

Grace and Scandal: How Should We Respond to Fallen Pastors?

How should the church react to fallen pastors?

In a Demon Slayer podcast, Alexander Pagani, Vlad Savchuk, Mike Signorelli and Isaiah Saldivar discussed how Christians should respond when we see pastors caught in a scandal. As calls for exposure in the church continue to increase in this season, the question about what is and is not biblical in the way we are supposed to go about these issues is becoming more important.

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“I look at the calling out names partially as the boy who cried wolf,” Saldivar says. “When you’re always using your platform to call everybody else out, not only is it a sign of pride and a sign of arrogance and ‘s literally how [a] cult starts.”

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Saldivar makes the connection that when someone utilizes their platform to call out many people in many different places, they lose their ability, their saltiness, to even call sin for what it is.

Alexander Pagani also makes the point that it is feasible to call people out when there is evidence and complete certainty that something must be called out.

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"My fear is being a false witness because I haven't weighed all of the evidence in proper balance," he says. "The Bible says it is foolish to not hear the matter fully."



To order Alexander Pagani's new book, "Manipulated," visit .

Signorelli further makes the connection that maturity and discernment are needed from the body of Christ when it comes to cases where ministers have fallen due to sin.

"Just because somebody makes a thumbnail doesn't make them authoritative. Just because somebody has a nice camera in 4k doesn't make them authoritative," he says. "I think that we need to increase in maturity and discernment."

Truly helping someone come of the darkness and into the light isn't just about exposing them, but rather, showing that gentle correction.

"When Saul fell off the rails, Samuel who rebuked him to the face, mourned for him. He grieved for his fall. And what grieves me is that we don't grieve a lot of times when stuff like that happens, we just gloat," Savchuk says.

Vlad Savchuk's new book, Make the Devil Homeless, releases in Fall 2025.

In the end, the church must approach fallen pastors with both truth and grace. While accountability is necessary, it should be handled with wisdom, maturity and discernment rather than reckless public exposure. True correction isn't about tearing down but about leading someone back into the light. If we fail to grieve over a leader's fall and instead take pride in their downfall, we risk losing the very heart of Christ, who desires repentance and redemption for all.

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