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**Free From Idolatry - by John Bevere - posted by Corneliu (), on: 2007/1/11 10:12**

Very interesting sermon, and very good (caution on "word of faith" and TBN references).

And he says that "he's happy to be" in Ted's church in Colorado. Is this Ted Haggard's church? And it is Bevere's home church too? If so, than God spoke to Ted clearly.

Though, I don't understand why God ultimately exposed the sin by using the unbelievers. Shouldn't Holy Spirit sensitive Christians be more in tune than the world and sense that something is wrong before the unbelievers?

**Re: Free From Idolatry - by John Bevere - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/1/11 10:23**

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However, I have had my doubts regarding Bevere's ministry of late. He seems to have gone soft in his ministry, and is simply another feel good charismatic preacher. He doesn't seem nearly as "prophetic" as he used to be in his early days.

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**Re: Free From Idolatry - by John Bevere - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2007/1/11 11:06**

I heard John Bevere speak last October. He didn't seem to be soft to me. He still very much emphasized personal Holiness and Fear of the Lord. I've read some of his books, but I don't follow his ministry closely. His newest work in October was about making sure you are doing what God has called you to in this life, so you won't miss out on rewards for His Glory or something like that.

edit: as for him being happy with Ted Haggard as a Pastor, if the pastor's sin was hidden, (as Ted's was for so long) why wouldn't you trust your pastor?

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/1/11 11:20**

Well, that's good to hear he's not gone soft. I saw him on TV a few times and he just seemed to have lost his edge.

**Re: - posted by BenBrockway, on: 2007/1/11 13:01**

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KingJimmy wrote:

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This is true. I live in Colorado Springs and am good friends with a number of his employees in his ministry. I love John.

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This I do not believe to be true at all. There might be moments where he isn't as "strong" in his sermon as he normally is, but he is only human. Remember the countless number of people in Scripture that went "soft" at times in their life. I don't think he has gone soft, personally, but if it appears that way, it is only temporary.

If I can just say this without sounding condemning - Every state in America has a number of "soft and dull" preachers, which is partially why the American church is in the "state" it is in.