

Ministers Who Walk in Shallow Faith Are Doomed to Fail—Here's Why

If the pastor walks in shallow faith, likely the congregation will, too.

Recently returned from his trip to Israel, Pastor Greg Locke of Global Bible Vision Church in Lebanon, Tennessee, gave a powerful message to his congregation about why it is so vital to be filled up by the Holy Spirit day after day, especially for ministers.

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“I’m not going to be lukewarm just because everybody else in America wants to be lukewarm,” Locke says. “God is sending out that lukewarm crowd, that loveless crowd, that powerless crowd that unbaptized by the Holy Ghost crowd.”

Locke makes it clear that what is needed in the American church is the presence of God. He believes that we cannot have more of the power of His Spirit without being receptive to His presence above all else.

Locke points out that if someone can go to a church year after year without ever hearing the gospel, feeling a sense of community and receiving healing and deliverance, then that is a reflection of a particular church not moving in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“The only people who get mad at fired up churches are dead ones,” Pastor Locke says. They’re the only people complaining about demons and healing and supernatural and baptisms and praying in tongues.

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Ultimately, a minister must be willing to bring in the presence of God. And a minister can only pour out to others what he has to give.

In a bold, thought-provoking video that’s turning heads in the Christian community, pastor and speaker Kelly K challenges believers to rethink one of the Bible’s most iconic moments, Peter walking on water.

“Hey Christians, you better brace yourself today,” Kelly K opens. “I’m about to challenge your thinking concerning one of your favorite Bible stories, and at first, you’re not going to like it. But stick with me, we’re going somewhere.”

At first glance, it sounds like he’s about to deny Scripture.

But not so fast.

“No, I’m not saying the Bible is incorrect at all,” he clarifies. “I just think we can go a little deeper in our understanding of what’s actually happening in this story.”

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Referencing Jesus’ words in Matthew 7:24, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds their house on solid rock,” Kelly K draws a powerful parallel. He explains that the true foundation of our lives isn’t something flashy or visible, but something secure: the

Word of God.

“The foundation is the part of the house no one ever sees but everyone needs. It’s not pretty. It’s not flashy. It’s just a slab of rock. But that rock holds everything in place,” he says.

So what does all of this have to do with Peter stepping out of the boat?

Kelly K connects the dots: “Is water a solid foundation? Does water seem, act, sound, look anything like rock to you? Of course not.”

But the game-changer, he says, is what Jesus spoke.

“The truth is this, my friends: the reason you and I failed when we tried to walk on water is because Jesus never told us to. If He did – oh son, we would have.”

And that’s the point. Peter didn’t walk on water by sheer faith alone. He walked in obedience to a direct command.

“Peter never actually walked on water,” Kelly K says. “He walked on the Word of God.”

When Peter said, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come,” Jesus gave a simple but life-altering response: “Come.”

“That right there is all it took,” Kelly K emphasizes. “One word from Jesus changed everything. One word from Jesus made the impossible possible. One word from Jesus made something weak something strong.”

The heart of Kelly K’s message isn’t about debunking a miracle, it’s about reframing how we understand faith. It’s

not about stepping out blindly; it's about stepping out when He speaks.

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"He wants you to be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer," Kelly K urges. "Because it should come as no surprise to each and every one of you that the storms of life aren't about if they will come – it's about when they're going to come."

In those storms, he says, the only sure foundation is the Word of God.

"His Word is our life," he says, quoting Psalm 119:25: "'My soul clings to the dust. Give me life according to your Word.' Oh son, that's good."

For Kelly K, the bottom line is simple, "That life, my friends, is found in one place alone: His Word."

And that's something worth standing on.

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Still Waiting on God? Here's Why That's Exactly Where You

Should Be

In a compelling prophetic message, Amanda Grace shared how the year 2028 just may be a pivotal time in American history aligning with a Jewish leap year and double Purims, marking a time when the Jewish people experienced deliverance. However, there just may be one key figure to how this prophetic word plays out: Vice President J.D. Vance.

As the 50th Vice President of the United States, J.D. Vance is a central figure in this prophecy, with his middle name, David, carrying significant prophetic weight. The Jubilee, a year of freedom and restitution, symbolized by land being restored and slaves being freed, aligns with Vance's role in this unfolding prophetic season.

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Known for his fiery passion and deep convictions, Vance is described as a 'David' in the White House, called to lead with authority and spiritual conviction. His rise is compared to a burning bush, enduring the fires of affliction but never consumed, much like the Israelites' trials in Egypt.

Grace also likens Vance and Trump to Joshua and Moses. Trump, who is leading the country through tumultuous times, is seen by Grace as a Moses figure, guiding our nation through the wilderness. In contrast, Vance is the Joshua, chosen to carry the torch forward, leading the nation into a new era, just as Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land.

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“In a way, if you think about this, J.D. Vance is the first president of the United States to be chosen as a successor by Trump. Meaning, he chose J.D. Vance purposely to carry on if something were to happen to him, right? He chose somebody younger, right? And eager and fiery and passionate to carry on if anything should happen to him,” Grace says.

Grace describes Vance as a man of deep thought and conviction, someone who has been through the fire of affliction, and is now prepared to lead. The prophetic imagery of the burning bush in Exodus 3 resonates deeply in this context. The fire of affliction, as seen with Moses and the Israelites, is a symbol of purification and endurance. Just as Trump’s trials have not consumed him, neither will Vance be destroyed by the challenges ahead.

As we reflect on Amanda Grace’s prophetic words, it’s clear that the coming years could be a time of profound transformation for America. Even in the midst of affliction, God’s purposes will prevail, and His people will not be consumed. The future is bright, and the best is yet to come.

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