

Morning Rundown: The IHOP Scandal Has Exposed a Deep Need for Repentance

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When I first heard about the sexual scandal involving Mike Bickle and the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri, in December, my initial reaction was defensive. I didn't want to believe the charges. But I cringed on Dec. 12, 2023, when Bickle released his own confession. And my heart sank when details surfaced about another woman who had been involved with Bickle in his earlier years as a youth pastor. It became obvious that there had been a disturbing pattern of sexual abuse at IHOPKC, and with it, a pattern of hiding that abuse.

The IHOP scandal is a harsh reminder that we have a much bigger problem. The worst thing we can do is go back to business as usual when the investigation ends. We need to stop, mourn for the victims, grieve for our own hardness of heart and publicly repent for the sin of sexual abuse.

For more than two decades I've been confronting the abuse of women and girls in developing countries where gender-based violence is common. I work in communities where rape is widespread, sexual violence is normal, polygamy is legal and the forced marriage of underage girls is considered a man's right.

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Pastor's Wife, Her Friend Go Missing in 'Suspicious

Disappearance,' Oklahoma Police Say

Two women from Oklahoma have gone missing after the vehicle they were traveling in was found abandoned near a highway.

The Texas County Sheriff's Office requested help from the public on March 30 when they declared the disappearance of 27-year-old Veronica Butler and 39-year-old Jilian Kelley, wife of Heath Kelley, an incoming minister at Willow Christian Church in Indianola, Nebraska.

In a Facebook post, the church wrote, "We believe in the power of prayer and we believe God will bring them home safely."

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Is This the Man Who Will Sacrifice the Red Heifer?

Amid worldwide speculation about the ceremony of the red heifer, the Temple Institute may have found the young man who will lead the ceremony.

The *kohen* (Hebrew for priest) was shown in a picture posted to Facebook looking over the red heifers in their secret location in Shiloh.

"The young kohen in the photo visiting the red heifer candidates in Shiloh, is fit to perform the red heifer ceremony."

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