

Will You Take A Stand?

The University of Missouri president and chancellor have both resigned in the face of allegations that they had done too little to combat racism on campus. Students and faculty had been protesting, but the tipping point came when members of the football team announced they would boycott team activities until the president stepped down. Now critics are wondering what changes will be demanded next. Social commentator Rod Dreher calls the university "a football team with a university attached to it."

This isn't the first time something like this has happened. If it seems to you that our society has lost its way, you're right. For decades, we've been taught that truth is opinion and ethics are subjective. The "PC Police" is taking over. Or, as the saying goes, "the inmates are running the asylum."

A rising number of opinions have attained the status of political correctness and can be imposed by those with the power to do so. From abortion to same-sex marriage to euthanasia, the entire life cycle is subject to legislated, unbiblical immorality. The light of truth is dimming, and we can expect the room to get darker still.

But here's the good news: God is ready to speak to anyone who is ready to listen.

1 Kings 22 tells an unusual story. Ahab, king of Israel, asks Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, to join him in battle against Syria. Jehoshaphat wisely responds, "Inquire first for the word of the Lord" (1 Kings 22:5). So Ahab gathers 400 hundred prophets, who all claim that God will give him victory (v. 6).

But Jehoshaphat knows that supportive advice is not always good advice. People will often tell you what you want to hear, especially if ingratiating themselves to you will profit them personally. So he asks, "Is there not here another prophet of the Lord of whom we may inquire?" (v. 7) Ahab turns to Micaiah, who predicts that Ahab will be killed and his forces defeated. And his word comes true.

Why? Micaiah asks: "What the Lord says to me, that I will speak" (v. 14).

Will you make the same vow today?