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What do the pope, the president and the megachurch preacher have in common? It almost sounds like a joke and it might even be funny if the punch line wasn't so disturbing. What the pope, the president and at least one megachurch preacher seemingly have in common is a refusal to judge homosexuality.

Joel Osteen is making headlines this week for his comments on accepting gays just the way they are. But before we get into that, let's look at the megachurch preacher's forerunners: the pope and the president. What you'll discover is a disturbing trend among world and church leaders that I believe clearly marks a sign of the end times (2 Tim. 3).

"If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge him?" the pope said in an 80-minute conversation with journalists in July. That comment set off a firestorm of debate among Christian leaders. Ron Cantor said the pope's comments are not biblical, while Larry Tomczak insisted we should not judge Pope Francis for not judging gays.

But the popular pontiff didn't stop with one controversial statement. In September, he shocked the church and thrilled much of the world when he declared that we must shake off an obsession with teachings on abortion, contraception and homosexuality or risk the collapse of its entire moral edifice, "like a house of cards."

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