

Why This Kingdom Leader Says We Must Restore America's Christian Foundations

It was every believing parent's nightmare—and every teen's as well: a school assembly in which not only was sex discussed in the most explicit of terms, but one parent stood up and confronted the presenter from across the room.

This school assembly took place in conservative Pearland, Texas, in the 1990s, and that confrontational parent and pastor was Dr. Rick Scarborough, founder of Recover America Now. That event, he tells Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of the *Greenelines* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network, helped him realize a truth that launched him into his current ministry, which seeks to mobilize pastors and their congregations to be proactive in restoring our nation's Christian foundations.

"I've come to realize that our preachers will not have the freedom to preach, if we don't also use our American citizenship to demand that our rights be observed," Scarborough says. "There's a real effort right now to take away every right we have to express right from wrong, not only in our pulpits, but in the public place. In fact, there are laws pending before Congress as we speak that will make it illegal to call homosexuality a sin. I don't think we should be condemning homosexuals. Love them. But we should preach the Bible. And the reason I'm involved in the political realm is to make sure that our pastors had the freedom to tell their people the truth."

"We're focused pretty explicitly on the great social issues like abortion," Scarborough says of his ministries. "Now [we're addressing] transgenderism, this whole debate on

whether or not we should pump kids full of drugs that will change them for their entire lives even without parental knowledge. We're dealing with issues of all manner of sexual aberration, because in all candor, there are efforts right now to call evil, good, good, evil and literally ban any alternative speech. We're really focused on religious freedom and religious liberties, because they're being stripped away increasingly."

Although Vision America had to shift to Zoom meetings with the COVID-19 shutdown, the ministry is now scheduling in-person events such as pastors roundtables and a three-day pastors event in Orlando in July as well as other upcoming such gatherings.

"We typically have a three-part program," Scarborough says. "We bring in a historian, someone like David Barton, to give the historical background of how preachers in our founding era were involved in politics. They were the chief teachers of their people about what was happening in their government. ... Second, someone like Mat Staver [of Liberty Counsel], a legal mind to teach the pastors what they can legally do. ... and then also let them know that there are legal entities out there to assist. And then finally, my part is that ... historically, we did; legally, we can; and biblically, we must."

For much more from Dr. Rick Scarborough on the biblical mandate to take back America's foundations, listen to the entire episode of *Greenelines* at this link, and be sure to subscribe to the *Greenelines* podcast for more inspiring stories like this one. You'll want to check out Scarborough's own podcast, *Mixing Church and State God's Way*, also on the Charisma Podcast Network. {eoa}

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