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## EPISODE 23

Dr. Phil Kidd – Part 1

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[0:02:17] Brian Edwards: Georgia, Georgia, you were always on my mind. Oh, yeah, I love traditional pop man.

[0:02:22] JC Groves: Is that traditional pop? Or is that

[0:02:25] Nathan Cravatt: my favorite version of that is Willie Nelson.

[0:02:27] JC Groves: That's what I was thinking a little hiding like that past may be. Jordan is about all I could think of their Hey, so we wanted, like, radio for being a sponsor of the recovering fundamentalist podcast. Hey, here's one of the things that we absolutely love. So this is episode number 23 we've been doing this since January 23 episodes in, and one of the things that we absolutely love is every single day we're getting messages or phone calls or text messages or emails of you sharing your story this week in particular guys, we received two messages that really moved me to tears and read the one that we got the other night.

[0:03:05] Nathan Cravatt: This is I will have to say different from any other email we've ever received, but it just speaks for itself. Let me read it. I'm not one to reach out normally, but I had to. Right now I'm sitting here holding my sleeping baby 18 month old son who is in the ICU in and he names his town recovering from a very serious seizure where we almost lost him and was catching up on the podcast and listening to Episode 15 Family matters. I listened to the end where you all saying his eye is on the sparrow That really blessed me, and I'm sitting here with tears streaming down my face, thinking about God's love and care for me and our son. You really helped me, and God was very riel in speaking to me. Wow, how cool is That's

[0:03:50] JC Groves: awesome! Actually followed up with him and good news. His boy is better. He went home and he's feeling at home now, so that's that's great. We got this one and she doesn't want to be named. But this girl said I grew up in the IFB It never felt comfortable. After many conflicting instances, I left not only the movement but Christianity all together. My hatred of God's stem from my IFB experiences. I was convinced that either God wasn't really. Or maybe he even hated me. I'm not. A month ago, A friend shared this podcast with me. I've since listened to every episode, and I felt the push to start reading the Bible not out of religious tradition, but to find out who God really is. Through this podcast and God's word, I've found that gospel alone has the power to reconcile and save. Today, guys, I am a follower of Jesus. Thank you were making this podcast so that those who are far from God maybe brought near to him despite any circumstances.

[0:04:45] Brian Edwards: That's why we call this a ministry. Yeah, I think a lot of people hear this and they think it's just a podcast. And, you know, we kid around, we have a lot of fun. We roast each other, we joke, we do all those things. But at the heart of this we re repeat over and over again. This is a ministry. And those two email messages proved that people are being ministered to That is absolutely 100% encouraging. As a matter of fact, that'll put you under the spout where the glory comes out

[0:05:14] JC Groves: Come on. And that's exactly why we started this. I mean, you know, Brian toe help to encourage into challenge this week. We're real excited because you heard just a few weeks ago, Paul kid was on here and did an excellent job. Our number one podcast episode That has been out, Paul Kidd. And we just figured we'd take that one from platinum to aluminum tonight. And so we've went up the ante and we have Paul back with us tonight. But joining Paul, we have his dad. Dr. Phil Kidd. Gentlemen, welcome to the recovering fundamentalist podcast.

[0:05:46] Dr. Phil Kidd: Thank you. It's good to be here tonight. It's a strange thing to me. This is supposed to be a Christian broadcast and you open up a Willie Nelson, a God cussin dunk singing Georgia and you guys don't know the third stanza of the fourth verse of Amazing Grace But I know Willie Nelson, I I wish you you know, you liberals need to get your act together and find out what direction you're going to go. Uh, man, thank you for having me on. Men have been looking forward to this. We're gonna have a great time. We're gonna watch. Millions are going to listen to this bunch of television Internet Livestream Roku. Wow. Okay, there. I love it. It's gonna be on,

[0:06:24] JC Groves: man. Hey, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. We may just sit in the waiting room and wait to come on our zoom call here to do that. But what was that? You text me tonight, right before you came on the episode,

[0:06:36] Dr. Phil Kidd: I would have to go back and look at it that screenshot and I give it to you. What was it feel is a dirty, rotten eggs stuck a good for nothing. Water down yellow belly.

Mama called Daddy said to live sporting those creatures that once finding it's not I identified you guys when I come on. Yes. Hey, man,

[0:06:58] Brian Edwards: I'm not I'm not tulip squirting just just now. Everything else

[0:07:02] JC Groves: you said you Oh, man. This is gonna be a good episode. I can tell already, and we only have four things that were going to go to tonight. And we just want to start it off. Dr. Phil, if you will just share your story, Who is Dr Phil kid? Cause we see you on clips on my FB preacher clips. And you know, we've seen you in camp meetings. Folks know feel kids stories Everybody has heard of Dr Phil. Kid, take us back to the beginning. How did you meet Jesus? How did you get into preaching? What molded and shaped feel, kid To be the feel kid that we know today?

[0:07:37] Dr. Phil Kidd: Well, I think Pastor Paul kind of gave you a little bit of a definition in the background of my life. Raised in to get old non Christian home live next door to beer joint on my life Got in the shoot out little girl took a bullet in the face, saved my life, sent me through three men awards three dry out clinics and just lived on the streets was on the bottom face in 50 years in the Ohio State Penitentiary at one time and an old and uncle prayed for me every morning and every night for two years and called me one night and actually go to a revival meeting on November 21st, 1975. And I went back on the 22nd. And that's when I gave my life to Christ and not born again. Turned me around. And a year after that, I felt the call of God. The breach went off the Bible College with the Greenville, South Carolina, with the Tabernacle Baptist Bible College with the great late Dr Harold Be. Seiler graduated from there after three years, never missed a class, never tardy, never got a demerit. Never had a late slip went on to another Christian University that satellited through a secular university because I wanted to be certified as a psychologist. And, of course, Christian schools didn't offer that. And so, brother, think about this. Can you imagine a 16 year old boy sitting on a street corner throwing up between his legs into a sewer and five years later didn't oversell Scripture? Five years later, he's preaching on the biggest platforms in America, and that's exactly what God did for me. And all of that was through the independent movement. I was saved an independent movement school through the independent movement preached through the independent movement. So I'm not talking tonight about things I read out of a book. We're going to get down to the nitty gritty of what I have seen in 42 years of preaching the gospel in this kind of situation. So again, thank you guys for giving me this window, this open door, and you got a lot of guts. You've got a lot of guys. You're going to get more male. They're gonna call you stuff you've never even I thrive on it. I will be honest with you. I love hate mail. I read every cussed letter I did. And one day, one day, out of all, my minister, I remember not getting a letter, and it bothered me. So I went to the computer and I wrote myself one. You know, you got to keep your stats up.

[0:09:55] Nathan Cravatt: Oh, yeah. Well, I don't know how brave we are, because I don't even think you're aware of this, but Paul actually invited us up to a cabin that you guys have. He said, you know, we could meet in the middle of the woods in this cabin. You could all drive

down and record this episode. And we all said, Oh, heck, no. Me on his territory, in a cabin on his property. That ain't gonna happen

[0:10:21] JC Groves: while sitting on a radio studio.

[0:10:27] Brian Edwards: I'm is happy is a beaver in a Redwood forest being this for a week?

[0:10:32] Dr. Phil Kidd: That's basically in a nutshell. You know how I got saved and call the breach and end of minimum. What was everything I ever knew? Expect to play my life story.

[0:10:40] Nathan Cravatt: We all share that in common. My parents were saved in the Independent Baptist Movement. I think all of our parents were were all raised in. And, uh, this this unique little bubble that we all grew up in And it was the world to me. It wasn't a sect of Christianity. It was Christianity. It was the Bible. It was all I knew. And one of the first questions we really want to get to is what are some things that you would say right now? I think you've probably changed a lot over the years. But what or something. I

[0:11:11] Dr. Phil Kidd: would feel sorry for anybody that doesn't make adjustments over a long ministry.

[0:11:15] Nathan Cravatt: Absolutely. But what are some things that you would say just right up front these air some things that I will never change I will never apologize for This is who I am And this is who I'm gonna be

[0:11:27] Dr. Phil Kidd: First, I would say the most controversial thing I would have to say is Let me be me. Let me be me. I understand you're not me. My personality, my demeanor, my delivery, my approach And one thing I have retained through all criticism is I'm not afraid to be feel, kid. It doesn't. I don't have to have a group. I don't need cheerleaders. I don't need a second. The movement pat me on the back. If they can like it, love that. Bump it, jump it. It doesn't matter to me. I just want to have the liberty to be me. And when people have been for meetings, they have to take me as I am. And most of them apologize for me before I get there. Oh, yeah, they'll say to their people now, you know there's some stuff we don't agree with about him, but they know better than to say it to me, because if we're if we're independent, that's one thing I refused to give up is the fact that God knew me when he called me. He knew my shortcomings. He knew my personality, my temperament, my delivery. And so I've never been afraid to be me. And I'm not changing that. For instance, if a man calls me and said, Look, I'd love to have you, but, you know, could you stay away from this? I'd say, No, I'm In fact, if you have any now, I'm going to do it because thistles something. Now you've let me know, You know, you're very sensitive to so no, I've never let anybody control me. And if I could say anything to young preacher's brother combat and you being a preacher's son as well, you know this. There's a group of people try to get you in to fit that mold. You know, you gotta wear your hanky and your coat like they do. You know, everything's just gonna be exactly like them. There's no room for people to be different on. That's always bothered me. Let me illustrate. I do believe we need some weeping Jeremiah's God help somebody to cry over this

mess we're living in. I believe we need some educated Isaiah's coming out of Galilee that will take that book and verse. My birth just put it out there. I believe that. But once in a while, what's wrong with a wild John, the baddest coming out of nowhere. Wild as a buck different than anybody you've ever heard in your life. Didn't even wear a priestly garment baptized Jesus with honey and one pocket locus in his mouth. But God used every one of those men. Matter of fact, he said, every man born of a woman, John's the best. He's the greatest. And John was weird. I mean, he called him snakes. Are you kidding me, brother? You guys stand until your people Sunday. You bunch up freakin snakes to see if you get a raise or a vacation is year. So I love my independence. Now people don't preach like me. They don't address things like me. I promise you that does not bother me. I had one of brother Edwards, dear friends in my church, to hold my last revival brother, Malcolm Carter. He is not going to say what I say, and he's not going to say it in the way I say it is a matter of fact. You probably don't even think like that, but by people loved him and they wanting back. And he's so different from me because I've taught my people every creature is different. And that would be one thing, brother Combat that I would encourage every preacher never be afraid to be yourself.

[0:14:36] Brian Edwards: So, Nathan, you know, just ask about things that you haven't changed or things that you wouldn't change. And you answered that, you know, being yourself. And and so I want to ask that question in the reverse about things that you have changed things that you have changed because you regret maybe some things you've said things you've done, um, before I Before I ask you that question, though, are I guess I just did. Or before you answer it, I want to just share some things that I do appreciate about you. Appreciate. First of all, that you were a friend to your son even when the two of you disagreed Because my dad was my friend. Even when he and I disagreed on traditional issues, church issues, our friendship was never broken. It was awesome last week poll that you were able to talk about the fact that your dad was always your friend and I greatly appreciated that because I know a lot of men and Dr Kid, you do, too. They have turned their backs on their sons when there's disagreement over church issues, and that's sad Now. The other thing I want to say that I appreciate, is that you've always been willing to preach in smaller churches. Is that true? Absolutely. You know, my dad has always been willing to do that. A za matter of fact, he called me a little while back. He was preaching a meeting in a church that only had about 25 people, he said. The choir got up to sing, and he was the only person in the audience

[0:16:02] Dr. Phil Kidd: in their in their.

[0:16:04] Brian Edwards: But my dad called a little while back and confronted a pastor evangelist who's notorious for If he has a small church booked and a larger church calls, he cancels that meeting. I'm sure you're familiar with exactly probably who I'm talking about, Yes, and I appreciate the fact that you've never done that. The other thing is tonight We're adding to the list because I appreciate that you're willing to sit down with guys that I'm sure you're You're confident that we disagree on a lot of things with regard to approach and some things like that. But what are some things that you have changed? What are some things about the past feel, kid that you would say to an audience as large as this one? Hey, I regret this.

[0:16:48] Dr. Phil Kidd: That is a very good question. And I'm so glad you asked that, because when you've been in the ministry 42 years, there are times you have got to reflect. I would be ashamed to say I listen to me preach 42 years ago and nothing about me has changed. You talking about limiting the grace of God through knowledge, prayer, Bible study, the anointing of the spirit of God. There should be a constant growth in all of our lives. I fear when people say that there's something wrong with that, um, one of the main things. And there's a lot of things I've changed. By the way, um Waas when I came out of the independent movement, you can understand the late seventies was rocking. I've never been to a church in my life. You understand this I zero church background. So Brother Kibet said it's so perfect that the I f b was not part of a quote religious world or the gospel It was the only one If you were outside of that bubble you were hair take he than unsafe, perverted gospel, you know, going to hell Tufo child hell, So you understand. I came out of nothing, and this is all the kind of preaching I'm hearing. There's a big division in the southern badness and you remember them days to brother Edward. I'm sure you know you gotta pick or choose Southern bad this independent. Why? Do you know what the difference? Waas first start ever preached him of Southern Baptist and revival broke out. I was 19 and I didn't know what it waas. And through my training, one of the biggest mistakes I made was this If it wasn't independent fundamental King James near literature, You know how the list pre millennial all that, then you don't go. You don't go with churches like that. You got to stay in your groove. You know? How can two walk together. Let's they agree that's their favorite verse. But, dear God, husbands and wives don't even agree on everything. So you know that doesn't mean it's a verse for divorce. So I think your dad went through. This may be a little bit, but the Independence would say to me, You preach for Southern Madness Church and we're done with you you know, we're cutting off. We didn't come out of the Southern Baptist Movement to go back in, which I didn't either, and I understood their stand and their conviction at the time. But here I had it to do over. Here's why hurt Brother Edwards. Some of those men that stayed in could have been helped, but we shoved them away from us and slided them because we make them feel inferior to us. I wish I would have reached out to younger Southern Baptist man and said, Look, let's have a commentary. Let's sit down first of all and see what we do agree on. And then let's see if we can find a happy medium on working out some things we disagree on. For instance, the only thing I've ever seen in my life Mawr corrupt than the Southern Baptist Convention, is the independent, fundamental Baptist movement. That is the only thing I've ever seen supersede the corruption of the convention, and I'll get into that later on, I'm sure. So I would reach out Mawr and branch out Mawr to people that maybe didn't see everything like I did, even doctrinally. Why can't I preach for a free will bad this guy and maybe take him out the dinner one day and explain eternal life to him? Maybe he only knows what he's been taught it, but so you couldn't do that when I was coming up. If you had the straight vein of independence on Lee, I turned down revivals from young Church of God men that I look back on that now. And I thought Man defied it, reached out to that guy and sit down with him and said, Look, man, let's go through the scripture together. Let's have a dialogue. One of us was wrong and let's find out who it is. I faint. I could have helped a whole lot more people than I did, just staying in this independent vain, and you remember those days when it was independent or nothing. Oh, yeah, and that was one of the biggest mistakes they ever made. I know For myself I am facilitated my dad having a sit down meeting with a large, um, name in the independent



Pentecostal Holiness Church. Bishop Miller out of Oklahoma City. And I remember Dad. He was down in Florida. Just so happened Mission Miller is just a couple miles away. They had heard of each other, had never met each other. Of course, there are two totally different circles. And it was cool to facilitate that, knowing that for so many years, my dad had preached in such a circle that that was considered wrong, like to post a picture on Twitter. And so I went out to eat today with them. Besides, I did not taking fire from that, you know? But I thought that was a watershed moment, because here I am. I'm in my thirties and that was something for 30 years of growing up and then knowing my dad had never done well, let me give you, for instance, and I go bold with this. By the way, fellas, this it's stuff. I do it a closet when I do something out of the one Twitter, Facebook, fan mayo. Anything to get a cussed letter or support? I do that. You gotta keep numbers up. So But look, three men help my church to go to the next level. We got one of the fastest growing churches in our area. Three men help me, and only one of them is an independent Baptist brother. Malcolm Carter was one of them. You guys don't going well, great guy. The other one is brother Jonathan Robbins, pastors in Kernersville, North Carolina. The Summit Church helped me tremendously with staff. Dr. Bishop is a Pentecostal church in the called the Gate in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He helped me with training the next generation disciple in your converts. But see, I gleaned from all of those men. But back when I started Brother Edward's, if I would have attempted to glean from anything other than that vein, you have been cut off. I mean, absolutely word would've got out your ECA medical, your liberal, you're going in another direction. That's their favorite saying, if you don't do everything like them, you're going in another direction. So I hate the fact that I didn't reach out further younger with people that I disagreed with on some stuff. What would be one of

[0:23:10] Nathan Cravatt: what would you say to people who would say that you've compromised now because you know, they're saying that And gods who say, You know, you've chosen Paul over your standard you've chosen to reach out

[0:23:21] Dr. Phil Kidd: liberal. He's like you guys, there's not them valuable were totally different on everything. That the gospel and you're right, brother Combat and I had to go through that. Now here's what they promise. You know, the independence from Poseidon preach against it. This is what they prop aside to me. Number one. In one year, I would throw the Bible away. There would be no standards in my church, and my auditorium would be empty. And Brother Edward's every one of those minutes said that, you know, personally, every one of them. Evangelist, pastor, evangelist slash You know what I'm talking about? We have not changed anything. Our church is the fastest growing church in East Tennessee. We had 58 1st time visitors just in the last couple of weeks. We built a balcony. It's full now. We're going to be going to to services or building a new auditorium whichever way that decides to go. So here's Here's when I say to them When they When they accused me compromising all three things, you said I would change. I've changed none of them. So now those same Inter backing off and saying, Well, he hasn't changed yet. He's just drifting and going that way, but in their hearts. And this is what bothers me, brother combat When the microphones air off and the stage is dark, they take me in the back room and say, Wish to God I had the guts to do this. I just don't know how to get by with it. I'm talking hundreds of men. They are scared to



death because this movement, it functions on fear and control. They got to control you and they do it with fear. Old brother, if you preach for that guy, all these guys are going to drop you. They'll never use you again. Well, next thing you know, you're afraid to go anywhere unless they put their approval on it. You know, I'm a little different and you can edit this out, which everyone I tell them to kiss my asphalt driveway because I'm going to go where I want to go. I'm gonna preach for who I wanna Parise. And if they don't agree with it that they're not going in the way they have not been asked to go. I have. So when they tell me I'm a compromiser, here's what bothers me, brother. Every one of those men that are saying that I live cleaner, that every one of those men twisted together in my own personal life. But I give grace to people when they get saved that they don't know everything the first week they've been converted. So I don't try to push 42 years of my experience with God on a convert. That's only been saved the month. That's unfair. And we've lost a whole generation of people doing that nonsense writes there. So that's why they call me a compromiser. Because I give grace and growth the people.

[0:25:57] JC Groves: That's good. That ain't getting edited out, by the way. Yeah, you make.

[0:26:05] Brian Edwards: So let me ask you. Yeah,

[0:26:09] JC Groves: Just what? E telling the story. Now, go ahead. Right. Just,

[0:26:14] Dr. Phil Kidd: uh all

[0:26:16] Brian Edwards: right. So the question I want to ask is, So we're talking about the I f. B. And we're talking about how you're no longer. I have be, by the way, I still hear you, you know, on I'd be preacher clips, and I know you no longer have baptised on the sign. I think you're preaching is still a lot like the independent, fundamental Baptist preacher in your style and your voice and all of that. And of course, I mean, that'd be a lot different than me. It would be different me, even if I were still independent. Fundamental Baptist. There's no way I could do what you do or preach like you preach but which beliefs specifically which practices specifically associated with the eye of B. Have you moved away from or changed your thinking on

[0:27:00] Dr. Phil Kidd: man? These are good questions, guys. These are great. One of the things I refused to manipulate my people psychologically with fear and control. The biggest problem I have with pastors of all age brackets and independent movement, they got to be in control of every aspect of every member's lives. Now this is the truth. I have heard independent Baptist preachers tell families in their church I've been praying and God told me to tell you to have another kid or God told me to tell you to buy a car. Our God told God didn't give me liberty for you to buy that house. You and your wife. Now, look, I've heard this stuff, and then, you know, I don't say anything because none of my business. But then I get with a preacher by myself. And I said, Look, man, if you lost your mind, you're gonna go crazy following these people around, doing every aspect of their life. So I decided when I took the church, I'm gonna pass for that church. I got a comfort zone that they respect at my church.

But what they do outside of that church, I'm not running around with video cameras, making sure that they do everything exactly right. The Holy Ghost has to get a hold of them like he got a hold of me. And when he does, it will be done right, and it will be balanced. So the control factor is what really was the straw that broke the camel's back. Look, I'm a psychologist. I have counseled untold thousands of independent badness that are nervous wrecks you don't have, You know, the high percentage of baddest creatures that are on medicine for their nerves because of all the pressure, the anxiety and the control that goes on and they've got to know everything about all of their people, and they've got to put their approval on it, see, or the people can't move, they can't breathe. So these people are suffocating the death, and it's a hair away from being a cult, just to tell you the truth. And some have crossed over that line and they are calls, just to be honest with you. So I've decided I'm gonna pastor. I'm gonna preach that book. That's what I'm gonna be accountable for. I am not going to be accountable for what they do in their personal life. That's between them and Jesus. I'm gonna tell him the truth. Then they're gonna answer to God. Now, when you find that balance, you have liberty to preach. And then you close your Bible and go home and say, I gave it my best Hope they'll listen to what I say. But Independence have to control you. Yeah, and trust me, I don't know how deep we want to go in this control thing. Let me give you this for language. When I took the church, not one of these guys that hate me in the fundamental movement not one of them has ever dialed my phone number. Not one of they know better. They know I'm not afraid of them. They know I'm not intimidated by them. Now. They'll go everywhere else and call my name. They have never down my phone number. They don't have the gusto down there so gutless. If they hit it, if they hit a windshield, they couldn't make a split. Have no Gus godless, but their meaning pulpit because they're insecure. That's their That's their baby bling you there And so. But they have never called me personally. So here's what they do to attack me now. Okay, so they know better than to call me because it doesn't matter. So here's what they do. They call you and say Brother Edward's I heard your preacher for brother Kid. I just want you to know if you preach your brother kid is gonna hurt you. Second of all, if you preach your brother kid, I can't have you back in my pulpit. And third of all, a bunch of my friends have agreed with me. None of us are gonna have you back if you prefer. Brother did. Because they can't control me. So they start control of the men that are coming in Now here's what broke my heart, Brother Groves. And this is when I said I'm done. I had preached with a man together in meetings all over this country for probably 15 20 years. We have been together in camp meetings, conferences. You name it 15 or 20 years. He called me one day, he's in Asheville. He's crying so hard, you can't even talk to me on the phone. He said, Man, can you get the Asheville? I'm hurting so bad. I got to talk to you. I thought something's wrong. He's been my friend. I jumped him a car, dropped everything, ran the Asheville. You don't talk about long term friends. Now we sit down in the restaurant. He's your brother, kid. I'm gonna have to cancel preaching for you. That's okay. What's the problem? This is a quote. I can't afford to preach for you. He said, I've got too many men that told me. I could never come back again to their church or there can't meetings if I preach for you. So I cannot afford to preach for you. It was a money thing. His whole decision was not on principle. Because I'll tell you what I told those men if they called me, try telling me where to go the asphalt driveway way. But did you know that man canceled me and told me? He said, I wish I could financially afford to still preach for you. Another one was having a meeting down the road and they were giving

me big money. And he's a young guy was helping him get on a speed, trying to teach him about the spirit of God and being led. And one of the prerequisites that church down the road put on the M before he signed a big money deal with him was he had the promise he would never preach for me. And I had helped this guy from the get go and he signed off and took that big amount of money with the with the promise that he would never preach in my pulpit again. So this is how these guys attack you. If they can't get you, they will get the people that's coming, the preach for you. And then they get all their buddies to drop you because you brother cut vets. That it right, you're in this bubble. So if you get out of the bubble, everybody denounces. He's a hair take. He's going to the left. He's a compromiser. None of those men leave as clean as I do. Matter of fact for all you I have bees that are listening tonight. Let's until you get rid of your lower Bermuda shores, your flip flops. You know, you guys in your little Bermuda, George, you look like a two socks full of book door knobs and you walk out across in public. You know you need to get some clothes on. You can't even get your wife out of her skinny jeans and you're gonna tell me that I'm compromised, you know? Are you out of your ever lovin mind? Think this is the way these guys leave, etc. But they're in the bubble, so it's OK. So I jumped out of the bubble and I said, You're not controlling me, so I don't even have I have be men in my church to preach for many more. Pastor Paul comes. My people love him. Brother Carter did come and we're gonna have him back. They love him, but it is a control thing. And I'm telling you psychologically, it will drive you out of your mind. And that's one of the hardest things. And the last thing that made me decide I am getting out of this mess.

[0:33:43] Nathan Cravatt: Does that go back to the video that she made talking about the sermon that either got you kicked out or helped you walk out about I ve preachers trying to be the Holy Spirit

[0:33:55] Dr. Phil Kidd: implored over Yes, it's a message entitled Distinguishing Lordship from Leadership. That's it. It was in 1997. I was a young man. I seen this stuff coming on. I was at a big campaigning, probably 1600 people filled with young preacher's. I said, Look, you know what? I can say some things to them now that can stop this nonsense when the old timers die off. So I tackled it and then trust me, I'm talking, tackled it. The problem Waas the man that pastored the church where I tackled. It was the biggest pope of all of oh, man, he was the untouchable save He was it everybody, you know, kissed his ring and about to his speak Well, it was in his very pulpit, and I told him after service, I said, I'll never preach here again because you're all crazy. You are all out of your ever lovin mind And I said, You've got to get your hands out of these people's lives and let him enjoy the liberty that they have in Christ. And so I lost probably 18 revivals when all that was said and done, maybe 18 or 20 revivals at one time. But God just kept opening up doors and proven to me. You don't need them. You need me. Yeah, you don't need meetings. You need God. I don't need meetings on money. I need God and God took care of every bit of that, and I'm still booked years ahead, and God has opened up so many great doors for me. But I would encourage these young evangelists don't get in. No can't. Don't jump in anybody's basket. You know, when Jesus fed the 5000 Bible said there's 12 baskets for Amazing. Every disciple got a basket. I don't have to jump in your basket. I'm not my own. I can jump in. And that is something the Independence cannot and they will not tolerate. And they're not going to change. By the way, that thing is dying so fast. The

independent movement is dying. A very slow ventilation them and I just beat him to the punch. I didn't have to get out of them. They got out of me because I preach on these very questions that you guys are bringing up. And by the way, I wish to God somebody had asked these 40 years

[0:35:57] Nathan Cravatt: ago, when Paul was on here, he talked about how loyalty was so important to you. And that was something that I really admire and respect. So I know you're not scared of these guys. You're not intimidated by these guys. And I genuinely believe you when you say that you don't need him. But I've been betrayed before. I've been hurt before. Talk about what that feels like, because if you value loyalty over everything, what is that like getting dropped by everybody you've known for the last 42

[0:36:27] Dr. Phil Kidd: years. And that's exactly what happened. Man, You guys are also you got these relationships and you think you know what? This thing solid, we're gonna be friends. Do we die? And then all of a sudden, you get a letter saying, Look, brother, I'm praying for you, but we're gonna have to put distance between you. For instance, I was preaching a tent meeting in Detroit, Michigan, and the evangelists will watch this or listen to this. So glad you tuned in, big boy.

[0:36:51] JC Groves: Let's say his name. We don't care.

[0:36:53] Dr. Phil Kidd: I'm just way have been together about 15 years in this tent. Me. So one of the big organizations in the independent movement told him he couldn't breach with me anymore. So instead of being a man about it and just saying, you know, I don't like the kid, I'm not coming. My friends won't let me. He calls the pastor said, Man, I'm so sorry. I double book that week. We've been doing it for 15 years together. So the pastor went right to his website and get on a got on his itinerary. He wasn't even booked that week, so the pastor called him, said man You lied to me. You're not even booked, he said. I'm sorry, man. I will. Brother, kid, an apology. I owe you an apology, he said. Man, that just puts too much pressure on me. I can't handle it. And he's a good for nothing fleabag. There's nothing to him. He's as fake as a \$3 bill, and I've called him out on so much stuff, you know? And But he has never apologized that pastor, he's never apologized to me, and I don't know how anybody could be right with God you know, and this stuff going on in their in their life and and in their ministry as well. And here's another thing they do, brother, that just this just blows my mind. They'll take colleges that are out of business. I'm talking about independent schools that don't even exist anymore. They put a printing press on a Sunday school room and they give out in doctor's degrees. And you know these guys air 21 years old, they still got diaper rash and went to bed on Fridays and they got a doctor's degree. I think Are you getting me? But see the same crowd that gives him those degrees. They turn around and book these guys for meetings. So this guy's keeping his meetings up by rolling out these doctors degrees and giving him two guys that do not have one. And by the way, this blows my mind. The guy giving them out does not have one day a formal education under his belt, not one day. And he's giving out doctor's degrees The kids that are 21 years old but see he'll control them from now on because of that degree thing. So you know, when they dropped me, here is what I always told my kids brother combat. They

saw enough to make them so bitter. One man said to me, If I was feel kids, child, I'd probably be a bomb carrying Muslim because I've seen so much My kids have seen so much fake and phony. My daughter said that a woman's conference not long ago, with tears running down her face, she said, I can't remember one day of my life that somebody didn't say something bad about my daddy. But all four my kids were in church. Both my sons, air preachers. How does that happen? I taught them. You keep your eyes on Jesus. You look at people, they're gonna hurt you. You keep your eyes on the Lord. He'll never let you down. So I had to practice that in my life. When those guys cut my throat, my Children were up old enough. They knew what they did to me. I didn't hide it from there. But I said this. I'm not doing it for them anyway. So let him go. If they were a true friend, we would be friends forever. It's a no better time to find out that now. And I'm a loner in my personality anyway, so I don't give a good glory flip. You know, whether they come around or not. Just to be honest with you to go Teoh Nathan a little bit on the loyalty over conformity. Um, the reason why I said that kind of goes back to what my dad mentioned when it came to be in yourself. If you're going to want to be yourself, you have to also give that space for other people themselves. So when you do that, conformity can't be done. At that point when you're trying to be yourself given other people space. And just for the record, one of my dad's best friends and Nathan like this one of his very best friends for years and years is is a hyper Calvinist. I'm talking about almost fatalist cat Calvinists and Dad and him in my dad and say, Straight up, that's that's not were not reformed and probably e forward. But I'm not. I, um that's never been anything are Katulis but him and that have been friends for since I was born. Maybe before I was even born. They never have a crossword. They laughed together. They love each other, and they're on total different Armenian versus Calvinistic doctrinal separations. But that has never made that a part of the calculus of how you're a friend. He knows that's who he is. That's OK, as long as you don't let that become between you.

[0:41:12] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, well, I just have to be honest. We said this on your episode pole, and I want to say it again, that there's a lot we've learned about feel that it's amazing to me how much we have in common. It's amazing to me how many things, and I wouldn't have thought that I never would have dreamed that before your interview, just watching the little clips and and the sermons that I had seen and some of the things on YouTube. So there's a lot of things that were different. But there's a lot of things that we do agree on, and I appreciate being able to talk about that. But I told Paul when we were interviewing him, brother, feel that you're a big boy. If there's anything I know about you, you're You're a big boy. You can dish it out and you can take it so maybe we can move here into part of this where we can talk about some of the issues that we have with some things. You've done some rhetoric, some different things like that and lets you talk through that with us and our listeners. A lot of our listeners have reached out to us this week and said, Man, don't let him get off easy. We know you guys don't want to bash people, but don't just be nice and don't ask the hard questions. I said We want to ask the hard questions and we think he can take it so Can we go there?

[0:42:21] Dr. Phil Kidd: I don't care what you do. It ain't my brother.

[0:42:25] Nathan Cravatt: Let me let me start this off. I think you've already answered the first question I was gonna ask. And that was just about the tone of how you preach. It seems angry. You're screaming people, calling people idiots and kind of insinuating that you you know, they're here, and you're kind of here. But I think you already addressed that. That's just who you are. That's your communication style. The humor, the things like that. So I want to move past that.

[0:42:47] Dr. Phil Kidd: Well, let's talk about different.

[0:42:48] Nathan Cravatt: Okay? Yeah. Let's Let's jump on

[0:42:49] Dr. Phil Kidd: this. Let's do it for just a second. I think it was you. I really didn't know your voices when Pastor Paula did the broadcast, but one of you has come about your wife come out of a westley and type background. Yeah, brother in or something? I can't remain as a green. Yes, well, you know, when you take a woman, no matter, water age limit is and you take her out of that sophisticated surrounding and you put her in a camp meeting. I mean, you can almost expect an erratic heartbeat because I e I mean, really Are you kidding me? Why would you even do that to your wife? Have you say you love hold you hours can't media. I

[0:43:29] Nathan Cravatt: told you I was raised in that bubble. I didn't know there was anything wrong with it. I didn't know.

[0:43:33] Dr. Phil Kidd: I didn't

[0:43:33] Nathan Cravatt: even know the preacher was yelling That was preaching

[0:43:36] Dr. Phil Kidd: to me. Yeah, you know, I mean, you know, I just get I could imagine what went through her mind, man. She probably is afraid of getting shot or stand up. I could understand that. But again, it goes back to individuality. Now, I have made in my pulpit that don't raise your voice and my people love them. But there's something about my annex that even people that hate me cannot stay away from me first. Let's look at you guys. I mean, seriously, you guys would never say what I say. You wouldn't say it in private, much less in your bull bit. But yet you're calling me. Want me to come on your broadcast?

[0:44:15] Nathan Cravatt: Hey, Brian Edwards has been so excited he couldn't even sleep last night. He was so excited.

[0:44:20] Dr. Phil Kidd: Brother Brian, This pressure on all of this family. They're they're true blues. They've been through the stuff and stayed with it. I know that

[0:44:26] Nathan Cravatt: frame in. Yeah,

[0:44:27] Dr. Phil Kidd: but But but can you guys give me a little breathing space to just be me? Lose that, Okay, Because they're enough. You know, I don't deliver like you guys. I'm not



gonna wear skinny jeans, you know, and flip flops and Starbucks. I'm not doing that. And if you guys could see, like I see you, you wouldn't do that by

[0:44:48] Brian Edwards: the way, By the way, they shouldn't even make skinny jeans in my size so I don't wear

[0:44:52] JC Groves: those on. I've seen Brian Stone ails you. Don't want to see those flip flops either. Never seen you

[0:44:59] Brian Edwards: have never seen my toenails because I always wear socks even in the house and choose

[0:45:04] Dr. Phil Kidd: meat. I

[0:45:05] Brian Edwards: have serious issues with men's feet,

[0:45:08] Dr. Phil Kidd: but some on my feet when I get out of bed. Yes,

[0:45:12] Brian Edwards: sir. So here's Here's what I would say just and follow up to that. Do you believe that you preach like you preach in the tone and the style with all of the rhetoric? Because in some way, you're addicted to the reaction because there's gratification and immediate reaction. And you know, when I see these clips on Twitter, by the way I'm not. I'd be preacher clips, but when I

[0:45:39] Dr. Phil Kidd: see is so

[0:45:41] Brian Edwards: well, there's there's there's an anonymous account on Twitter and they have a lot of your preaching clips on there. That's for you. Well, it's obvious that you have people in your congregation who basically give you a standing ovation after every statement. And it's obvious. You know, I grew up in camp meetings in the louder people shout, The harder you preach and that's every preacher. My dad would do the same thing. So on some level, is there an addiction to the reaction?

[0:46:10] Dr. Phil Kidd: Well, if you would listen to what I preached this past Sunday, there was no shouting. I was the only one clapping, and it didn't affect me at all. I'm not hooked on the Southern drawl if somebody's got to be barking back at me, a lot of a lot of Southern preachers or that way. But I preached so much controversy that I'm used to people being very steel and even pale, so I don't have to have the feedback But when you hear my people very energetic, you gotta understand. And you would know this brother a words have you ever gain in my church? I don't have a normal church if you don't have tattoos. Been stabbed, shot, abortion, locked up, divorced. You can't join our church way. We reject normal people. I've never had people joined my church that we're married. Everybody was shacking up. These people have been on the bottom. They've been the federal prison for 16 years. One of the men you heard that shouts the loudest spent 16 years in federal prison. I wanted to God and



he just comes by and pulls the weeds out of the church and cries. So these people came from nothing. They didn't have jobs and it have money. My, my main trustee and treasure and on Usher didn't have a change of clothes when I wanted to God and had a 21 inch ponytail down his back. Well, all you got to say to a man like that is Jesus saves and he's on his feet. I don't have to cheerlead that on. I don't have to do that, not you and I both have been in meetings where they knew win the shout, How to shout and and knows me and knew what to say to make him shot. By the way,

[0:47:49] Brian Edwards: I agree

[0:47:50] Dr. Phil Kidd: it was a two way street. But this church 85% of my churches, new converts. And you know when you first get say, you know how it is, brother. You know, in the Bible and 14 people hit their feet and screaming Glory to God, science. Anything yet? So I got a bunch of young babes. I got a nursery basically more than a church. But the accolades is just my personality. It just it just comes out of me. It's nothing. I plan. I don't write that stuff down. It's not in my outline that Zaheer, you know, it's just off the top of my head. And you, you can't write that stuff down and say it that fast anyway. No. How are you? I'm 61.

[0:48:31] Brian Edwards: It amazes me. I told Paul this. It amazes me that your mind works as quickly as it does. And I mean, you're you're just wrapping all that often. Never looking at a note and me if I don't make a note. You know, I can't remember anything. I'm a equal opportunity. Forget her. I forget everything and everybody.

[0:48:52] Dr. Phil Kidd: But you know, people ask me all the time. Why do you have to say stupid, crazy idiot or bag? Uh, slut, you know? And that's just Sunday mornings, You know, why do you have to add all those adjectives in that to be effective? I get asked that constantly because it's not everybody's comfort zone. Some people get offended at that stuff. My people love it because they were orders and fags and losers and sluts. So they're not. They're not edgy, like people in the bubble. But did John really I mean, seriously, brother girls, Did he have to call them snakes that day? I mean, when when he went out to the Jordan, why didn't he say, Look, you guys bring for some stuff for repentance? One, you have to say snakes. Did Jesus really have to tell Pilot, you know, you're a freakin fox hair. It I mean what I mean, did you really have to put that in there? That Jeremiah in chapter 50 really have to look at Israel and said you're just like a bunch of fat heifers and bellowing bulls. See, Were those words really necessary to get the message out? And we can all probably in our personalities think of things we say off the cuff. That maybe would have been somebody. Let me give you an illustration of something you guys did that is You have no idea. Brother Edward's were somewhere a couple of weeks ago out of the one vacation or gone probably on the beach with his shorts and flip flops and all that. Anyway, he came back. You remember? Really, Committee came back, and this is what he said. He said, Man, I go off for a week and I come back and I'm quoting, You guys treat me like a red headed step child. Yeah, you remember Remember saying that. Yes, I did. I flew in last August on a Thursday, got in. Monem Abeel drove to a tent meeting, preached there Friday night. The lady met me at my take table and said, I don't know if we're going to stay tonight or not. I said, Well, what's wrong? She said,

These are my four kids. They're all red headed. There might step Children on the man preaching this morning said, I'm tired of getting treated like a red headed step child because my church it as big as yours. Well, And she said, I am so offended that he related Bian rejected to be in red headed that I don't think my kids can stay tonight. Well, you see, that never crossed your mind. No,

[0:51:24] Brian Edwards: it didn't

[0:51:24] Dr. Phil Kidd: see. I had a preacher say one time. And what's the odds of this happening? He said I'd say this if it hair let the devil and there was a woman sitting there with a hair lip.

[0:51:33] Nathan Cravatt: I've heard that my whole life.

[0:51:35] Dr. Phil Kidd: Okay, but I'm positive the man didn't mean anything by it. And I'm positive he didn't know she was there with it. So what I'm saying is I think all of us have accolades that if we really penned ourselves down, that would be offensive to somebody in some round. Would you agree with that?

[0:51:53] Brian Edwards: Yes, but but what would you say to my daughters? So the other day, I'm scrolling through Twitter. I don't usually do that when they're around. And you were preaching about, um, a woman trying to take the microphone and And I think you made the comment. You said something like this. You said, um, they're not. They're not fussing over the mop, but they're fussing over the microphone. And then you said something about the way they're dressed and then, you know, used a couple of ah descriptive terms and my daughter asked me the question. She said, Daddy, why? Why would he say those things like that? And I know you're the father of daughters, right? So I know you love your daughter's. I've heard that I've heard how defensive you are over your daughter's. Absolutely. But I think people from the outside heater that they really don't know how to reconcile that. So what would you say with regard to that?

[0:52:49] Dr. Phil Kidd: Oh, I remember that, and distinctly. And here's why 90% of the problems you have in your church will come from the back side of the microphone. It'll be a singing group, somebody, somewhere musical. It'll come down through the chain, and what it happened is we had a woman that I found out was a whore that was singing an honor, praising. And so I set her down. We don't let horse saying shouldn't be a horror come. The church's can't sing in our terms. And so she was fighting over a microphone, but she had never lifted a finger to ever work in a fellowship hall. Bring something to eat, clean up when it was over with. So I made the statement. I've seen a lot of these Huskies fight over microphone, but they'll never fight over a month. That was the context of that. And the reason why I was using those words was because we just had to publicly deal with her as a whore. And I was trying to get a ride with God, which she did, by the way. And she's back in our church doing fine. Great lady. I have nothing bad to say about her, but at that time she just needed jacked up in somebody to get your grill. Now street people are that way. See your wife? Your daughter

don't understand. Because of her reason you've loved him. You sheltered him and you should. But you understand I'm dealing with people, brother, that have been on the bottom. So when you hear my services, you would say I would never say that my pulpit I wouldn't expect you to, but you're not passed on a kind of people on pastoring and again. That's where I go back to brother Corvette that we have to. You got to give a man space to exercise his ministry in his comfort zone. And I'm sorry that your daughter felt that way. But if she was a little older and she knew the concept of what was going on in my church at that time, then she would have understood why I said it like I did.

[0:54:33] JC Groves: So what about the context that's not in your church? Because we've heard you preach in many times? I'll tell you an example. Ah, years ago, you actually gave us a very good life. Example. I had a youth. I was the youth pastor at a brand new church, and there was a young girl, 15 years old, was pregnant and I welcomed her. I didn't know who she was. About two minutes later, she come walking out crying, said, I'm not allowed to be here, and I went in and asked that youth leader, Why did you kick her out? He said she's a bad influence on all these teenagers and that you know she's us in all this. That girl never came back to Youth group. So I've told the guy said, Hey, I want you to show up tomorrow where a pair of shorts, flip flops and a T shirt We're gonna go somewhere. And so we showed up at Faith Baptist Bible camp and you were preaching that night, and so were saying in there nobody shook our hands. People looked us up and down. You know, we didn't have our way, Didn't you know? We didn't fit the part at all. And there was in the sermon that you're preaching calling a lady a whore because she was in the in the house of God in a pair of pants and that she got up and left that service. And, you know, I don't know if it was the night before that. It was during that camp meeting that that whore was in the house of God and she was filling the flames that you said these words she was filling the flames of hell so hot that that whore got up and left the house of God under conviction and everybody screamed and shouted and stuff and I looked at the guy and I said, Do you know why I brought you here tonight? He said, Man, I figured it out and I was like, Let's go, I can't handle this anymore. We got up to leave and you said from the pulpit it looks like I'm preaching to fags out of the service right now. And as I got to the back wall, I turn around. I said, You ought to be ashamed yourself. I said, this faggot. That fact were out of here and we took off going. And I've remembered that to this day, and I hope please listening because, you know, this is an opportunity here. But we got into that car and we drove down the road, dude shaking. He was like, Man, I feel so bad right now And I was like, How do you think that 15 year old girl that Yes, she made a mistake. Her mistake was very present. Everybody can see it, but you got called out in front of 23 400 people. However, many were there called a fag from the pulpit. How did that make you feel? He's like I feel horrible. And he's like, Well, I left my keys on the pew, And so he ran in the exit door and then ran back out real quick when we pulled up. I mean, that boy was running, his little arms were going, but that was that was a memory of from you. You know, I'm not a fag, but that was something that was said of me because I was in short T shirts and flip flops leaving Faith Baptist Bible camp. I don't remember what year it was years ago, but so what about the people that aren't in your church that get called that or hear those references and things that it has nothing to do with it? Let me ask you this, and you don't have to hit on that one thing. But are there things that you regret that maybe you've

said or done or acted that at this point in your ministry that you regret? You look back because Brian, Nathan and I, we all look back and those things that we regret that we've said that we've done. I'm just curious. Is there anything that feel Kid has done or said that he regrets

[0:57:23] Dr. Phil Kidd: Well, first of all, let me address the faith Badness camp. I will give you \$2500 cash and \$100 bills if you will present that message to me. Because I did not happen. I

[0:57:35] JC Groves: have looked for the videotape.

[0:57:37] Dr. Phil Kidd: Yeah, find it for me. I'll

[0:57:39] JC Groves: do it.

[0:57:39] Dr. Phil Kidd: I've never pointed at a girl and said you're a whore cause you got bans on my mother. My mother wore pants. Who you gonna call my mother A whore. So I would be totally counter dick in everything I believe, Uh, my sister for pants are do wear pants and they're not whores. Both my daughters wear pants now, and they're not whores. I have never pointed a woman out and said because you got a big but because the meanest women I've ever met my life were addressed. His women I've ever met in my life. They look like Mudflaps off a tractor trailer. They dragged the ground, but some they got a tongue. It'll reach from here to Birmingham, Alabama. Now, have I been misunderstood? Absolutely. And I understand in the fervency of my preaching, there may be some to get offended. There may be someone get offended under your preaching. That's why God uses different men. That's why I refused to even let you rob of me, for instance. Hair it, the Bible said, went in her John gladly. You know what your mind was that that meant he was excited to hear John the badness because John's head off And here comes Jesus and Jesus is preaching. And Harris said, Well, what's that guy preaching sound like? And they explained it, he said, Although John's risen from the dead, you know, many times here went to hear Jesus breach. No, never Is it recorded. But he But he heard John gladly, which shows me God uses different men to reach different people. That is just the way it is set up, fellas. And I'm not gonna make anybody get in my zone and say, Look, if you don't cost our point, somebody out or call me a whore, you can't preach for me. I want those men to be themselves. That's why I brought him in there. You preach just like you would anywhere else. I want you to be you. But I gotta have that say, I have been accused, brother. I've had people say that I have stood people up in a congregation and said, I can tell by looking at you. You're a whore, Get out of here I'll for \$10,000 for that, he said. I got the cassette at home. I said, I'll give you 10,000 and trust me, I got \$10,000 I said, I will give you \$10,000.100 dollar bills if you will bring me to keep the original You run me a copy of that cassette and he's never done it. So a lot of this stuff is just stuff. People have my son and I was talking about this today. All my life I heard that Billy Sunday said, All you women close your legs. Now we're getting ready, have church and we don't want the gates of hell opened up Nowhere has that ever been in print that Billy Sunday ever said that, ever. But to this very day, he gets accused of saying that. So I love individuality. Would I come across too strong for people? I'm sure there's a group of people that would never set under my ministry. I am very positive of that but I know a group of people that would never set under year

ministry. Right? So let God use you and let him use me. But if Brother Groves or whoever it was he was talking about took it that way, I surely apologized. But I've never done that as an individual.

[1:00:52] JC Groves: Could you set the record straight? Were you asked to not come back to Faith Baptist Bible camp because of your language?

[1:00:57] Dr. Phil Kidd: No, sir. Whenever I preached there more than any three men that's ever lived when I went the faith bad this camp, Dr Allen's like my daddy to this day. By the way, we've never had a cross word that place would pack out. When I preached there, I'm talking literally. The place would overflow if they knew I was coming. I went to Brother Alan. I said, I'm gonna preach tonight. It's my last message. I love you more than life, but I'm not coming back. Then he said Why? I said, You will know after I get done preaching tonight in front of a crowd. Brother combat. You remember they had that big pastor out beside the metal bit. All of that was packed you could not get in the place. And I preached that night on the consequences of covering the sin of others. And I preached how the independent movement has covered so much corruption that there is no way got could bless this mess. And there was a man leaning up against the back wall. So many people were getting up and leaving. I asked him to count how many people left and 89 people got up and walked out that night. And most of them were breaches, by the way, because I was exposing the fact that if you're in that bubble that you talked about, you get by with just about anything. Brother on, I told Brother, and I said, I'll never be back because I cannot handle what these men are allowed to go on and covering for while it's going on. So that's why I never went back to Brother Alex thinking only one thing I did want to correct with Pastor Paul was the first time he priest in my church. He did preach down in the front and not in the pulpit. But the reason being is it was immense prayer meeting, and we had all the men moved to the side and we had a podium in front. I preached from that same podium the month before and preaches that podium the month after. Did he have Bermuda shorts on? No. Sure, I would have remembered that.

[1:02:50] Brian Edwards: By the way, it's cool to hear you correct that because, you know, I I appreciate Paul in his courage and

[1:02:56] Dr. Phil Kidd: he's a preacher man.

[1:02:57] Brian Edwards: He is, and I really appreciate him and and think the world of him. And he and I've had conversations in the past. They've always been great conversations. We have mutual friends. But I was actually told that because of the changes in Paul's ministry that you wouldn't allow him to preach on the platform. So to hear you give the reverse side of that or the explanation of that, that's how things get straightened out. And, you know, people say all kinds of things about me. You know, I was talking to the guys here, you know, one of the writers of Sort of The Lord call me Judas and I'm not Yeah, I thought he committed suicide. I didn't even know. I guess they believe in reincarnation. But I've had people say all kinds of

things about me, and I know what that's like. And so, you know, I was just mentioning that Paul, was that the case? And it is good to hear that full story.

[1:03:50] Dr. Phil Kidd: Could you imagine how he would have felt as my son if I just say, Look, I want you to come speak, but you're not gonna not to be in my pulpit. You'll have to speak down in front, you know, on a podium. If I was Pastor Paul, I wouldn't have come under those circumstances. And he has been in my pulpit many a time. It's all on Facebook. My people love him. If I announce he's coming, they tear the house down. I mean, I love this guy and we disagree. Brother, we disagree. Nothing doctrinally. Pastor Paul knows that book. His music is ridiculous. I mean, they didn't make a turkey go into a seizure, you know, it's just but he's brought in Brother Mark and Brother markets brought that thing together and toned it down. And just as good balance, you know, we sing songs. Pastor Paul is not gonna have he sing songs. We're not gonna have But, man, the bottom line is we both love Jesus. We love the gospel. We believe the Bible. And when we get together, Brother, are we talking about God in the Bible? I mean, that's our lives. And, you know, I told Pastor Paul I said, when I die, I don't ever want you to have to bow your head because you are my son. I don't ever want to do anything that would embarrass you or make you ashamed to be called Phil. Kids, son. And I've tried to live by that all these years. But Pastor Paul has been a lot better, son than I was a dad. Well,

[1:05:16] Brian Edwards: so you let him preach You let him preach on the platform. But did you broadcasted on Roku?

[1:05:23] Dr. Phil Kidd: I'm broadcasting around the world. Kiss my asphalt driveway. Didn't like. Yes, I put it on Facebook. Livestream. You want to go through the Oh, okay. Was that

[1:05:39] Nathan Cravatt: one of one of the things I have to say? I haven't been your biggest fan in the past. And your I've got family members. I've got family members that absolutely love you and followed you around and going to your meetings and And as a matter of fact, they introduced me to you even though on the U. S. Like a five year old boy, Matt Ford's can't meeting and you came to the my dad's boys. Your dad? Yeah, and you actually were at Faith Camp. I never I never met you and talk to you like I did a lot of the big names in the I. P. A lot of those guys came in, stayed at the boy's home all the time and things like that. But one of the things I've always respected about you in it, I would always say about you, is that feel kid loves sinners. He absolutely loves centers. He loves the outsider, which this is one of the things about you that I've always thought was kind of like a paradox. Your your lack of paradox, right, wrapped in an enigma. And you know, nobody understands. He knows where you're coming from, but you know you'll stand in the pulpit and yell about horrors or fags or whatever, but then you'll go out in the gutter and get down with them in, you know, in their own vomit, and put your arm around him and tell them about Jesus and take a picture with them when they get saved. And



[1:06:53] Dr. Phil Kidd: I'm picking up a street bum Sunday. I met today on the side of the road for Johnson City. I got is where he's staying under a bridge and he's living in a sewer and I'm going to pick him up Sunday it take him to my church.

[1:07:05] Nathan Cravatt: I saw a picture a couple weeks ago where you had some people that you invited out of a bar, some bikers and things like that. I came in, a bunch of them got saved. And so I know that's who you are. But you gotta admit it's confusing for people like me and some other people who I don't have the same background or whatever that hear you talking about. Women who are made in God's image and bear God's image but have fallen in the centre have chosen a simple lifestyle. Auras, Lois said on our last episode that they were just deceived by the devil. And she said, she said, They're not horse, that's not their identity. They were deceived. They believed a lie, and God wants to save them and you know you'll call him those names from the pulpit. But I know the real feel, kid. We'll get down on his knees and share the gospel with him and tell him Jesus loves him. So can you talk us through that a little bit?

[1:07:56] Dr. Phil Kidd: Sure, I got several streetwalkers in my church and they love me to death. And we were the only church that would even let him come in the building because of the reputation. But, you know, first of all, horrors. A Bible word. So I don't want to. I don't want to just throw that word out and say it. Use

[1:08:14] Brian Edwards: its a King James Bible word.

[1:08:15] Dr. Phil Kidd: Now don't get me on that, brother. I want to get on your flip flops and shorts. Leave my King James alone on others of you guys really got a lot of good stuff. But here's the thing about it. Sometimes, even in my life, not everybody's brother combat, not everybody's. I needed to know how far gone. I waas, for instance. You know, I preached to the drunkard, but I got a 78 year old drunkard. He got saved in my church. Drink 1/5 today, got say when he was 74. He's like my dad now and nobody wanted him. And we wanted to. Jesus and I love him like my daddy. So sometimes I needed to be confronted on how far going I waas. And with that man that got saved off the streets preached that night, he showed me the awfulness of mine depravity. So, yes, there are going to be some that say, you know, that's a little over the edge. I'm uncomfortable with that. I can get that. But I also see that prostitutes setting out there saying, You know what? This is a sin against God. I'm filthy. This sin has wrecked me. I need to be reconciled because if you go toe where you don't use terminology, you're gonna quit preaching against drunker. You're gonna quit preaching against sodomy. Next thing you know, you're not. It's like you guys. You don't preach against anything, just anything bold way couldn't go that round either. But again, that's where individuality comes in.

[1:09:51] Brian Edwards: Well, in John eight, when they brought the woman to Jesus, she was called in the act of adultery. Did Jesus have to call her crude words to be able to say to her, Go and send no more.



[1:10:05] Dr. Phil Kidd: Absolutely not. And I'm not saying everybody does. I'm not saying that, brother. I'm not saying everybody has to preach a delivery like mine. I wouldn't imply that at all. But you gotta understand. Jesus never took John and said, Look, John, next time you preach to the fair sees, please don't use the word snake. Did you really have to call them a snake before they knew they needed to repent? So say we could all die a sect each other. But again, I feel like you're smothering me, saying I can only use the words you like, see, and I'm gonna kick out of the traces. I'm not going to do that. I'm gonna be me. I mean, I've been doing this for 42 years, fellas. There's I've never been with another woman. I've never been accused of money or immorality or doing anything on ethical in my life. As I agree with, I've lived clean, and I've been the example my son sitting here beside you. I've never done anything that would make him disrespect me or think I was loose or liberal or didn't love God. You could question my son any time you want nothing to hide. But just because I'm different doesn't mean I'm limit in my outrage. Because when I hear you guys, it's like you guys are saying. You know, if you believe these words alone, your ministry would expand. Well, how do you know that? You don't know that. I may not even be where I'm at right now. Had I not been the field kid God wanted me to be, I think one of the best things Brother Edwards, is for people to know where I came from. If you lived in that ghetto, I live next door to a beer joint. My whole life I've never had a Bible. I never heard of God. So things that would offend church bubble people are just naturally common to me. For instance, I get guys like you and they say, Well, my little girl heard you say that and it really upset. Of what? Listen, my little girls heard me say it for 25 years for they got married there in church. They love God. They believe the Bible. They love their daddy. So see, being blunt didn't run them off Both my boys air in the ministry. Not promise you. Pastor Paul is not going to get up Sunday. He's not doing

[1:12:22] JC Groves: well. Speaking on that, I'm interested. There are a lot of guys that listen to this podcast who are feel kid wannabes. They will preach the same way that you do. They will say the same words they do. And it may not mean what you're wanting it to. And you're saying that too. It's good. What would you say to the guys that are trying Teoh bu and using the words they are and their meaning it in a hateful way. What would you say to them,

[1:12:46] Dr. Phil Kidd: man? That is a good question, brother. Thank you for bringing that up, man. That's awesome. First of all, this is what Dr Signer taught me. I was 19 when I got under his ministry. And you love me like his son. I have more revivals for Dr Cider than any young man that ever lived. I preached the Onley extended revival that Tabernacle ever had in its history with three weeks. Dr. Cider taught me this. The reason why preachers minute other preachers is because they're not really? Because when you're riel, you're not afraid to be yourself. You don't have to wave your hand like somebody else. You don't have to lift your voice like somebody else. You don't have to have the same style. You do that because your fake and all you know how to do is replicate what you're listening to. I would tell every young preacher, Get your freakin head out of the sand, Be yourself. There's one feel, kid. God made me that way and your idiot to try to be anything like me. God knew you when he called. You get by yourself, learned to be yourself and learn to be comfortable being yourself. Because if most men say what I say, they're gonna get hurt. Somebody's gonna jack them up. You can't get by with stuff like I do. God has just give me an open door where I could say stuff that most

people, they're gonna get shot when the service is over with. And so I would tell them young men madness is a good question. Be yourself. Just absolutely kick out of the traces, brother. This has gotten so bad. Brother Edward's that now all these young evangelists have to wear their tie. You know, when their coat. Just like this other evangelist, because he preaches it. Big conferences. And they think because they were there, tie like that, that that's going to see. That's ridiculous. That sacrilege that's cultish. So when I go when I breach meetings and that I was there, I pulled my hankie out. I wouldn't I wouldn't let one would all be in my coat because I didn't want anybody to think that I was trying to mimic anybody. There is a stage that young preacher's go through being influenced by what they hear. Yeah, but if they're real, they will break out of that shell and become themselves.

[1:14:56] Brian Edwards: Yeah, you know what you're saying right now? So true, because in the I've be there certain things that are communicated and said out loud and you know they are the expectations. There's other things that are never said out loud. But, you know, those are the expectations. For example, I was 26 27 years old, driving a burgundy Lincoln Continental with a white leather interior trying to buy suits, and my wife was telling me the whole time you look like an idiot. Your look how old you are and you're driving this funeral car.

[1:15:30] Dr. Phil Kidd: What are you doing? And I'm like, I don't

[1:15:32] Brian Edwards: look like an idiot. I look like a preacher. That's and you can believe this or not. And this is so sad to admit. But I remember, you know, not thinking my weight was an issue. Because all of my favorite preachers, man, they were heavy, and they would get in the pulpit and make jokes about it. And

[1:15:50] Dr. Phil Kidd: yes, about that we flop around when they bred.

[1:15:53] Brian Edwards: Yes. So it's almost like, you know, it was Ah, it was a badge of honor. If you were the big preacher and you drove in on a on a Lincoln, then you got more respect. You were booked for more meetings. You had more authority. That's the way I was perceiving that as a young preacher, you know, the whole thing is just the whole thing is just a miss.

[1:16:13] Dr. Phil Kidd: It is a mess. And, you know, I was thinking when I was coming over here talking to you guys, the independent movements been around about, uh, about 80 years, you know, in the forties, that's when the and then the Independence decided that if you didn't come out, you were liberal. Well, Adrian Rodgers, J. Harold Smith Person Ray We're not liberals. They were God fearing Bible preachers, and they stayed in. And so when the independent movement came out in the forties Now you've got 80 years you guys can look at and discern good and bad from 80 years. I want to profit side that when your flavor has been around for 80 years, there will be a podcast Come out that will attack you. You guys just like you guys see the folly of the independent movement. Now here's one place and I asked my son, see if this makes sense. There's no doubt that Pastor Paul is to the left of me. He's to the left of me, not doctor or anything. Just really a few Minor thinks he's just but he is to the left of me. And I've asked him this. What if your kids go that far to the left of you that their kids go

back the same distance toe the left off them brother grows of if that keeps happening And three generations were back to being infidels again. So somewhere there's gotta be a balance. Just a good, solid Bible balance. Dr. Steiner always said, Preach the Bible and you'll never have to say you're sorry. Now Dr Seiler had me. He knew. I said, you know, dirty rotten, a second yellow belly, good for nothing. Cover. He knew all of that. And brother had the greatest revival that he ever had in the history of his church. With three weeks and you couldn't get in the place, you could even get in the overflow room. And it's seated 350. You could even get in that. They stood around the building like a soup line. But let me be me And he would tell me, brother kid, just you be brother kid in my pool bit. And he gave me that liberty. And he always told me to never be afraid to be myself because Dr Side, it was an unusual man in his own regard. He was a very different man in his personality and everything. So I think we're finding balance that after your movements up for 80 years, you're gonna find a lot of corruption and you guys to let me give you. For instance, I went to a service in Anderson, South Carolina, in a, I guess, the words contemporary church. So I went with my son. I did not go to be critical. I'm not doing that. A pastor deserves better than that. I went to learn some administration skills on visitors and following up because the independent movement has no idea what they're doing as far the movement is concerned. So I went there to get some information on skills and man, this guy was lifted up. He was the big shot. He was a big guy coming on. He's got all these campus churches and he's drunk. He's drunk. Okay, if it's an independent guy, you guys say, What a dirty, rotten, egg sucking hypocrite. This guy's up preaching and he's a drunk. That's what you say, but because he's in your movement, you guys say, Well, you know, he's on his journey. No, he's not. He's a drunk, so it doesn't matter if he's a fundamentalist or he's contemporary. You've got to be consistent. And when your movements around for 80 years, there's gonna be drunks and pedophiles and whore mongers and thieves and crooks you're gonna have the same thing when you guys have been around for 80 years to that doesn't justify it. And that's why I came out of it. Now, I would like for you men to help me if you would, because I have a question.

[1:20:12] Nathan Cravatt: Hey, guys, thank you for joining us. I think we can all agree that that was not what we were expecting. But, hey, whatever side you line up on, we can all agree that having a healthy, respectful conversation is a good thing. So we want to Thank Paul and Phil for joining us for this discussion and to tackle these issues. The good news is that there's more to come. The bad news is that you have to wait until next week Wednesday, August 26 to hear it. Everyone's been talking about the videos that have gone back and forth on social media, and by now it should be obvious that it was all done in good fun. So we want to remind you Hey, we don't hate anybody. We don't want to bash anyone. We want to help encourage and challenge our listeners to value Scripture over tradition and to love God and love people. So we look forward to hearing back from you this week. Let us know what you think about it. Join us next week on the Recovering Fundamentalist Podcast.

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