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Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 11:09 AM
To: Ross Bacon
Cc: Bill Gothard; Don Veinot; Recovering Grace Leadership Team
Subject: Copy of Correspondence to IBLP and Bill Gothard

January 9, 2014

Hello Pastor Ross,

I am attaching the Jan. 10 and the Jan. 11 letters we are sending to Rev. Bill Gothard and his Board of Directors through the weekend by mail. These will be helpful for your reference in your considerations there. It will give you some perspective of a few practical steps we believe that can be taken if there is genuine repentance involved with at least Rev. Bill Gothard and hopefully his Board of Directors as well.

Out of many pending and developing claims, complaints, and charges against him that are obvious with real damages spiritually as well as physically, we thought it best if I might go first to present a few very basic and specific offenses to Bill Gothard per his multiple requests, just to see how it goes and if his expressed desire is genuine or not. We are working on the basis that it is. A good number of people did not want to risk a 1:1 meeting with him if he is not yet ready to acknowledge wrongs done, repent, and work to put back right what was damaged by him.

We are not, at this stage, doing anything in a corner or secretly, needing this to be seen and dealt with in the light of day and more importantly in the Light Himself, the Word (Eph. 5:13).

It is important to note the copies of the three letters from Bill Gothard (in the binder sent) which reflect the additional two phone calls from Bill Gothard to me in the past two months. On the phone and in these letters he indicated what seemed to be a genuine desire to seek the truth and to pursue reconciliation with me.

I do pray that his heart will not be hardened by any self-preserving advice he may get from his attorneys, board members, ministry directors, and friends. He is so practiced at dismissing problems and never resolving true problems because of his normal demand that all meetings are 1:1 with him. That is why the approach being taken at this stage involves all the people he has claimed are his spiritual counsel, his spiritual authority, along with appropriate witnesses.

Pastor Bacon, these three letters (including the one you received earlier today by email) are in the USPS mail to you and each of your men.

I do not want you or your men to have any sense that I am pressing them or harassing them in any way. We simply wanted them to be informed because of the past experience with your church in years gone by.

I must say that you and your men's response to this serious set of issues is 180 degrees different than the last time we approached now years ago. We were braced again for a repeat and that is why we took the approach we did with delivering information this time to each of your staff and board members individually. I apologize for that if anyone would feel or think I was being too aggressive.

Because of the openness to us by yourself and your men, I will be glad to have correspondence go to you and your office to be distributed in the best ways you have worked out there with your leadership team.

Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart.

We will be praying with you during these days and glad to have that fellowship with you.

Tony G