

Meeting with Tanner Wakefield

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Present

Greg Metten (GM)
Jay Minar (JM)
Tanner Wakefield (TW)

Jay Minar prays

Father, thank you that we can come before you. God, we love you and we're grateful that we're in your Kingdom. Father, we pray that you can help us have a good discussion tonight and Father, we pray that, you know, we'll be able to help Tanner in his faith and help him just get out whatever's in his heart. And Father, I just pray that, God, that you can really just be with us and give us wisdom, give us direction. Father, help us to know the words to say and help us to use the scriptures that we need to use. And Father, we know that you always work things out for the good of those who love you.

Father, we're just thankful for this time. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dialogue

GM: Well, I think that [*tape noise*] but I've been concerned that the last talk we had, a few weeks ago, but I think what really concerned me the most was just, you know, you and Henry coming in last night and – you know, last night was a really awesome night but yet I think what concerned me – I mean, it wasn't just me. I had several people comment that, you know, it was obvious that you really were not into it. You know, and Henry wasn't really into it either.

And there's just – and then right afterwards you guys just kind of cut out, didn't go to your D-group or anything else like that. And I'm just, well, I, I just – that raised an alarm in my own mind because, you know, I was very – I'm concerned about, I'm concerned that you guys could come to something like last night and not have it move you. You know, I mean, a lot of people came in and they had a lot of things on their mind, a lot of things on their heart. But, I mean, you know, it was a – you know, I mean, God really moved last night.

And that, that just, that alarmed me. And that's why I wanted you to come over tonight because I'm just very concerned about where your heart's at, where your faith is at. And I mean, you know, honestly speaking, you know, I'm going to try to get all the facts here, but you know, Henry – you know, well, you, you, you can comment on some of the stuff that came out when we were dealing with Henry on some sin issues.

But you know, some other issues came out that were just like a carbon copy of issues that you talked about, that Dusty talked about, or whoever else. I mean, you know, you guys are in the same Bible Talk, and it's just very concerning to me because it's kind of the same heart, the same attitudes. And I don't know exactly what was said but it was, I mean, what, you know, the authority issue and –

JM: Henry was concerned about the authority issue and, you know, a lot of his – he said a lot of his friends had left but it really, it bothered him because he felt like Greg had been really overbearing and he was reading the scriptures, you know, about elders aren't supposed to be overbearing. And he just felt like that, that whole situation wasn't handled right and you know, and so, and it was, I mean, it was based on, even some of the phrases he used and the scriptures he used, it was based on all the stuff that we've all talked about, you know, in all those other discussions.

You know, so it just seemed like, OK. Even talking, I told him, man, I didn't even know how you're feeling this stuff and if you're feeling this stuff let's talk about it. But I was just concerned about how, why he was – you know, how he knew about these things that had been going on. Why he was [*unintelligible*] and why no-one had gotten him help, you know.

TW: Are you asking me or –

GM: Yeah. We're wondering what's, we're wondering what's, kind of what's going on?

TW: I can't speak for Henry. You know, we're in the same group and we've spoken, but, um –

GM: Are you saying that you have not spoken to him about any of this stuff? Or you have not –

TW: I've spoken to him because he's my Bible Talk leader and he has a vague idea of what's going on and how I feel. But in depth or anything, no, we haven't, we haven't gone into depth with a lot of these issues and things. And I don't know exactly what he said as far as, you know, specifics. But I could, you know, respond to – what's on Henry's heart is I'm sure what's on other people's heart, I don't know. But we have spoken, but we have not spoken in depth about a lot of the issues that we talked about for sure. In the meetings, that's for sure.

GM: So you do not, you don't have any idea then how he could have had the same, you know, feelings, or the same concerns, or the same issues, or –

TW: Well, you know, right when we had spoken that one night I told you that a lot of people feel – a lot of people have a lot of concerns and issues and they don't want to talk about them because they fear the consequences, and how you respond to them. And then, you know, that night when I was telling you that, you got so prideful. You got upset and you said, you know, "I'm sick of hearing it." You know, "I feel that you're bitter and I feel that you got a lot of issues."

And I said, "You know what, Greg, you know what, I won't say anything." That's fine. Doesn't matter to me. I mean, I was telling you what people felt and what people thought. That, you know, people have a fear, you know, I even told you that night. Your response was not one of, "Hey, you know, maybe there's some truth to it. Maybe I just really need to talk to people and be open," you know. You got upset.

GM: Well, no. What I said was, I said, "You need to go to those people and you need to send them to me." And, and, in other words, what I said is, "It's not, it's not biblical, it's not right that they have something against me or against anybody in the church." That the Bible says exactly what to do.

TW: And I did tell people, you know, you told me, I told people, you know, what you told me. I said, "You know what? You should talk to Greg. You should talk to Chris. You should talk to Jay. You know, you really need to talk." But I can't make them. And I'm not going to tell you who feels that way or who has the same issues because that's up to them. I can't make them talk to you or anybody else.

GM: Yes, that is a – that doesn't make me, that doesn't make sense to me. Because if I've got somebody that I know, that I'm concerned about spiritually, you know – I mean, what I would, what I would always do if somebody came to me and said, "I'm struggling, you know because Jay's saying this," or whatever else. I mean, first of all I would ask them is, "Why, why do I need to know about this? Why is this important that I know it? Are you trying to get advice from me?" And when I found out what their feelings were I would say, "You need to go talk to Jay about it. You know and I will give you a week. And if you haven't talked to Jay about it then I will go talk to Jay about it."

Because it's like, you know, it's like finding out that somebody's robbed the bank or something, or, you know, you find out that somebody's in trouble financially. And you go, well, I'm not going to say anything about it. I'm not going to say anything about it. That is not love. That is not loving your brother. That is a faction. That is a you know, a little group that feels very comfortable talking to each other about things like this.

And I'm telling you, Tanner, it's going to stop. It's absolutely going to stop. It, it, it, you know, we're not going to put up with any more. I've talked to Kevin about it, he feels exactly the same way. I've talked to Al Baird about it, he feels exactly the same way. And people are going to repent of the attitudes. They're going to deal with the attitudes. They're going to do Matthew 18 or they're going to be out of the church. It's that simple.

So if people are afraid, they need to be afraid. When I'm in sin, I'm afraid. Perfect love drives out fear because you know fear has to do with punishment. The one who is made perfect in love is not, he's not worried about the punishment. He's worried about loving the other person and telling the other person what's going on. And, you know, this is the same old thing we keep talking about. It's bitterness and it's wrong. And it will stop.

That's why, that's why I wanted you to come over here tonight. And I'm concerned about the bitterness in your heart. And you know, I've been saying, you know, you're going to need to repent of it or you need to find another church.

TW: What's the bitterness in my heart that you're talking about?

GM: The bitterness in your heart is, number one, your lack of support. That you're argumentative – it's the lack of forgiveness in your heart. I don't feel forgiven by you for anything about that. You still have this attitude, like this whole situation that happened to Dusty was this poor victim and the leader, you know, used this force on him and was overbearing towards him and it was wrong, and poor Dusty now has left the church.

Dusty has fallen away from the church. And Dusty's still saying things to people and, you know, Dusty is going to be marked from the conversations he's having with people. I've heard of two or three more conversation he's had with people. And, you know, he said he wouldn't do that and he's done it. And so he will be marked.

TW: Is marked biblical?

GM: Absolutely.

TW: Where's it say that?

[pages turning]

GM: Look at [unintelligible] real quick....

[inaudible]

TW: If you don't know right now we can come back to it later.

GM: No, I'll find it. I just don't know exactly where it is.

TW: I just hurt so bad. I've been working a lot of hours, man. I'm, I've been for about a – well, right before, in November, I started putting in a lot of hours. And it's 50 or 60 hours a week. And then it stops for about two weeks and then it started back up again.

JM: hmm

TW: It's really tiresome.

[tape noise]

TW: You don't really have hours, do you? It's like all day, whenever, you're on 24-hour on call.

JM: Yeah, you just gotta set your schedule and work it and –

TW: Yeah, must be nice to go on vacation though and get away from phone calls.

JM: Yeah, that's, it's actually very hard.

TW: Even when you get away? or –

JM: Yeah.

TW: Why?

JM: It's just such a habit.

TW: Really?

JM: Yeah.

TW: I would –

JM: I feel like, I think this is probably just my personality. But I always feel like, man, I –

TW: Gotta call him, her –

JM: Gotta call in, I gotta check in and make sure it's cool. That's one of the things Traci and I are always kinda talking about because I'm kind of a workaholic and she's not. So we usually kind of, kind of run into problems with each other.

TW: That's the one thing. That's – if I wasn't married I would work a lot more. I'd be doing 70 hours a week. I mean, I'd – there'd be a lot of times I'd probably sleep at work. Because before Karen and I got married, when I wouldn't have my daughter, I would stay until 7:30, 8:00 at night, go in at 6:00 in the morning. But you know, work, you know, Saturdays when I didn't have my daughter. And that's the hardest part about being a manager. I hate – it's like, I wish I didn't have to be a manager, you know, because the responsibility is just so much.

JM: Yup.

[tape noise]

GM: ...in I Timothy 1 beginning at verse 18, *“Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.”*

They were marked by Paul publicly and it's in the letter, you know, not to blaspheme not, not, not – you know, they were spreading, they were spreading rumours, they were spreading innuendos. And they were marked. To mark someone means you don't talk to that person.

TW: But it just says, it says he handed them over to Satan. I mean, that doesn't mean he marked them. It doesn't say don't talk to them.

GM: All right –

TW: Is it, I mean is it –

GM: Is it what?

TW: I mean, is there a different part of it that I'm missing?

GM: Well, yeah. I mean, there was, it mentioned in the scripture right there, right here it mentioned, you know, “I have handed them over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme,” OK, and that's what he's talking about.

I mean, if you look over in Titus chapter 1, verse 10, it says, *“For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach--and that for the sake of dishonest gain. Even one of their own prophets has said, ‘Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.’ This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth.”*

You know, in other words, you rebuke them. There's another one that says, have nothing to do with them.

TW: OK.

GM: That's marking somebody. When you tell people, you know, in a public letter, "Have nothing to do with them." That's marking them. Absolutely biblical.

TW: OK.

GM: And you should you should do a study of Paul's letters sometime. It happens several times.

TW: I'll definitely look into it.

GM: So I know that this is not just something we do in our church, whatever else. The reason why we mark someone is because that person is ruining other people's faith. Faith. They're creating dissensions, they're creating factions, and it's wrong. And that disrupts the integrity of the whole body. And that's why we, that's why we mark people.

See, this is not – Dusty still thinks this is a difference of opinion. You know, he thinks one way and we think another way. It's not. He can think that but that's not what it is. Dusty, Dusty Wakefield has fallen away. He's a fallaway. So's Monica, so's Adam, so's his wife. They are fallaways.

TW: Fallaways from...

GM: Fallaways from God. When you leave the church, 1 Corinthians 12, the hand cannot say to the body, I do not need you. You are baptised into this body, and you leave the body it's like a hand leaving the body. You cease to be a party of that body. That is a fallaway. That is someone who spiritually cuts himself off from the body. That's exactly what they've done.

This is not a, "Well, we just think, you know, we'll go over here." That's not what people do when they leave. See, when most people, when they leave, say, "I'm not going to do what the church says and what the leadership says, and I'm just going to go over here and do my own little thing." You know what? There is no place in the Bible that supports that. And I'd love to have one of these guys show me where it says that.

TW: But just because, I mean, there's always – they could go to another church.

GM: Not if they're baptised into this body they can't.

TW: So can – OK, I can't say I agree with you, necessarily. But, I mean, I think this is going to be a debatable situation. I don't think – we might not ever agree upon this.

GM: Well, what let me ask you a question. I mean, what – where is your heart? I mean, let's get honest. Because your heart wasn't there last night. Where was your heart?

TW: Actually my heart was there last night. I was actually really enjoying it last night. I had a great time last night.

GM: So then why'd you leave right afterwards?

TW: Because I have to get up at 4:00 in the morning to go to work. I have to wake up really early to go to work.

GM: I know you've been there many times before and you've –

TW: And it's wearing me out. I had to take Henry home last night. I wanted to make sure Henry could talk because he's definitely going through a lot of struggles. Henry is my group leader. So he wanted a ride home. We talked on the way home. We shared, we talked about what was going on in the service, what's going on in his life. I didn't know it was necessary that we had to be there. I thought that, you know, we could talk on the way. Henry thought it was an OK idea. That way I could get to bed early.

GM: So you got advice about that? In other words, you thought that was, that was something that you just – you know, the two of you guys just take off and everybody else is there. You think you're the only one that has to get up early?

TW: Who was I supposed to get advice from?

GM: You could have got advice from Jay. You could have got advice from me. You know, we have scheduled these things once every two weeks. That, you know, this is not something that we have to do every night. Once every two weeks we schedule these things so that there can be an open-ended fellowship. So that you guys can really connect and really bond. You know, I had five people comment to me how you were not into it last night. So that, you know, what you're feeling in your heart and what you're communicating to everybody else – you're responsible for what you communicate.

TW: You know, if people feel that I wasn't into it and they were really offended by it then –

GM: That's why they were concerned. In fact, they tried to go and talk to you guys afterwards but you guys skipped out right afterwards.

TW: They're more than welcome to come talk to me or give me a call. My cell phone is always on. Anytime, you know. The only time I really don't talk on the phone is late at night I try to keep it off. I'm more than happy – I've never refused to go hang out with anybody or to talk to anybody. I mean, if people feel that way then, you know, really, biblically they should really take it to me first, shouldn't they.

GM: Well, if someone's concerned about somebody, if somebody's concerned about – and they say I'm concerned that, you know, you didn't look too good – personally I would have said, "Well, go talk to him." I even, I even asked one guy – I think I told Jay, I said, "Would you grab Henry for me, you know, and I want to talk to him tonight." Because, I mean, I looked at Henry and Henry's head was down the whole night. I mean, you know. I mean, Tanner, I can look around and it's really not that difficult to see who's really into something and who's really not. And I have a real hard time believing you guys were into it.

TW: I don't know necessarily if Henry was. I know he's definitely struggling, has a lot of challenges in his life right now. You know, like I said, I'm sorry if I didn't seem, you know, as motivated. I mean –

GM: Well, I, I, I mean –

TW: I mean I don't know if you can judge my heart because of that because I was really enjoying it. I really appreciated last night. But I'm sorry if I wasn't outwardly more motivated, and I will definitely work on it.

JM: Well, I think that you know I appreciate that. And I think that, you know, you and Henry were the only ones there in your Bible talk last night. So if you're going to talk to me, I mean, all of these things make sense. I think that we're probably not getting to the real issue here.

I just don't – I don't even feel like you want to be here. I feel like you're mad at Greg, I feel like you're mad at me, and I've tried to talk to you several times, say hi, how you doing, and try to – I mean, you know, we went through a terrible time together. I mean, it was, Satan was going at us and trying to reconnect. And I feel like every time I try to talk to you, you don't – there's a, there's a wall.

And so, so, I feel like in a sense I can judge your heart on that. You're not happy and there's stuff in your heart that you're not being open about. And I mean, that's the kind of stuff that as a ministry, you know, we're – when I see that, you know, absolutely you're not in a good place. And I mean something, something needs to change.

TW: Well, you know, I really encourage you, that if you feel that way next time, instead of getting to this point, you can come talk to me about it and tell me how you feel.

JM: OK, but again, again –

TW: If you feel that way about me, you can come talk to me about that. I mean, we don't have to all get together and talk about that. You know, you can ask me. You know, I've never said I won't talk to anybody, I've never turned anybody away, I've never not hung out with people. I mean, I mean, if you feel that way, I'm – you know, like I said, I'm sorry. And I will work on trying to be more motivated.

GM: But Tanner, what about –

TW: I'm talking! – come on – please – I mean, that's fair, isn't it? I would really like that – I mean, you know, first of all I don't believe you can judge my heart. Because my Bible says that only Jesus can judge, he will judge the dead and the living. And I believe that firmly.

But you know, next time, bring it to me, Jay. I mean, I would love to hear it if you feel that way. I love constructive criticism. I love hearing if somebody feels something about me. I have no problem changing or looking at it or, or seeing something. But I don't think it's necessary to not say anything to me, talk to Greg about it, and then bring me in front of both of you to talk about this. Instead of just talking to me first. Do you feel I was unapproachable or intimidated or like you couldn't –

JM: No, I think this is, I think after – I was going to give you enough time to hopefully try to repent in your heart but when I saw the effect that, obviously in my mind, I believe that you have had on Henry [*tape noise*] ...and you know I, I, you probably were enjoying it. But I think it was it was really unwise for Henry to leave and not be able to stay and get to talk with other people who could, you know, who had already told him, hey, let's talk tonight afterwards.

TW: OK, but I didn't know anybody had said, you know, hey, Henry, let's talk. I didn't know anything about that, you know.

GM: You can understand it. You know that Henry's not doing well spiritually. You know, you're not being honest right now. You're not. Or you're not being a friend. Because if I came to

church with somebody who's in the kind of state Henry's in, and I would have said, "Look, I gotta get up early the next morning. I have to leave. You need to stay here."

So I don't buy what you're saying to me right now. This is not – you're not being truthful. You're not a friend. This is not a friend that does something like that. He needed to be there last night. He should have been there for a long time last night. He should have been the last one that left last night. And you're not being truthful right now. You're not being honest. You're trying to put a spin on it and I'm sorry, we see right through it.

And if you would just get open about your heart, we could go somewhere. But, you know, you have obviously got attitudes. It's obvious. You've got bitterness and, and yes, I can make a judgement. The spiritual man makes judgements about all things but he himself is not subject to any man's judgement.

But this whole idea that you've got, and this whole false doctrine that you've got in there, we cannot judge, is totally false. Totally false. Al Baird talked about it that night. Absolutely can we judge. And I'm saying you are not doing well spiritually. And you are not being honest, and I don't appreciate that. You are stonewalling. Why did you, why didn't you have him stay last night? There's no good reason. Tell me why! Who were you thinking about?

TW: There's no good reason. I mean, anything I say you will disagree with. There's just no good reason.

GM: Well, tell me a reason! I would love to hear a reason.

TW: I already told you.

GM: You think that was the best for him?

TW: You know, Greg, Greg, I mean what can I say that would make you happy right now?

GM: You can't say anything that's going to make me happy right now.

TW: OK.

GM: You could be honest. Which you're not being.

TW: OK. I'm sorry.

GM: See, you're just not being honest. You've just decided you, you're, you know, I don't know what you've decided. I don't know what you think you're trying to prove. But it's not working.

TW: OK.

GM: And see, that's so ridiculous, what you're doing right now. It's so ridiculous. And you know, you're, you're, you're really, you're just not being honest. You're being a coward because you just won't be honest. You have not said one honest thing tonight about what's going on in your heart.

TW: OK.

GM: See, that's ridiculous.

TW: OK, well, what would you like for me to –

GM: I want you to be honest. When he's asking you what is going on, what is in your heart, you've never said one thing. You've never said, I'm happy, I'm sad, I'm glad, I'm mad.

TW: Actually I did. I told you, I really appreciated last night. I had a lot of fun last night. I thought it was great. I said that. I mean, you didn't hear me say that?

GM: That's not what's going on in your heart that we're talking about. We're not talking about if you enjoyed last night or not. We're talking about what is going on in your heart, and you're manipulating this conversation.

[*Tanner sighs.*]

GM: I want to know what's really going on.

TW: You know, but I've, I've told you. I've spoken to you in the past. I've told you how I feel and I've spoken to you tonight. And I told you how I feel. I don't know –

JM: I don't feel like you have tonight. Because you, you, you're not getting down and saying, "Guys, I don't like you." Obviously you don't think that Greg understands a lot of biblical teachings. You don't think that I have a good biblical basis. You don't think that we're leading the ministry in a biblical way. You feel like the way that we do things is not right, it's not biblical. You feel like people are scared to talk to us. You feel like we're bad leaders. I mean, this is the stuff that your actions show, that that's what you feel about us.

And, you know, I'm fine, you know, I'm fine with people feeling that. Just say it. You know, I mean, just from the spirit that I feel from you, I'm trying to understand why would you even want to be in our ministry. Why don't you try to go somewhere else if it just rubs you that raw. You know, why do you stay here? I mean, you could, "Maybe I could go to another region, maybe I could transfer somewhere." Because these guys are not following the Bible.

GM: You're either with us or you're against us. There's not this middle of the ground thing. You know, I know very clearly who's with us and who's not. And that's why this church is having a hard time right now. You know, and there's weak people. I spoke to two or three weak people last night. You know, I mean, I couldn't believe [Chris Golaz's] attitude last night. You know, there's a lot of gratitude, in spite of the fact he's been the one that was hurt.

And it's very clear to me, you know, who's really with us, who's really on the team, and who's not. And I don't know what you think what you're trying to do, but you're not being honest. And yes, I can look at your heart and tell you're not being honest.

JM: I mean, to be honest with you, we can't judge whether or not you're going to Heaven but [tape noise] ...going to Heaven, but the Bible does. It talks a lot about, you know, we have to judge each other. You know, we can judge when somebody's in sin. We can judge it very clearly from their heart. I can judge if there's anger. I mean, yeah, we can do that. That's what we're saying.

I mean, I don't know, this is what I do all day, every day, is just try to help people with their sin. And if I mean, you've got a, there's huge amounts of unresolved stuff in there. And we're not here because we're trying to bully you or kick you out or anything like that. Honestly, man, tell us what it is. Let's work through it and let's come to some resolution, because if you stay like this you're going to be miserable. If you stay like this the bitterness will eat away at your heart. And my prediction, no, I can't judge, my prediction is, if the bitterness eats away at your heart and you don't repent of it, you will not make it to Heaven.

And that I feel is a warning that I would give anybody, is man, you're headed down the wrong path, because you won't resolve. You won't push through until the sin's resolved. And I mean, that's, that's why, I mean, we'll listen. Whatever it is, we'll listen. But what can't happen is [*tape noise*] ...that you never talk about but that just seethes out of you and affects the people around you. And that, that can't happen. I wouldn't let any of my kids have it, and I can't let the people in the ministry have it. Because it hurts the rest of the people.

GM: And we're saying, this is what you're doing.

TW: Can I talk now?

GM: Yes.

TW: I'd like to respond to what you said, Jay. If by any means you feel that I am, I don't like you, I don't support you, I don't have any good feelings towards you or towards Chris, or, I never felt that way at all. I think that you're a great leader. I think that Chris is a great leader. I think that Greg is a great leader. I disagree with the way Greg treats people and the way he acts as though, he acts a lot out of emotion and out of feeling, and I think he intimidates a lot of people, which I don't like. And I've told you that to you before, Greg. That Tuesday, we talked about it and I told you that's how I felt. And then when I was telling you, towards the end you said, "You, you know what? I don't want to hear it anymore." Because that was being, I was being bitter, and I was part of the gossip.

GM: You are.

TW: So I have made it a point and, and I really apologise. I don't feel that way, Jay, at all. And you know, like I said, I really would appreciate if you ever feel that way that you ask me, you know. Especially, you know, I've told, I've told Chris, I've even told him after services that I really appreciate him, I appreciate his heart, I appreciate his methods. You know, I really, you know, and I'm sorry. I just – you know, because you weren't my sector leader, I haven't spoken to you as much. I haven't had as many interactions with you as I've had with Chris.

But I by no means, you know, I mean, even that day after church on Sunday, after church with Dusty, even afterwards, I told you, "You know, Jay, I really appreciated the way that you acted." So by no means do I feel that way. And I'm really sorry if you feel that I don't respect you or appreciate you. Or even you, Greg, I just disagree with the way that you act. I think that you just act out of emotions and I mean, that I have told you that before though.

GM: You have.

TW: And, and, you know, even the last time, I told you when we were at the church, you said, you know, you felt that you were justified in how you acted towards Dusty. And I disagree still. So I'm sorry. Will you forgive me, Jay, if you feel that way – I really, I really –

GM: No, the thing that I want you to hear – I don't expect you to agree with me in everything. The Bible says there are bound to be disagreements, you know, to show who has God's favour. I don't, you know, I have different people, I mean [*tape noise*] ...you know, but we can talk it through. We can resolve things. We can move on. But I feel very strongly that there's been an attitude towards Jay, towards me, that – you know, and this whole thing with your brother that – you know, I feel like there's been a lack of forgiveness there.

And I feel it's wrong and it's unfair, and I feel like, and I feel like saying – I cannot – it's one thing to disagree, it's another thing to hold a grudge. And I do not feel like you are behind me. I do not feel like you're supportive at all. I feel like you're sitting there judging me, watching me, waiting for me to mess up, and that is not a spiritual attitude. There is bitterness in your heart that you will not deal with. And what I'm saying is, deal with it or go somewhere else. It's that simple. And that's not just for you. That's for anybody else in the church. I mean that very sincerely.

TW: Mm-hm.

GM: So you either deal with it or you leave. I said deal with it, I mean repent of it.

TW: What makes you feel – I mean, I don't think we've had – like, one conversation. Today on the phone. And then we spoke once that Tuesday. What would make you feel that I had been unforgiving or bitter or not behind you or supportive?

GM: Well, every time I talk to you. That Tuesday we talked at church. You know, you still feel like, you know, the impression you leave with me is that if I hadn't lost my temper, this whole thing never would have happened. I totally disagree with that. I totally disagree with that. Your brother has been terrorising people for years and I'm one of the first people that said, "No, you're not going to do that."

And that is the difference. The difference is, Shelly and I have come into this ministry and we've been in a lot of the ministries, and we've looked, and we've seen the hearts of people, and we are appalled at the condition of people's hearts. And it's wrong and it's sinful and it will stop. If we have to take half the people out of this church, we will – it will, it will happen. That's not a threat, that's just a fact. Kevin feels exactly the same way. We are totally unified on this.

This idle chatter, this gossip, this divisiveness, this, we've had enough of it. And that's what it is. And I'm going to deal with every situation like this because this is not what God's church is. I, I know what God's church is. I've been in God's church and this is not God's church, when people act this way. And if people feel like, like you know, Greg lost his temper....

[*Recording breaks off here.*]