

This week I was in a meeting, and as I get more involved in different things, my positions keep going higher and higher and higher. I get more involved. I get more opportunities to lead, and we're in the middle of this meeting, and somebody says something. And I'm like, I, I don't agree. I don't agree with that. I don't think anybody else here really agrees with that, but I understand where you're coming from. I understand why you think that, but I disagree. And somebody else in the group looks at me and says, you need to get angry. I'm, like, well, this is angry. He's like, no, this isn't angry. I've seen you get angry. This is you trying to be polite, and it wa., It was just me trying to be polite, and they were right. I needed to get angry.

In the past 10 days, I have heard some of the most offensive, some of the most idiotic, some of the most atrocious things come out of people's mouths, and it's at times that you wouldn't expect it.

Last weekend, I was at, obviously I wasn't here, but I was at an event, and we were guests at this event. We were invited to be there. And we got there, and we clearly did not belong. We did not look like anybody else that was there. We only knew one person, so it was obvious who we were. And we were treated poorly the whole day. We would walk into a room and people would walk out. They turn their back on us. We'll go to different places, and they would just be like, oh, look at me and just start talking really weird. Like, you know, all inside jokes and all these other atrocious things, making fun of us at the time. And am I okay, you know, we're guests here. This is how you treat people we'll leave, so we did and they got better eventually.

And then, the next day, we're with some of the same people. And people that I've known for years are sitting there talking to me about how we're right to be upset for the day before because we aren't those people. Anytime you say those people, how do you think you're right?

Well, I got pretty angry and Alyssa did. When Alyssa does, and expresses that anger very well, so we'll see if we're invited back there again or not. So, I thought this was over. I'm, like, okay, we're back home. We're in Madrid. It's a good time. Things are going great, and I'm sitting in this meeting, and I'm being told again by somebody else that we're not those people. So, it's okay, It's not. It's not okay. Those people is not how we should be talking.

And I realized I do need to get angry. I got out of that meeting, and I turned on one of my podcasts. I talk about this friend of mine. We've been friends since college. And he's a nationally syndicated conservative journalist, and in the middle of his broadcast, he says, those people. Now, we've had different views on many things for a long time, but not only does he say those people, he tells all of us that don't agree with him that we are unchristian because those people are Christians and us people are not. Not only are we not Christian because we don't agree with what he says, we are also un-American because Jesus was an American and that his views are Christian and his. I know you guys are awesome. I wish the camera could see this. Yes, Jesus was an American. So, therefore, we are un-American because we are unchristian.

And I'm going through the list of people that are agreeing with him. And I see, I see a number of names that really disappointed me, but I saw one that later in the week said, "It's okay, we're all gonna die." And that really made me angry. That really made me angry because people are quoting the scripture to suit their needs. They're telling me that I am not a Christian because I don't pick and choose parts of it that fit best for what we are, for who we describe ourselves as. That's not the point of Christianity. That's not the point of Jesus dying on the cross.

Paul's letter today to the Galatians is talking about that. They're fighting amongst themselves. They're saying things like the Jews who follow Jesus are more Christian than the Christians, the Gentiles who follow Jesus are. They refer to each other as those people. That doesn't make a right. That's not the point of this. That's not the point of Christianity. It's not to say I'm better in God's eyes because I don't eat pork. That's like me saying I'm better in God's eyes because I don't eat kale. It doesn't matter. None of that matters. What matters is that we live as much of a righteous life as we can, that we treat others the way they should be treated.

There are no those people. It is us. We are all children of God. He says it, right in there, right in the letter. There is no male or female. There is no free or slave. There is no anything. We are all God's children. How he speaks to us is how he speaks to us is personal and inside each and every one of us. We don't have to go around and still wear bonnets. Some churches do because they feel, people feel that is how they talk to God. And they feel that is how they hear God. It's not a requirement. Some people feel that music being played is a distraction from God's word. That's how they hear God. If they need that silence, let it be. God speaks to us how we can hear. He comes to us and how we can feel it.

There are three religions stemming from Abraham. We are all children of Abraham. They're not those people. Some follow a different path to get to God, but as long as we treat each other well, we treat each other the way we want to be treated, we will find our way there. It's not a question of what you do to make sure you get there. It's a question of doing the right thing and speaking and hearing him. We say that we found God. When we're lost, God finds us. He finds the way to talk to us in a way that we can hear. In a way that we can recognize that we are all God's children. We are all deserving of their love. We don't have to jump through hoops to get there. We just need to listen. Let us pray.