Why the Old Fundamentalism is Cracking Transcript

Summary of podcast from Generations with Vision website:

More Sexual Harassment Rumors

Kevin Swanson talks about how to deal with more sour rumors spreading concerning Bill Gothard and the ATI program. Then, we move on to a discussion concerning the old fundamentalism from the 1930s – 1970s. This movement is cracking and turning either self-consciously anti-nomian, outrageously apostate. . . or it turns to a more biblical balance. Funny how these things work.

The entire broadcast was transcribed below by KB, who graciously offered her editorial commentary as she typed (in purple). Thank you, KB! ~ja

Unless specifically noted, Kevin Swanson is talking. Notation is made when Steve Vaughn enters the conversation.

Please also note that by the time I got to minute 21, I was getting tired of typing repeated words, so I consolidated repeated words to one word. ~KB

Welcome my friends to the Generations radio podcast. My name is Kevin Swanson. I'm a homeschool father of five, raising our children out here on the Eastern plains of Colorado during the demise of Western civilization; the breakdown of faith, family and freedom. Where children are born outside of wedlock, half of marriages ending in divorce, things are falling apart at the seams and, hey, all kinds of abhorrent sexuality is being celebrated, and encouraged and funded by your public dollars

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and it is craziness, the neurotic agenda, I mean, Nero's vision for homosexual marriage, now in what, like, 27 developed nations around the world, I've lost count. Anyway, crazy stuff happening in the Western world. Largely because we live in an apostatizing world that is, hey, good riddance to all of that Christian stuff. We're out of that. We want to do everything we possibly can to offend the moral law of God. So, that's kind of the world we live in today. And, as a homeschooling father, I'm doing my best to give my children an education that is

grounded in a Biblical way of thinking about everything. I think it is time to restore both truth and relationships to a lost and lonely world. Hey, the postmodern world has jettisoned relationships in this massive institutionalization of all of life, but it has also jettisoned all possibility for absolute truth, especially absolute ethics. That's the thing that really bothers the humanists more than anything else, when you stand up and say I am against child molestation. Apparently/humanists/ and postmodernists love child molestation. How dare someone say that is wrong! > I am taking an absolute stand against the sins of homosexuality, or fill in the blank.

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Any time you take a stand against something, you're going to turn off the postmodernists. But, we're just saying, hey, guys, you've got to have some kind of an ethic otherwise there is no possibility for truth, for, there's no possibility for ethics, there's no possibility for purpose in life and you're just cosmic dust floating in a universe. A meaningless universe of pure chance. Ok, and that's not our world view. We personally think that's the most hopeless world view. The materialist world view is the most hopeless view you could

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ever come up with. And so we present a Biblical world view. Now, this has not always been the case in my generations. Now, I come out of a fundamentalistic world view from the 60's, from the 50's and 60's. This is really where my grandparents and my parents came out of. And when I say fundamentalism, I'm not talking about a commitment to the Bible as a source of truth. I'm talking about a movement

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that got its roots out of the early part of the 20th century. And when you had men like J. Gresham Machen that were opposing liberalism in the 1920's and 1930's, the fundamentalist world broke away from J. Gresham Machen and started a half-way house that didn't want to use God's law as the standard, but wanted to create their own list of rules and fences as the standard, and they weren't particularly thrilled about the doctrine of Sovereignty of God either to boot. But. And, Steve. Steve Vaughn

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in the studio with us right now. Steve, this in not exactly your background. This is the background of much of the home education movement that I started out with. So, the early homeschooling movement of the 1970's and 1980's, the teaching home, homeschool movement did not come out of the Lutherans. It didn't come out of the Catholics. It didn't come out of the Presbyterians. It didn't come out of the Reformed. It came out of the Fundamentalists, which really represented a movement that split away from J. Gresham Machen early on, when J. Gresham Machen

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said hey, we're not with the liberals here, but there was a group that split away from him and they're moving toward what I would say was fundamentalism that didn't want any alcohol,

was very much in favor of prohibition which is very strong in the 1920's and 1930's, and was upset with the idea of dancing because dancing might elicit some kind of sexual thing. And, so, the fundamentalism didn't establish its perspectives in the laws of God, weren't interested in the laws of God. But rather,

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created a system of rules and fences as the standard, and thereby displaced the laws of God. Well, anyway, this half-way house is I think, collapsing right now into full-fledged antinomialism <Made up word #1>. Or, just off the San Francisco for more fun, a Gomorrah street, or happyhouse.com, or whatever the case may be. So, I think what's happening right now with fundamentalism is we're seeing a lot of cracks in the foundation. Either we're gonna move towards a Biblical way of thinking of things. And that's what my father did, in the 1970's. My father

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wrote a book called, "The Law of God" and translated it into Japanese (Japanese name of book?) and really laid out the fact that God's laws are often times different than the concocted laws and rules and regulations that are imposed upon us by fundamentalist sects. So he pointed out the difference there. And Steve, you're nodding your head. You kinda relate to this debate.

SV: Oh yeah. Even though I wasn't necessarily raised in it. I was raised in the Methodist church. But, we saw it around us.

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SV (cont.): And, as I studied Phariseeism < Made up word #2>. And that's really what that is as well. They were building fences in order to not even to get close to being able to break the law of God. But they made their own laws and became twice the sons of hell then they made everybody else.

KS: Yeah, yeah. And that is what tends to happen with that system if you are not careful. And, so there is something dangerous about creating the fences and then forgetting what the ultimate standards of God's laws were all about.

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KS (cont.): You know, God's laws actually do not recommend a certain standard of courtship, for example. You know. There's no system in God's law relating to courtship. Now, the father can retain val-veto <*Made up word #3?*> power if he wants.

SV: Right

KS: Turns out. But it doesn't say the father should be involved in this way, there should be a chaperone in this situation, in that sit.. There's nothing like that. You're not going to find out the rules in scripture that lays out all the fences. But. So you can have. I mean, you can have families that do all this chaperoning and everything else,

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KS (cont.): and then they wind up breaking the commandment anyway.

SV: Right

KS: They wind up fornicating anyway. And dad can be really working this heavy duty courtship system, but he's doing porn in the basement during the evening times. < Man, this family's messed up! > You have this kind of thing happening a lot when people are ultimately ignoring the laws of God but taking on their own rules and regulations. Well, all that said, we're gonna to talk about what is happening right now with fundamentalism, what is happening right

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KS (cont.): now with the homeschooling movement, and precisely what is happening right now with Bill Gothard. Okay. There's some stories right now on Patheos.com, SpritualSoundingBoard.com, which by the way are the apostatizing websites that are dancing on the grave of the old Christian west and certainly anything related to fundamentalism or anything relating to Biblical Christianity. They love it. They love it when they begin to see cracks in fundamentalism. We'll be back in just a moment to comment

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KS (cont.): on that on the Generations radio broadcast. This is Kevin Swanson.

Break: <This is where Swanson uses Abigail to talk about a fun contest to make neat Christian children's books! Yay! Let's join along! It's a \$2,000 prize and 10% royalties. An offer no one can refuse. Then we'll dance on the grave of the old Christian west!>

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Folks we're back on the Generations broadcast. Kevin Swanson your host with you. Steve Vaughn in the studio with us. Homeschool father of 6. I'm a homeschool father of 5. Hey, you take over the world your way, we'll take over the world ours.

SV: We'll just do it one person more than you will.

KS: But, homeschooling. I mean we're both in the homeschooling movement. Steve, you've been in it for a long time.

SV: Yeah.

KS: Your oldest is.

SV: 23

KS: My oldest 22. So. Similar. Similar families.

SV: Yeah

KS: We're similar age by the way. You're 50.

KS (cont.): I'm almost 50. So, we've been in homeschooling for a very long time. I've been in it for 2-3 generations. <Really? 3 generations?> And God has been very, very gracious to our family. We haven't seen apostacy. We haven't seen people getting sick of this Christian faith that we got from our parents and stomping out, Steve, I just haven't seen that recently in our family. And I'm so thankful for it. All 6 of my siblings are walking with God and raising their children in the nurture of the Lord and I'm just really pleased. And I think that a lot of it was the fact that my father was committed to the word of God.

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He was committed to the word of God and he would not allow, you know. Man made systems are man made law systems to displace God's principles. He always said what does the Bible say? Let's go back to the Bible. What does the Bible say about dance? Well, actually the Bible says that dance is a good thing dad. Okay. Well, it's a good thing. That's the way my dad would think. You know, he would say, hey, you're commanded to dance in Psalm 150. You can't say it's wrong if the Bible says it's right. That's the way my dad thought. He did not create man made fences and rules and regulations. And for that reason, I think we had a pretty solid

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faith in those early years. Now, friends, right now Patheos and Spiritual Sounding Board are the apostacizing websites working hard to drive another 10% out of the organized historical, Biblical churches to a pro-homosexual, pro-socialist, pro-evolution, pro-atheist agenda. I mean, they're just so excited if they can...they're sort of like the aprostalites <*Made up word #4*> of the left you know. Can we get more to apostatize from the Biblical, spiritual faith, and they're somewhat successful

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mainly because whatever is out there that cloaks itself as a fundamentalist faith often times isn't that strong anyway. So, anyway. Patheos and Spiritual Sounding Board are dancing on the grave of Bill Gothard and the whole A.T.I. thing right now. This is what's happened. And the rumors on the street is that there was more sexual abuse of some sort. But here is the deal. As Christians we ought to be very careful when we see these things on public websites, new sites, presenting this information. We ought to

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demand two or three witnesses in a proper church court or a proper civil court. That ought to be important to us. And, uh. You know. But Patheos and Sounding Board doesn't really care that much about it. They just get very excited about the fact that there may be some problem, some compromise, in the life of a spiritual leader. And if they can find that, they kind find the compromise, the moral compromise in the life of a leader, they get very excited because now they know that they can toss out everything that guy ever said about God,

Jesus, honoring mothers and fathers, you know, etc., etc. So, if that be the case, you know, they can throw all that out and they can do whatever they want. And how fun that can be, you know. I mean, you know. We don't have to worry about this adultery thing anymore, don't have to worry about homosexuality, don't have to worry about incest, don't have to worry about pedophilia, we can just celebrate. < Yes. ALL of the writers on Patheos and of course, SSB, is excited about pedophilia, incest and adultery! > You know, I mean we're free from anything that this Christian leader ever said because there may be some moral compromise in his life. And that's why

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they get so excited, Steve, I think.

SV: <*Clearly the village idiot. Sure boss, whatever you say!* > Yeah, and that's. They want to be free from God. That's why they're worshiping themselves, or the whole humanist religion. Because they've been seeking to be free from God all their lives. And they can't get free of him. And it just, it's like a cockroach trying to get away from the light to get into darkness. And they've found that they can't get away from the light. And anytime that they can find any kind of darkness within the fundamentalist movement

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SV (cont.): then they want to go hide there.

KS: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. They want to exploit that as best as they possibly can. < I swear that KS is salivating at this point. Let's call them cockroaches again, Steve! > Now, I want to comment. I realize that this is going to be a little controversial. Not like we've ever been controversial on this program before. < Hahahahaha! Oh, that's a good one! > But, I want to caution people about things that I've cautioned them about since 2007. Steve, I went back to August 30, 2007, and I interacted with Bill Gothard and IBLP on this radio show. Was that 4 years ago? No, 7 years ago? 8 years ago? Almost 8 years ago.

SV: We're getting old.

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KS: Yeah, getting old. It's hard to remember. < And, apparently to do math. > 8 years ago I interacted with Bill Gothard and the IBLP on this radio show. And I said, I said. Here's what I said. So, what's the difference between legalism and loving God and keeping his commandments? Kevin points out that one can benefit from the ministry without narrowing the sum total of the Christian life to following the ministry. At what point does one walk over the edge to become a Gothardite, or an Ezzoite, or a Swansonite? So, that's what I wrote in August of 2007, some 8 years ago,

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interacting with Gothard and the IBLP program. And, I still stand by that. Steve, I've actually encouraged a number of people at different conferences around the country to be very careful about becoming the Ezzoite or the Gothardite because I think what happens when you

do that is you displace the word of God with a system. And it's almost like the same problem with fundamentalism from the 1920's and 1930's that we commented on.

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I think you can make the same mistake when you do that. Now, I cautioned people not to become a Gothardite, but I didn't toss out everything Gothard ever said about the 5th commandment back in 2007. I mean, I appreciate the fact that he has emphasized the importance of honoring your father and mother. That is a really important part of his ministry. Now, does he apply it in all the right ways? Probably not. Is he batting a thousand on how he teaches on the 5th commandment? I doubt it. In fact, he probably doesn't. <50, if the 5th commandment is such a big deal to you, why would you applaud someone who you think doesn't teach it the "right way?" >

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Neither do I by the way. But, still, here's a guy that emphasized the 5th commandment. And, I said, hey, ok, here's a guy that emphasized the 5th commandment. It's good news. I'm glad he did. So, you've got to be careful that you point out the positives as well as the negatives. <50, KS, as long as Gothard emphasizes the 5th commandment, you must be ok with the pedophilia? Because that's what how Gothard's actions are being described. > And I think I did that in my program in 2007 on Gothardism. But, man, if you become a Gothardite, you're gonna have to attend a Gothard recovery program somewhere. Or if you become an Ezzoite or a Swansonite, you're going to have to attend a Swanson recovery program. If

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you become a Swansonite. Or a Gothardite. Paul, Paul warned about that.

SV: Yes he did. He said, you know, he went to I can't remember where it was, and he said that people here are saying well, I follow after Paul, others are saying I follow Apollos. You know, did Paul die for your sins? Did Apollos do any of this?

KS: Yeah. Yeah, right.

SV: No. It's all what came from Christ. David was called a man after God's own heart. But you didn't see Davidites.

KS: Yeah

SV: You probably did. I mean if you were able to go back there. But this is the way it has always been.

KS: Yeah

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SV: That we follow after what they say is that it's right, and then when they fail, we realize that they failed not because they were some sort of perfect person, but that's their fault, we're all fallen human beings. And so we see David's warts. We also see that he was also a

great man of worship and he wrote the Psalms. We Paul's warts, but we also see that he's a great man of God with the argument that he had about whether to bring John Mark along.

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SV (cont.): You know, over my dead body you will. You know. And then we see him later asking for Mark to come because he can minister to him.

KS: Right. But there's a difference between the inspired writings of scripture and the books that Kevin Swanson writes.

SV: There is?

KS: There is. Yes, there is. I hate to be the person to break that to you. But still, you can get Apostate for 20 bucks on the website.

SV: Yeah

KS: For what it's worth. < Note to KS - Your book is not worth the 20 bucks! >

SV: So, yeah I've read it. I guess I have to throw that away. < What? What?! Did SV just smack down on KS?>

KS: You know what Steve? I think people are drawn to a formulaic recipe driven system.

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SV: Oh, people love rules.

KS: They love rules. They love formulaic systems. And I caution people about this. I think we've been cautioning people for 20 years about recipes and formulas. I think we have. Because here's the deal. Some people, some people get the impression that if you just buy this guy's system of rules, it will all work out for you. The system will predestine success for you.

SV: Yeah, Pharisees sold that.

KS: Versus the sovereignty of God. You know. And God is sovereign ultimately. You can give

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somebody a few suggestions and say, hey, these might be helpful in the raising of your kids. But, man, if you give them the impression they buy this thing, it will be perfect. You will have the perfect life. I'm sorry, but that's not recognizing the sovereignty of the spirit of God who has got to blow on the hearts of your kids.

SV: Absolutely. You've got to get to the Bible. You've got to read Proverbs. You've got to read everything about how to raise your kids. How to have a relationship. All of that is actually found in the word of God. And we do have men who

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SV (cont.): helped to expound upon that. But ultimately it's the Holy Spirit that illumines us and teaches us. So we've got to follow what's...test all things in light of Scripture. Hold fast to that which is true.

KS: And whatsoever is not of faith is sin. That stands out to me from Romans 14, Steve.

SV: Yes

KS: Faith is so important in this. And sometimes people separate faith from works. They get into a works based system. There's no faith where they're operating. I mean it's just a bunch of faithless people trying to do works. In other words, it's this massive separation

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of evangelism and discipleship, grace and law, faith and works. So people actually try to do law without grace and works without faith. That to me is a recipe for disaster <*Actually, he said dE-zas-ter*>.

SV: Absolutely

KS: And it's kind of hard-wired into some evangelical thinking. And some reformed folks I think, this way too. They separate out sanctification, justification. Such that they'll try to get in some sanctification and they'll do it without faith. They'll say faith was all part of that justification experience, but now I'm moving on so sanctification.

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Don't need no faith any more. So this massive separation in their minds and they try sanctification without faith and after a while they just give up on sanctification. I'll just stick with my justification. And then they move to San Francisco after that. <He really has a problem with San Francisco.>

SV: Yeah

KS: So, I tell ya. I think what happens, Steve, is you get legalism on one hand. You get antinomialism on the other. And people wind up in one ditch or the other and it's very seldom sometimes to find people not in a ditch. They're either in legalism or they're in antinomialism. But, man, if somebody was in a Biblical concept of theological balance,

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they'd be doing much, much better. And, I wish that would...I wish that people would understand that theology much, much better than they do. There's also this idea of a guy being a pope over 500,000 people around the United States just doesn't work. I think people have realized that. That, you know, you can have a national teacher like R.C. Sproul or McArthur or fill in the blank. There's some guys out there giving helpful messages. But when people pluck into these guys as their primary teacher, I think that's a problem.

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That's why what we do on our show is we spend most of our time dealing with cultural issues, applying the word of God to the cultural issues, but telling people, hey, you need to go to your church for the day to day, the week to week, counseling and teaching and instruction in the word of God. If you're going to be discipled, you need to be discipled in the local church in which there can be a day to day accountability where that pastor can point out and understand what is happening in your life specifically. Not applying a recipe formulaic driven system, but understanding

what your specific needs are. Because as we like to say, relationships drive specificity <*Made up word #...oh*, *I've lost count.*> and so, as you develop those relationships, your leaders, your shepherds can kind of direct you to the things that you need in the word of God. And that's something that one big ol' pope over 500,000 people is not going to be able to do.

SV: Yeah. And not even some of the local pastors are able to do that either. So you've got to keep the word of God in you and make sure that what the local pastor is teaching is also within the word of God.

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SV (cont.): Because that's where a lot of the problems come. When you can find a fundamentalist pastor...

KS: Yeah. Yeah. Same problem. Yeah.

SV: So you...

KS: Mmm, hmm. Same problem. Yeah, yeah.

SV: So it is so important that you study and you pray to ask the Holy Spirit to illuminous <*Uh* oh. Now Steve is making up words. > this to you.

KS: The word of God has to be the epistlmological <episomological? Epsisomo...whatever. > authority. I mean it has to be. Sometimes you'll have a pastor or a teacher. A national teacher. That will have a rather odd approach to interpreting scripture. And as it turns out he misinterprets just about everything to fit into his preconceived

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system and at the end of the day, after he's done all the teaching, and he's twisted all these verses, you have to ask the question, Steve, who is the epistlmological authority here? < This is where the pot calls the kettle black. > Is it God speaking through his word or is it this guy twisting every verse to say what he wants it to say.

SV: Yeah. And I think one of the big, one of the big issues might be wine. < Oh snap! Did SV just suggest that Gothard may be a drunkard?!>

KS: Yeah. It could be. Right?

SV: Alcohol.

KS: Right? People just want to impose a modern concept on that. I mean for 1900 years of church history,

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you have the church accepting the fact that Jesus made wine at Cana. At the wedding at Cana. And yet people, since the prohibitionists, the liberals, especially the progressive prohibitionists of the 1910's and 1920's really got their hands on this thing and twisted these things around. Here's a hint. If your pastor doesn't ever quote from, or doesn't ever refer to, other commentaries from

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1800 years of church history...I mean, if he's like the first guy to get the Bible right, his name is Jim Jones and you're drinking Kool Aid in Guyana in about 10 years from now, ok. That's a bad sign. That's a really, really bad sign. So be sure that his interpretation has some counsel and some informative advice or wisdom drawn from other church fathers and great church teachers from time past.

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And, we don't find that with some teachers and that can be a huge risk. So, giving you a heads up, friends, today on what it is to attend a healthy church. A healthy church is a historical church. I mean, it has roots in history. It's referring to history. And, by the way, we are publishing a number of books on what church history says about education, sexuality, culture, entertainment, sports. We're coming out with these books, Stephen, probably in the next year. We'll have our first one out within the next two, three weeks.

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They're going to be really nicely bound because I want people to understand that the words that have been communicated to us over 1800 years of church history are valuable, precious words that need to be taken into account by Christians who need to know something about the historical Christian church because of all of the apostasy that is going on. This is the age of apostasy my friends. Church attendance has dropped from 55% to 18% from the silent generation to the millennial generation per Pew Research just a couple of years ago.

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It's interesting to watch how the apostasies play off on each other. Sometimes they don't like each other. They get into fights with each other. <hee>How is your relationship with other apostates?> But, they're different aspects, different brands of apostasy that are flaking off of the Christian church in the West. And I think, Steve, what we need to do is root ourselves in church history. We need to be careful not to follow some big guru who doesn't find his roots in church history. We have to be careful that we are not displacing God's laws, God's word, with the

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authority of men who make their own private interpretations. Etc., etc. We also need to be careful that we don't get the idea that there's some kind of perfect way to do things. That

there's some perfect family out there. You can have a perfect family. You know, if we told people that, if we sold our materials on the basis of that if you just do this, this, this and this, you will have a perfect family. Number one, we're violating the sovereignty of God because if God's spirit doesn't work, you ain't getting no perfect family.

SV: That's right.

KS: I mean. Your family is going to go to hell is what happens. And that's not perfect.

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That would be less than perfect. Like way less than perfect.

SV: I'm amazed as I read through how much liberty God does give in certain things. I would have loved to have God give us the 4,000 rules of his expectations, but he gave us 10.

KS: He gave 10, exactly. And says figure it out. Work it out. And he's given us jurisdictional authority. Jurisdictional authority. And this is one thing you have to be very careful of. When you have leaders

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out there that don't allow jurisdictions, that is families and fathers, to determine how their kids will dress. How their kids will interact with culture, with pop media, with new movies, etc., etc. We need to allow lots and lots of jurisdictional latitude for families to make the decisions relating to how they do things. <KS is so hypocritical and doesn't even see it! So, I guess birth control pills are ok to use then. > And if you've got people narrowing applications, ok, that my friends, is displacing the laws of God. And that's also

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why leaders will try to love God with all their mind for you. You know.

SV: Yeah

KS: Steve, let me tell you how you need to love God concerning your diet. Concerning your dress. Concerning your courtship. How your daughters will court. Let me tell you, let me give you all the rules. Because I'm gonna love God with my mind for you and apply God's law for you. See, but if I do that, then Steve is not loving God with his mind.

SV: Yeah, and I think that a lot of the pastors out there

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SV (cont.): are afraid that they'll loss control of their church. If I preach freedom, if I preach grace, and preach these types of things, then what next? What's gonna happen? I'm gonna end up with drunken brawls

KS: Right, right, right...<salivating...let's say that again Steve!>

SV: and sexual orgies in the church. But that's...

KS: Why don't you teach the law of God? The 10 commandments? You know. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Honor your father and mother.

SV: Yeah

KS: Why don't you teach those? That's cool.

SV: Yeah

KS: And then, encourage people to make application in their own lives.

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And as you do that, and by the way, you're going to have to rely on the Spirit. And that's really hard for megalomaniac control freak pastors. Trust me.

SV: It's scary for dads.

KS: It is. It's really scary.

SV: Because I've made mistakes. And I've made major mistakes with my kids and I've had to go back and ask for forgiveness and apologize for some of the things that I thought. Because I was doing the same thing. I was saying, no, you must do this. I'm going to love God for you

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with my mind. And I ended up making my family an idol.

KS: Yeah, yeah. And I was so tempted to do that the last couple of years ago, Steve. Telling my daughters exactly how to dress, etc., etc. I was so tempted, so tempted, so tempted to go there. But I just sat on myself. I don't know how you do that. I just sat on myself.

SV: Yeah. It's uncomfortable.

KS: And I prayed and I prayed and I prayed and I prayed and I prayed. I taught the word God as best as I could to my kids. I said, ok children, you're going to have to figure it out now. You're gonna have to figure it out. <So, if his kids figure out through God's word that it's ok for them to be gay, he should be accepting of that. Because they figured it out. Right?! > And occasionally they weren't

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quite getting it right. And I'd say, I don't think you're quite getting it right, but I wouldn't tell them what to do.

SV: Yeah, that is so hard.

KS: And I really avoided, I really avoided the temptation to do that. And ultimately what we're looking for here is direction, not perfection.

SV: Right

KS: We're looking for direction in our kids. We want to see their hearts move in the right direction. We're not looking for perfection. We're just looking for direction. And hopefully as godly fathers, pastors and elders in the churches we're going to be nurturing that and looking for that and praying for that. And that, of course, ultimately is the role of God, God the Holy Spirit

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to change the heart. Ok friends. We're dealing with the breakdown of the Christian faith in the millennial generation. And all of these liberal sites, Huffington Post, Patheos.com, etc., are dancing on the grave. They are so delighted that the millennial generation is only attending church on a weekly basis to 18% down from 55% with the silent generation. I mean, they are just really, really excited about that. We're just wondering if there's any part of the millennial

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generation that will be salvaged. Especially within home education. That's why we've sponsored the Gen2 survey to document the severity of the problem and the causes of kids who are leaving the Christian faith, leaving their Christian families, leaving Christian churches. Saying, bah humbug, don't need any more of this. Why are they leaving? What are the causes? What are the things that influence them more than anything else? And were looking at a number of different causes in the survey and we're hoping that anybody in millennial generation

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who is 18-35 years of age will do our Gen2survey.com. And so I'd like to pass the word around one more time. We have 8,500 people who have completed the full survey. And, granted, it takes a little while to complete the survey. But there's a prize. We're actually drawing a prize, a drawing for those who enter the survey. I believe it's an iPad mini. So, it's an iPad mini if you want to sign up for the survey. If you're 18-35 years of age, have not done the Gen2 survey yet.

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You've got about a month to go on the survey. We're looking at the results and bringing out a major conference in January of 2015. Al Mohler's coming. We have Mike Farris coming. We've got a number of other, probably the most important evangelical leaders across the nation are gonna be at a conference at the Ken Ham Answers in Genesis Museum in January of 2015 as we review the results of the Gen2 survey and determine how we are going to minister to the millennial generation. How we are going to raise our kids

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and our grandkids hopefully to salvage something of the faith, the Christian faith, in the 21st century. That conference is coming up in 2015. Just want to give you a heads up. But first, we need you, if you're 18-35 years of age, we need you right now to fill out the Gen2survey.com.

That's gen, 2, number 2, survey.com. (He spells it out again). Steve, thanks again for joining us on this edition of the program. This has been a really wild discussion.

SV: Yes it has.

KS: (signing off)