

Morning Rundown: Repentant Pastor Gets 'Second Chance' After Megachurch Scandal

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After what he termed as a "colossal screw up" in 2016, Pastor Perry Noble recalled how 2 Corinthians 7:10 helped him to understand what "true repentance" really meant.

"As followers of Jesus living in America our calling remains the same, regardless of who runs the government," (2 Cor. 7:10).

In July 2016, Noble was fired from his position as senior pastor at New Spring Church in Anderson, South Carolina, for alcohol abuse and other "unfortunate choices and decisions." The elders of the Baptist megachurch, which at the time, had more than 10,000 members, cited the pastor's "posture toward his marriage" as concerning.

God Miraculously Delivers Ukrainian Pastor and Family from Russian Clutches

Those forced to live under Russian occupation, however, say liberation can't come soon enough. After six months in occupied Kherson, Pastor Alexander escaped with his wife and 10 children in September.

"When the Russians took over, we weren't sure what to do, but we decided to continue with our church services," Pastor Alexander said.

Russian forces, on the lookout for so-called Nazis, searched his house several times. On Sept. 6, they arrested him in

front of his wife and children.

'To God Be the Glory': Church Cornerstone Still Stands After Tornado Crushes Sanctuary

Residents in southeastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas are working to recover, thankful to have survived after a storm stretching from Dallas to northwest Arkansas spawned tornadoes last Friday night, producing flash floods, killing at least two people, injuring dozens and leaving homes and buildings in ruins.

Preliminary damage reports indicate the deadly storms that moved through parts of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma produced at least an EF3 tornado in East Texas that was possibly even more powerful when it crossed into McCurtain County in southeast Oklahoma and hit the town of Idabel, KTAL-TV reports.

According to the outlet, an EF3 tornado is classified with winds of 136-165 miles per hour, causing severe damage, including destruction to roofs and some walls torn from well-constructed houses; even trains could be overturned; most trees in forested areas uprooted and heavy cars lifted and thrown. {eo}