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Saints,

This is a powerful exhortation given by Billy Graham in the 1960's at a Operation Mobilization Orientation event. There is unction and power in his preaching, what a marvel at how God can come upon a man for His purposes.

Commitment - Part 1 by Billy Graham

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Re: MUST HEAR: Commitment (audio) by Billy Graham, on: 2008/12/16 3:41

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Re: MUST HEAR: Commitment (audio) by Billy Graham - posted by iansmith (), on: 2008/12/16 4:22

Wow, I'd always discounted Billy Graham as a lukewarm preacher... I was wrong. It's a cold day in Tokyo, but I'm feeling pretty toasty!

"Where in God's name are our men today!" -Billy Graham

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2008/12/16 10:35

Quote:

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One thing that conservative historians point to is his late wife. She was the daughter of missionaries which is often pointed out but her family came from a very liberal mainline denomination. Billy Graham, however, was at one time a fundamentalist evangelical.

Re: - posted by joshuainglis, on: 2008/12/16 23:23

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BrianMira wrote:
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Re: , on: 2008/12/17 5:01

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joshuainglis wrote:

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If he is so 'extremely regretful' and most likely aware of Bush's statements, why on earth does he not use, as his website states in their statement of faith, "...every modern means of communication available to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world" to tell people of his 'grievous error'.

Truly, I am not knocking the man, especially since I am reading his book at the moment, but I do wonder how 'regretful and repentive' he is when he apologizes to one person (you) and fails to bring the matter to the public's attention.

I am positive that if "Billy Graham" decided to have one final 'kick at the can' and deliver a farewell speech, he would have a captive audience. Actually, he would probably have one larger than anyone in history, Christian and non-Christian alike.

Maybe we ought to pray for such an event, for Christ's sake (and possibly Bush's).

Blessings,
BrianMira

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2008/12/17 5:50

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You will recall that Peter did a similar thing in scripture when certain came from James and he did not uphold the truth of the Gospel for fear of the Jews (See Galatians 2). We have no record of any public repentance or confession; only that Paul dealt with him and that Peter loved Paul (I take this as a show of his acceptance of Paul's rebuke).

Beloved, our lives are not over yet. We should use caution in how we criticize a person's actions when we have not been under that level of pressure to know if we would have in fact 'passed the test'. I'm not saying what happened is OK. I have never been on Schuller or Larry King so I cannot say how I would react, especially given all the variables in place; I pray I would answer rightly.

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (Hebrews 10:38, 39)

The word underlined here in Greek is *hupostello*. It was a military type term used by Polybius to signify the withdrawing of his troops as a strategy. The idea is that they retreat out of caution. In Peter's case it has been suggested that he 'withdrew' (same Greek word) to prevent causing an offense.

The word was also used of shipping when the storm began to rise the men would 'furl the sails' to protect the ship from damaging winds. Peter was an expert in shipping as he was a fisherman and by tradition had several fishing boats. Life has its storms like Peter and Billy experienced. The question is; how will we respond? Will we draw back to a safe spot to avoid causing trouble for ourselves or persecution arising from offense? Time and testing will tell. May we pray that we do rightly.