor Parker has demanded that the pastors turn over to her office their private papers in 17 different categories, including sermons, "speeches," phone or private conversations that in any way touch on homosexuality, the mayor herself, and the city ordinance concerning transgender people using public restrooms.

The subpoenas were clearly issued to intimidate not just the five pastors on whom they were served, but every pastor and Christian leader in Houston and beyond. The message was clear. If you oppose the lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender community or agenda in any way, you will pay.

Eric further urged every Christian leader to send the mayor a Bible. And Governor Mike Huckabee has urged every pastor to send her their own sermons. I have written a note to Mayor Annise Parker, City Hall, 901 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas 77002, telling her that God loves her, that I am praying for

her, and urging her to read the Bible I included with my note. Although I am not a pastor, I also sent her a copy of the “speech” I delivered at the Official Observance of the National Day of Prayer in Washington, DC. , calling on people to repent of their sin, *cry out to the the Day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.* Joel 1:14-15

I agree with Eric Metaxas. The red line has been crossed. Persecution of God’s people has begun. In response to the question the Lord voices in Psalm 94:16, I want to answer clearly, *I will!*

Will you?

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