

Morning Rundown: Brian Houston Announces a Night of Fellowship and Prayer Ahead of Court Date

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Hillsong founder Brian Houston announced on Facebook that he and his wife Bobbie would be holding an event on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

"Well, big hello. Bobbie and I are excited because, on November 9, it's a Wednesday evening, we're going to have a night called an evening with Brian and Bobbie. It's just all about connection, fellowship, community," Houston said in the Facebook announcement video.

"And of course, Bobbie will share some thoughts. As always, I'm sure there will be a prophetic energy to that. I'm gonna preach a message, pray for people," he added. "We'd really love to see you come, so come along and, of course, we'll also be livestreamed on all available platforms. So don't miss the night. We're really looking forward to it."

Joseph Mattera: 9 Errors of the Gospel of Self Fulfillment

Since the dawn of the "positive thinking" message of Norman Vincent Peale in the 20th century, there has been an avalanche of preachers teaching variations of this message. (The "health and wealth" prosperity gospel, "name it and claim it," along with various modes of motivational types of preaching.)

When the objective is self fulfillment, the message often

reduces the gospel of Christ to appease the narcissistic dreams of half-baked Christians.

There are nine errors of the gospel of self-fulfillment.

Eric Metaxas Warns the Church That Its Silence Will Doom America

Author and radio talk show host Eric Metaxas warns that America is fast approaching a dangerous cultural tipping point, although he says it's not too late to reverse course. In his new book, "Letter to the American Church," Metaxas writes of parallels between today's America and pre-World War II Germany.

"It is the silence of the American church on a host of issues today that many people say, 'Oh, that's not a gospel related issue. I don't want to be divisive. I don't want to be political.' It is that silence which directly parallels the silence of German Christians in the early '30s, and it led to the satanic evil of the Nazi takeover of that culture where they crushed the church."

He believes if only another few thousand Protestant pastors had spoken out, the Nazis would not have succeeded. Instead, their silence doomed the German church and nation while leading to the Holocaust. {eoa}