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Introduction

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[0:00:05] JC Groves: Hey everybody! Thanks for tuning into the recovering fundamentalist podcast. We're coming to you live from the J radio studios. Brian. Nathan, There's something real exciting coming with J radio. They're launching on September 1st, the J radio app for Android and iPhone.

[0:00:20] Brian Edwards: Well, you know, they've had an app for a good while, but this is gonna be the full launch of the app with all of its features, including something from the recovering fundamentalist podcast.

[0:00:31] JC Groves: All three of us are going to get to have a 30 song playlist. They're gonna have the recovering fundamentalist channel, and you're going to get to hear the mind of Nathan, JC, and Brian from our musical choices. I'm pretty pumped about that. What are some of the songs you're gonna have on your channel.

[0:00:46] Nathan Cravatt: Okay, I'm actually gonna keep my songs a little close to the chest here. I don't want anybody stealing my favorite songs because I know you guys will do that intentionally, But the thing I'm excited about is when they first started talking to us about this, they said this is gonna be such a big deal because artists like David Crowder are gonna be making their own list. And now look rate. Now they've asked us to do it. That's

[0:01:06] JC Groves: kind of cool, man. I'm feeling good about that. All right, we got double 07 Secret agent over here not telling us what his playlist is. Brian, what's some of the songs on your playlist?

[0:01:15] Brian Edwards: Well, I'm definitely gonna have all the poor and powerless. What a beautiful name, Greater you, Lord. And then I'm gonna have to have rattle on there. I love Rattle. And then, you know, I'm thinking, somewhere along the way I'm gonna have to throw some dub step in, you know, because John Hamblin preaches

[0:01:32] JC Groves: so robot that would have

[0:01:35] Brian Edwards: to be able to break out a main body. Pop

[0:01:37] JC Groves: it when you look

[0:01:39] Brian Edwards: at him the way he walks as E talks like this

[0:01:43] JC Groves: in step with that double breasted suit

[0:01:46] Brian Edwards: on Hamlin, Dub step.

[0:01:47] Nathan Cravatt: Come on, man.

[0:01:48] JC Groves: And you know J radio. The thing that I like about them is it's not just straight Christian music. They have positive and encouraging music that are gonna be on those playlists. And so some of mine, I've obviously, you know, I'm not super Christian like Brian because I've got some that aren't Christian, but I got cornerstone. That's my all time favorite song. My worship pastor right now. Zech Dallas he has a band called They Came Running. Put one on there, called Stargazing. It's awesome what you hear. It's stuck in your head. There's a song right now by Connection Music called Faithful Right Now. guys, that song is on repeat, I'm telling you, it is awesome. And then you've got to throw in some Allman Brother Statesboro Blues. That's where it's at. Right there. You can't go wrong. It's J radio. You can check him out September the first they got the J radio app coming out. We also want to thank our other sponsor, free life soap, and you can check them out at the recovering fundamentalist dot or click on the free Life Soak tab. Use the promo code RFP get 10% off of your order. It's gonna be awesome.

[0:02:46] Nathan Cravatt: Take your love life to a whole nother level.

[0:02:48] JC Groves: There it is. Brian Edwards joke. I love it. I would use the beard oil, but I went in today to get my beard trimmed up in. My guy was gone, and so there's the lady in there that's doing it. Let me tell you something.

[0:03:01] Nathan Cravatt: You let a lady trim your beard?

[0:03:02] JC Groves: Never let somebody that doesn't have a beard, trim your beard. I look 15lbs lighter cause she took half my beard off. Most people like that. I got way too many chins toe not have this much facial hair.

[0:03:13] Brian Edwards: And what made you think you could compare Nathan's jokes?

[0:03:19] JC Groves: Listen, Brian, greatly offended. This week was hilarious. You went kind of absent your phone, did something weird, and you added your email to our group chat, which are group chat, by the way, is straight fire. Yeah, At 3 a.m. In the morning, you deleted your email account and added your phone, and then you removed yourself and it was all crazy. And so me and Nate were on there for, like, three hours like, Hey, Brian. Brian! Brian,

[0:03:41] Nathan Cravatt: Why did he leave us?

[0:03:42] JC Groves: Are you here? Is he mad at us? When I said I guess I'm gonna have to do the dad jokes. So I started dropping something. Add dad jokes, man, it was great. And then you popped up What you're talking about?

[0:03:53] Brian Edwards: First of all, I didn't do any of that. It's just another Apple conspiracy.

[0:03:56] JC Groves: Oh, there it is. Hey,

[0:03:57] Brian Edwards: they must know I'm a Christian and that we text about Jesus, and so they're messing with my phone. I better not say that there be people who believe

[0:04:05] Nathan Cravatt: blessed are the persecuted.

[0:04:08] Brian Edwards: Yes, but talking about bad jokes today I was with my daughter, who's now 17. I have to remember, you know, she's not seven anymore and we're riding down the road and I said, Sweetheart, do you know why they call Pirates Pirates? And she's like, I know Dad, You've already told me this and then I'm total dad because I still had to finish it. Yeah, they call them pirates because they arrrrrgh. I had to do it. She just stares at me. What are you doing right now?

[0:04:35] JC Groves: You know why The Pirate didn't go to the movie, though, don't you? Because it was rated arrrrrgh. He's writing that down, right? Worse than a Brian joke. That's that's a whole other level. Oh, I love it. Oh, you already get this show started. Let's do it. Let's go!

[INTRO TRAILER]

Hey everybody. Thanks for tuning in to the recovering fundamentalist podcast episode number 25. We have made it halfway to 50 guys. Did you like that home school math, right then. That was awesome. Hey, so we are here. This is Brian J. C. And Nathan coming to you live from the JRadio Studios. And this portion of the podcast is brought to you by pod life dot house from affordable to adorable. You have to check these guys out. They build custom container homes that could be made manly enough that Tony Hudson would approve. Roomy enough for an old fashioned dinner on the grounds and strong enough to withstand the sin hating devil chasing hellfire and brimstone, Georgia can't meet and complete with full size appliances that can easily hold your 44 ounces of I don't give a rip. Check them out online at pod life dot house. Have you looked at that website? Yeah, I've

[0:06:22] Nathan Cravatt: been on there. His wife actually designs these homes and they are amazing

[0:06:27] JC Groves: fun Fact that's actually Phil Kidd's. Son. Philip Kidd. Yeah. Wow. I believe

[0:06:31] Nathan Cravatt: his wife Britney is the one that designs the home. They're awesome. Look amazing. I'm ready to buy one. It's

[0:06:36] JC Groves: like, literally it's like Legos, man. It's just shipping containers. And we got into this black hole of YouTube videos, watching folks build shipping container homes and things like that, and it's unbelievable. They just weld them together. It's Guy has a massive home down there in Louisiana. We want to pray for all those folks that are about to get hit by a definite Hurricane Lord category. For now, they're saying 190 mile an hour winds. But they said that those container homes can withstand winds up to 190 mile an hour. So food, maybe

they will stand Check it out today. Pod life dot house. Well, guys, Episode 23 & 24 was pretty intense.

[0:07:09] Nathan Cravatt: Yes, it was.

[0:07:11] Brian Edwards: Yeah, the Phil Kidd episodes where epic the back and forth was epic, and I've learned something after doing a podcast with Phil Kidd. There are a few of his followers that take thin joking back and forth very seriously, I've been told at this point I'll never be half the man Phil Kidd is. There's a couple of people. They may be just a little bit nervous.

[0:07:40] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, let and let's be honest. I mean, it's kind of cool when someone has their pastors back and they're like,

[0:07:44] JC Groves: Don't mess with my pastor. Yeah,

[0:07:46] Nathan Cravatt: we can appreciate that as pastors, but

[0:07:48] JC Groves: you also need to read the context of what's being said because they were pretty ticked. I've been called

[0:07:53] Nathan Cravatt: a lot of things.

[0:07:54] JC Groves: This has been intense this last week. You want to know

[0:07:56] Nathan Cravatt: something that's crazy? The worst e mails and hate mail I got was from Phil Kidd Haters

[0:08:02] JC Groves: Oh, 100%

[0:08:03] Nathan Cravatt: Purcell in me that I can't repeat that this is ah, rated PG 13.

[0:08:07] JC Groves: Well, they were telling us they couldn't believe we actually brought him on and made it sound like we were agreeing with him and like giving him that platform. And I got a couple of those two. It was they weren't Christian. And you've got

[0:08:18] Nathan Cravatt: to know that coming into this, we thought Phil was going to be attacking us. We had no idea how that was going to go, and we were willing to sit down with someone that we that we disagreed with

[0:08:28] JC Groves: 100%.

[0:08:29] Brian Edwards: Yeah, and people have to remember, we've made it clear that we're gonna give people grace. That's gonna be our approach. And silence doesn't always mean

agreement. Jesus was often silent at the most intense times. It didn't mean he was an agreement. It just meant he remained silent. And by the way, sometimes it's wise to remain silent. There've been oftentimes, shoe that I wasn't silent, and I wish I could go back in a race what I had said. And so I think it was better off that we didn't attack everything and deal with every point. Phill Kidd got to share his story from his perspective. It was an interview.

[0:09:05] JC Groves: Yep. I think I could write a book on everything that I've written and deleted this past week on responses. I'm like, Nope, nope. Nope. Don't want that out there. The thing that I love, seeing the responses on Twitter today blowing up Twitter is we saw a different side of Phil Kidd. It's the same way with Nathan when we brought him on. Rager. Yeah, I can't say his last name. That's why I never say it. But they have this persona that they give off. But then There's a man behind that Arizona. And our mission here is to help. To encourage and to challenge challenge doesn't mean we have to go at it. Challenge doesn't mean we've got to bring shame to the name of Jesus. What would that have done if we would have set here and just gone back and forth just bashing each other? You can speak truth in love and still throw a velvet brick at somebody.

[0:09:50] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, absolutely. And we do want to thank Paul and Phil for coming on. They were gentlemen, and we enjoyed the attacks. We have to weigh the,

[0:09:59] JC Groves: uh, taking the gloves on and go with.

[0:10:01] Nathan Cravatt: Any of the videos were the best man. That was amazing.

[0:10:04] JC Groves: We got to talk about your form throwing that acts, though.

[0:10:06] Nathan Cravatt: Come on. That was really someone asked me how many I think it was. Jason Ship asked me how many times I had to edit that, and I told him it was on the first take. I'm pretty decent with an axe.

[0:10:16] JC Groves: That shirt looked like a sh-medium though.

[0:10:19] Nathan Cravatt: I appreciate you pointing that out.

[0:10:20] Brian Edwards: By the way. Everybody needs to remember. This is RFP, not WWF.

[0:10:24] JC Groves: Yes, exactly. But you gotta admit his first promo that he did was straight up Ric flair like it was like, WWF we going about a lot of tonight. Thanks very loose lipped liberals Limb and second I was loving. You know what's awesome about this, though. The private messages that we're getting with Phil now like if you would have told me 20 years ago that at 1 p.m. On a Wednesday morning that I'd be texting Phil kid, he's like how the numbers looking any centime screenshots of stuff that people are sending him, that it's really helping them. I'm like, This is crazy.

[0:10:57] Nathan Cravatt: If you had told me that three weeks ago your insane,

[0:11:00] JC Groves: that's true. That's awesome. No, I love it. I'm glad he was able to come on. Thanks, Phil and Paul for coming on the episodes, and there's a lot of people that won't come onto the podcast that we've put an open invite out to. I'm excited about tonight's interview because we have somebody that's actually coming on the podcast, and he's gonna talk with us a little bit. Nathan, would you introduce our guest tonight?

[0:11:20] Nathan Cravatt: Yes. Speaking of someone that extends grace we had gentlemen on Twitter earlier this week, who made a post about why he is not a recovering fundamentalist. And I saw it. I think somebody sent it to me.

[0:11:35] JC Groves: Six people sent it to us.

[0:11:36] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, a lot of people did. And as I saw it, I clicked on it, thinking, Oh, boy, here we go because we've we've been attacked a lot, and that's okay, because people kind of perceive what we're doing is being offensive to certain positions. So as I read through it, I was like, Man, this guy's sharp spot on these guys, a gentleman. This guy's speaking with Grace. And so I reached out to him and we had a great conversation, and I asked him to come on the podcast, and he graciously agreed. And Dr David Young, I'm excited about interviewing you. Do not thank you for being here.

[0:12:09] Dave Young: Well, it's my pleasure. I'm glad to serve you guys and a chat with you tonight.

[0:12:12] Nathan Cravatt: Well, we want to get to the content of your article because I thought it was really well thought through. But before we get there, I would love to hear your story of your faith. Your journey where you're at so our listeners can hear where you're coming from.

[0:12:30] Dave Young: Sure, I'll be glad to do that. I am an evangelist and I'm 50. I have, ah, have one wife we are happily happily married. In fact, Beth and I do a marriage podcast together. Keeping it young is our podcasts. And we just said, We love serving the Lord together. We've been on the road literally from the day our honeymoon ended. We've been traveling and serving the Lord God gave us five Children. I have a daughter married and she and her husband and ministry of a son married. And he and his wife, are in Ministry. I have another son studying for ministry and a senior in high school who serves in our ministry. He does the plays, the guitar and our Children's meetings and speaks to the boys and girls. And then my daughter. I have a daughter that's in seventh grade so I cover all the bases. Years ago, I was a high school kid in a public high school, and a man from the hills of Tennessee told me about Jesus and I knew about Jesus. I've gone to church most of my life and he told me about Jesus, though, and eventually led me to Christ. I trusted Christ in the front seat of his car after much a wrestling with the Lord. About that, and six or seven months later, I thought maybe God wanted me in ministry and brother are would mentored me disciples, me and the men

that led me to Christ, that is. And I was thinking I'd go, You know, the mountains of Tennessee, where I grew up. There were really two kinds of creatures. They would say there were good ones and there were educated ones. I didn't know any preacher that was a strong. What we thought of is a really good preacher who was Bible educated, you know. And so brother are would, though, said no, if God's called you the ministry, don't go. I was planning to go to a secular college and study premed, and I know, he said, you need to go to Bible College and give your whole life to ministry. I had never heard of that. Yeah, yeah, so he told me there was a couple of schools. He said, one, you can't go there, he said, because they're not King James. And he said you can't go to that one. And he actually mentioned Tennessee Temple, which was closer to my home. And he said, You can't go there because I'm not sure about their new president. I

[0:14:38] JC Groves: wasn't at the time,

[0:14:39] Dave Young: that would have. I think the doctor moves and he just said, I don't know him. I'm not sure about him. So he submit just in Pensacola and I wound up at PCC, and as a public school kid, I went there with all these Christian school kids who were like, Oh, my word. This place is so strict. And I came out of a public school and I was surrounded by Christian kids and by the teachers who prayed with me. I've never had a teacher pray and honestly, I was all in, you know, people thought I was kind of weird, probably. But I just This is Austin. I could not believe it. And my parents were pretty strict. We were raised a little bit, Holiness. Um, so we were really strict. I mean, we were We didn't we didn't do anything, didn't have a TV, we didn't do anything. And so when I got to Pensacola. So my friends. So this place is so strict. I thought it was I was like I was like, that movie Frida eyes also. But, you know, I always wanted to be an evangelist and got open that door for me. And as I've traveled for 27 years now, almost in ballistic work, we have a college. We help within the Philippines with 500 students in our college. And we have, ah, outreach into India. And I served on several boards to have evangelistic, outreaches and other nations as well. My, my theme verses serve the Lord with gladness, and we've tried to do that for a long time. We're just happy people that serve the Lord and we're a little more strict than some, but we're not mad about it. We're very happy about it. And we're enjoying serving the Lord. So that's kind of my story. And I wrote the article this week. I had not heard of you guys, but this phrase recovering fundamentalists kept coming up in just a week or so ago. I've only listened a couple of your podcasts and someone told me I probably should go back to get the full idea and listen to some of the beginning ones. In fact, I have been able to do that yet, but it's on my list to do so. But I wrote the article I wrote this week in Answer. I've had a lot of younger guys in the independent Baptist world who corresponded with me and what do you think? And you know, there's there's some issues and there's some questions. So I wrote the article. Really? Um, and it was obvious I wasn't attacking anybody, but I wrote it to let them know where I am and really to say to them, You are there issues? Perhaps an independent Baptist world? Well, obviously there are. We got a whole podcast are friends of dedicated to it, but at the same time, there's some really great and godly people in it. And so that's really where I was coming from. In my article. I appreciate you guys receiving it well and corresponding with me about it, and that Your Grace has been noted and duly noted, and I'm grateful for that. Thank you for that.

[0:17:24] Nathan Cravatt: Thank you were honored that you would come on today and I guess we should just jump right in. And if you want to go through each of the points and maybe as you list out one point, we can just kind of speak into that. From our perspective, we don't really want a debate. We just want to give our answer. And if you want to push back a little bit, man, that would be great, because I think we have a lot to learn here. And I do want to say up front, we know that there are good churches in the I f. B. We know that there are some great pastors in the eye of B, but we also know there's an extreme that we feel like needs to be held accountable. So if you want to walk through these point by point, we'll just have a discussion.

[0:18:00] Dave Young: Sure, I'll just jump right in then. So my first point was that I don't consider myself a recovering fundamentalists because I believe there are some doctrines essential to the Christian faith, and obviously I knew when I wrote that that probably you guys and I don't know you. But it was an assumption on my part that you guys were fundamental in doctrine, meaning that you to believe there are some doctrines that are essential to the Christian and without them. Then we don't. We don't have a Christian faith agree. And up. I did make that statement first, Really not because it was that big of a deal. I thought it was kind of a given, but it was a jumping off point.

[0:18:37] Nathan Cravatt: Well, I thought that was a fair statement, because most of the podcast and articles that you find online about recovering from fundamentalism or expunge these or ex fundamentalist, they're coming from an atheistic perspective or from someone that has walked away from the faith. So I thought that was a very good place for you to start.

[0:18:57] Brian Edwards: Sure, I couldn't agree more. You know that there are fundamentals that we all cling to. We talked, Ah, a few episodes ago about the open hand in the closed hand and the heels that were willing to down and the fundamentals of the faith. Those things that are necessary to the faith are things that all three of us would give our lives for if necessary.

[0:19:20] Dave Young: It's really good. I I agree with you on that.

[0:19:22] Nathan Cravatt: So let's talk about the fundamentals which actually started the fundamentalist movement.

[0:19:27] Dave Young: Yet most would say that that the list of fundamentals would be the inerrancy of Scripture. Bridgend. Christ. Okay, this substitution area, atonement, the bodily resurrection, the reality of the miracles of Christ. And what I found is I started looking up fundamentals. There are varying takes on how they explain those. Yeah, and that that would be really great about the books. The fundamentals that were written no many years ago actually cover all kinds of things because they were dealing in their generation with issues that we don't know that much about because we didn't have the battles they had between liberalism and, you know, and fundamentalism. But most people would sum it up is the pretty basic ones that we believe the Bible is inherent and it does get muddy, the water does get

money, and you guys would know that. And most people would know that because maybe one of the weaknesses of our movement is that some people, when they say the word fundamental now meaning everything from the style of your worship to whether that you have a beard to the dress that you wear. Yeah, those things are important and find to talk about, have positions on and discuss. But they're not technically an essential to the faith, so they're not part of the fundamentals. Yeah, so it's a good thing to discuss the fundamentals because we do have a young generation. I did tell somebody recently, one of my independent Baptist brothers was a little upset at some of the younger guys and that there, you know, there's some things they're changing. And I said, Well, you know, there's one thing we can praise God about. Many of the younger guys have finally started saying, What does the Bible say? And they've been running to the Bible running to the Bible, and I'm all for that. So, uh, the fundamentals are worth are discussing, and I think most of us would agree on those.

[0:21:12] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, and I will say that we all three of us agree on the five fundamentals as listed in the fundamentalist movement. Do you feel like maybe the five fundamentals don't go far enough? Because I would say personally that there are some things that need to be included, like the doctrine of original sin the doctrine of the Trinity justification by faith alone. We believe the fundamentals. But I think there's even Mawr that most Orthodox Christians, which they should be included in that list.

[0:21:42] Dave Young: Well, I think if you read the books, the fundamentals, you'd find that they are, Yeah, and But what we've done is we've simplified it down in our culture and our generation to very simple terminologies. But obviously there's a lot more,

[0:21:53] Brian Edwards: I think, sometimes also were guilty of. Maybe in this current culture that we're living in, I think we're guilty sometimes of dumbing things down too much. For example, if you were to ask me the essential beliefs that we would list sufficiency of Scripture creation, evolution and God's sovereignty, salvation and security process of sanctification and maturity worship, and then we have additional things like church membership, baptism and communion, and then we even include our church planting philosophy. But I agree with Nathan that I think sometimes this micro list doesn't go far enough. Sure,

[0:22:34] Nathan Cravatt: and I have another question for you. Do you think that if we had stuck to the fundamentals rather than branching out into Bible versions and dress and it's not enough to say sufficiency of Scripture. It has to be a specific version. Do you feel like if we had stuck to the fundamentals as they were started? Do you think the FB movement could have had a lot more unity?

[0:22:56] Dave Young: Well, I certainly think so. And the fact the matter is that inside the movement there came a point in which some of the more I researched the movement. Somewhere along the way, some of our well known big name leaders began leading by their authority in their preference, rather than just like people asked me Often they'll say, What is your take on on the Scriptures? And depending on whether it's an older person or younger person, I kind of know where they're coming from. And so one of the things I have done. And I

learned this from my father in law, who was a wonderful, amazing independent Abbas pastor, gentle, loving, just a gracious man. He would have disagreed with you guys probably on any number of things, like maybe music or whatever. Yeah, but have been gracious to you. And you would have liked him. You would have. You would have called him for advice because he and here's what he always did. He always said in anything you asked him, he would say, Well, let me Let me think about that. And he would think for moment. See? Well, you know, the Bible says so when people come to me. I've learned this from my father. Well, he's in heaven now. I miss him terribly if someone says Okay, Davian, what's your take on the Bible? The first thing I want to do is not give my preference or my position but to give the Bible position in what I say. First of all, you know what my position is? This all Scripture is given by inspiration of God. And and it was given by holy men who spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Okay? And and God promised to give us his words. I quote Scripture. First of all, that is pointing us back to the fundamentals. That's my take on that.

[0:24:35] JC Groves: All three of us, Probably all four of us. We grew up in, like a faith community that took the Bible very seriously. You know, we believed in the inerrancy. We were taught that correct doctrine mattered enormously for our lives and for eternity. I think we were raised to not only seek the conversion of non Christians, but also and sometimes maybe even more importantly, to shed light on incorrect or unbiblical beliefs of other Christians. You know, of all Christians, we alone had the full truth because it was our way or the highway in that that goes into that preference that you're talking about there, not Scripture. And I think what that did is it obligated us with the moral responsibility to speak up at any time someone expressed a belief or made a life choice that was incorrect or unbiblical or immoral. To stay silent was to affirm the air, I think, is the culture that we grew up in. And it's the preferences of manmade ideology that's adding to Scripture. That takes you down some bad trails, if you know what I mean.

[0:25:32] Dave Young: Yeah, I could do that. And that's why I started with saying, No matter where we disagree here, I don't consider myself a recovering fundamentalist because that implied, first of all to me that we're leaving the fundamentals. Sure, And so the first thing I want to clarify was that? No, I do believe in the fundamentals, and I'm aware of the fact that you guys do as well, and so we're in agreement on that. The second thing I said was that I'm not a recovering fundamentalist because there's a difference in being a fundamentalist and being part of a particular group within the independent Baptist Movement. And now the one thing I know as an evangelist ends by the independent Baptist Movement. The one thing I know for sure is that there are a wide variety of groups, you know, I I wear a beard and it's a joke. Someone said to me not long ago, Why did you grow a beard? And their idea was your innovative Baptist. Why do you have a beard? And I said, Well, there there's a reason. And the main reason I grow Beard is because there's some guys in the infinite Baptist world I don't want to preach for they don't fight me because I'm I'm not in their cabs. So So it separates me from a camp that I don't agree with, even in the innovative about this world.

[0:26:43] Brian Edwards: So I was talking to a pastor this past week who would be a lot like you. He would consider himself an independent Baptist, Yet he's a really gracious guy, will

studied, articulate and we were talking and he kept referring to himself as an independent Baptist. And I said, I think you need a new label. I don't believe you are an independent Baptist in that you align yourself with the independent abbes movement. Why couldn't you be a Baptist who is unaffiliated? You're not a part of any convention. And rather than lump yourself and this this pau this camp and then haven't explained to, people were there so many different kinds of independent Baptist. Well, there's so many different kinds of contemporary, and there's so many different kinds of other branches and brands of the Christian faith. Wouldn't it be better to say, rather than I'm an independent Baptist? I'm a Baptist, and I'm unaffiliated with any convention.

[0:27:44] Dave Young: Well, that is true. My my daughter's pastor, Dr Paul Chapel, actually tried that term, he tried to say, because of some of the groups and the independent Abbas world that he no longer aligned with and the innovative mattress rules was getting a bad name on the news There were some programs that were run, and so he in California started calling himself Unaffiliated Baptist. The problem with it is it doesn't ring. It's like it's like, you know, somebody said, You know, well, maybe the recovering fundamentalist should have called himself something different if they're fundamentalists, but it doesn't have any ring to it, right? It so it wouldn't make any sense. So, you know, the best thing to do is say, going back I thought for years I was Southern Baptists because I grew up in the South. Then I got about that Oh, Southern Baptist actually have a convention and were not part of the convention. So we're not Southern Baptist, but I didn't know that, so I had to learn that.

[0:28:37] Brian Edwards: So the idea of groups

[0:28:39] Dave Young: within the innovative Abbas world. There's a variety of us and and one thing I have noticed in the podcast that I've listened to you guys and and a little bit of research into where you're coming from, there does seem to be at least a little bit of one or 21 in particular. But maybe two groups, especially that get a lot of the focus in what you guys were discussing. Like I go to a church that is unaffiliated, that is independent Baptist. But it's not in the circle where, you know women were beat up because they didn't wear coolants. And we will have ladies in our church that wear them and we will have ladies in our church that don't so. Part of the reason might take was different is because all the mail I've gotten this week from my my article that I wrote has evidenced me so many things. But there were some people indefinite groups that were beat to death in some ways that I have never been a part of the group that was beat to death. And I've been in a Baptist on my life, but nobody ever beat me to death. And the couple of times I got around it, I resisted it, and I walked out and said, I'm never coming back. Yeah, and and and I didn't listen to those guys anymore.

[0:29:46] Brian Edwards: If you always believe in pointing toe averse, what verse do you point to? That gives a scriptural mandate to be a part of a denomination, period?

[0:29:59] Dave Young: Are you asking me if I'm part of a denomination. And if I were what first I would give.

[0:30:03] Brian Edwards: Yes, because independent Baptist is a denomination. Whether we want to call it that or not, it's the Church of Christ. They say they're not a denomination, but yet everyone knows Church of Christ is a denomination.

[0:30:15] Dave Young: Their denomination, if you mean by denomination a group that thinks alike that identifies alike. They don't have a hierarchy that handles funds and finances. So there are some difference and, say, the Southern Baptist Convention as a denomination, because there's a definite a definite advantage that is a given. If you're in the Southern Baptist world, there's financial advantages. There's groups, advantages, their retirement advantages. In the end, up in a Baptist world, there aren't those same advantages. So there are some differences there, But I've always believed, and there was a time where people would say this, they would say, We know the Bible is silent on that, but I've got to think, and my I've changed my thinking on that. I don't know that the Bible has ever signed on anything. There's not explicit statements about everything like the Bible doesn't ever mention the word cool lots eso eso Where did we get this idea? Well, it was a a normal choice by some people in that particular world. And for a while, across many denominations, it wasn't just that have been a Baptist. They probably were the ones who went to seed on it, where it became the standard. And if you weren't there, in the words of a few people you've had on your podcast, they were Jeffers and or worse by dressing that way. But I believe the Bible gives us all kinds of leadership. There's principles. There's explicit statements, but especially the principles that guide us and lead us. And what we try to do in our home and our family and our ministry is we always try to look for a verse to say, OK, here's our decision. What could we find that would guide us here? That will lead us here, and we're always of a family. We meet with our Children and we say, Here's why we do what we do because we do believe the Bible teaches this like, for instance, in the dress think that's a big issue, especially in in a bit of ABC's world and our family would have been on the more conservative side of things. We were very kind about it. But I remember the day that I sat down with my daughter and I said, Sweetheart, do you understand why we did what we did from the Bible? The perspective we had, We thought the Bible said this. This is where we tried to do that in my daughter. She knows she's heading into college and she said, I absolutely understand. And I said, You do know, don't you that there are different applications to a biblical principle and you may go to college and apply this passage differently than your mother and I have applied it and my commitment, what to her was this. If you can come back to me and say, You know, Daddy, this is what I think the Bible teaches. This is what I'm doing, what I'm doing, what you're gonna find out is your dad's gonna say, God bless you, even if you totally disagree with how I've believed. So I don't believe the Bible is silent on anything. I believe there's different interpretations, and there's different applications, and sometimes I think it's the holy spirits leading because where you guys, maybe and where I may be in my background and your background or the issue of my heart on the issue of somebody else's, aren't we all Take the word of God and the Holy Spirit guides us, and we grow in grace from where we are to where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Yeah, I

[0:33:15] Nathan Cravatt: heard growing up that there basically three different levels of teachings in the Bible. One is precept. That's where the Bible's absolutely clear. This is a law. This is a commandment, very clear. Then there's a principle that, you know, you can make

different applications. Then there's practical applications of those things. And I just want to say, Dr Davis, our in your church or if you were my pastor growing up, I would probably still be independent, fundamental Baptist because what you just said, what you just explain was so full of grace and so opposite of what I saw growing up but talking about biblical principles and not elevating those principles to doctrine status, not elevating tradition over Scripture, that that's a totally different picture of what I grew up with.

[0:34:05] Dave Young: You know, I am learning that The second block article posted today was about what I'm learning after posting the first article. And one of things I'm learning is that there apparently has been in the independent Baptist world, certain groups that that did abuse doctrine that did abuse the scripture that did elevate preferences in positions. And they strained at Nats and swallowed some really big Campbell's of bosses. And and I'm totally against that, that the issue for me was that I was just never part of that world and that, you know, I got saved and the guy that led me to Christ was an independent Baptist preacher who was just loving and gentle and gracious and kind, and I just I just thought it was awesome. And then I met my father in law when I married into his family, and he would have been very strict, like his music. Southern gospel to him was not good number

[0:34:57] JC Groves: Way agree. I remember

[0:35:01] Dave Young: that he took me to a preacher's fellowship in Columbus, Ohio, and they had a Southern gospel band, and it was it was the real deal as far as the drums and the whole works and and he would never have allowed that in his church and would never have listen to that and so but I grew up on that. So I was sitting in the service tapping my foot and enjoying the service, and I remember we got in his truck afterwards. And Pastor Dennis, my father in law, said, Well, son, I saw Uran sanctified leg keeping time with that

[0:35:30] JC Groves: music. It's fun. I

[0:35:33] Nathan Cravatt: hope you know that you're sitting here with two former Southern gospel singers. J. C. And Brian have both. So, professionally, Yeah,

[0:35:42] JC Groves: Nathan was an interpretive dancer. No, I think that's the best crack ever. History of the bod. Come on, let's go. I think you know, listening to this and thinking about it. There's a challenge toe leaving the I f. B. There's also a challenge of staying in. Neither is easy, and I think the folks that we're hearing Dr Dave, the stories of people that have left and the shunning I mean, just today we heard from a missionary in Spain that's telling stories because they didn't keep the church's standard and went completely opposite of what the pastor said. And they got stuck in Spain with no support, with all the churches being sent this letter. We have red letters with our own eyes from my FB pastors because of people that go against those standard that we're talking about on here the dress, the music, the way they do their hair like crazy, stupid things. If I can say that they're completely written off and I think just as challenging as it is, toe leave. In some instances, some of the stories that we're getting from

people that are saying Please don't say my name, please don't read my story There's a challenge in staying in some of these I FB churches.

[0:36:56] Brian Edwards: You know what I was getting at a few moments ago with the unaffiliated? What I'm saying is, I think you're grouped in, uh, with the crowd, regardless of your intent, I think it's almost guilt by association. In my mind, when I hear independent Baptist, my mind automatically goes to my experience.

[0:37:20] Dave Young: I understand that, and what I've noticed is that most people does, and that's that's an interesting statement because my experience has been exact opposite Have I am I aware? You know, I I remember going to hear a preacher one time and in the service. He was rude to his wife. He was rude about women. He was a little bit on the racist side of things and just just several off the wall things. And I will tell you it's the last time I ever heard him. I said, That is not me, That is not us. I don't know why people went to hear him. Yeah, and it's so because I was surrounded by, like my father in law. I mean, you know, you wouldn't have known him, but he was a man, that very faithfully pastor. The church for 47 years loved people. It took us four hours to get the line by his casket to show their respects the night and it was a snowstorm. He was just a love demand. That was the world. I grew up

[0:38:10] Brian Edwards: with

[0:38:10] Dave Young: their be parts in this world of the independent Baptist that I have distanced myself from. You know, I joked about the beard thing in a moment, but there's some kind of truth to that. There is a man who doesn't want me to come preach for him because I have a beard is probably I don't want to reach for truth, and and so, um yeah, I guess I am unaffiliated. I go to a church that would be independent and would be baptised. And our pastors and ex positional preacher and we win souls and we disciple and we have people, all walks of life. We have some very mature conservatives. You know what they would call separated Christians. But we have some many people in our church who are still smoking cigarettes.

[0:38:53] Brian Edwards: So I would ask this your father in law, for example, the night you're in the revival meeting in the Southern Gospel group performed, you know, they're different views in the independent Baptist world on music. I grew up in the camp meeting world where the more lively it was and the more people shout and the more people praised, the better it was. But what do you do with the text? You know, for example, when the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea and the women took up tambourines and they played and they danced and they saying, And God never said, Stop, you're offending me. How do we arrive at this place where it's wrong to play music that allows you to show expression.

[0:39:36] Dave Young: Well, we arrived there because in our movements and Christianity, we have very prominent people who develop systems of thought, and they influence people and my father and answer my father. Law would have been a raised on Southern gospel, but two things happened to him. One was that he got to know personally, a Southern gospel group,

and he said to me one day, I'm disappointed in them. They're not the real deal on the platform. They were so spiritually but behind the scenes, he said, Son, I I didn't know they lived that way. True, and my father in law said, I'm done with that. Well, then he found another guy teaching the kind of music you're supposed to have and embrace them. But here's the thing I loved about him. Ah, he knew that I liked Southern gospel because that was I just I liked happy music, and there was my favorite, and yet he never was rude to me about it. He never said, you know, your ungodly for listening to That's great. He taught me that this is why I do what I do, son. And sometimes he would caution me you gotta be careful. And, you know, I got I got to tell you the I learned so much from him. Like, for instance, he always had Tim lead. You guys know that name?

[0:40:49] Brian Edwards: I do not know him.

[0:40:50] JC Groves: I know him really well.

[0:40:52] Dave Young: Tim was one of dad's men that he would have been all the time to preach. Well, then Brother Tim started doing more with the Southern Baptist Convention. And so my dad lost said one day to the church. I don't think I can have Brother Tim back to preach because I don't agree with some of the things he does now. Okay, well, we didn't have him back. Well, then, two or three or four years later, I was in a Sunday morning service and my father, Mo got up and said to the church, Church, You remember Tim Lee and people not at all over the building. And he said, I just got word this week that brotherly has a big financial need and and he's really going through a struggle. And he said church, I would it be okay with you? If is a church, we send him \$1000 because we love him. He's our brother in Christ Well, and I was amazed by that. I sat on the front row thinking, You know what? My dad was the real deal. Yeah, he knows what he believes. He he's conservative, musically conservative in dress. He's not gonna have brotherly because Weatherly is now Southern Baptist or whatever. But at the same time, he taught his people that that he's our brother and we love him. And although I don't schedule anymore, he's gotta need. We're going to send \$1000 and we're gonna let him know that he's our brother and we love them. And that's That's the world I grew up in the world that I've been a part of over the last number of years. Like like there's a church in Alabama that I preach for every year. The pastor's older. He's never been on a broadcast in his life, probably never listened to one. But every year that I go back, his church has grown because he's one, some other family to Christ and they're bigger, and I've had people saving our revival campaigns in his church every year that are there the next year because he's disciple them. And so when? When I thought when I first listened to the podcast What I heard Waas get out of the innovative AB this world. Those people are idiots, and I know that's not what what you would say. So my article was, you know, I know a ton of guys in this movement, that air really genuine. Sure, those air, the men I identify with no, having said that, I will also tell you that it's become very apparent in the last few days is I've got a lot of email that there have been men in our movement and groups within the innovative s world that have done great damage. And I'm against them. I I've never been a part of them, but I'm glad I wasn't. I'm so glad I was never in a world that believes some of the stuff that I'm finding out

that people believed in Todd and I'm against that. So that's good Might might. Appearance has been different, so we do come at it from different experiences.

[0:43:21] JC Groves: Sure, I agree with, then, Hey, let's move on to point number three. I am not

[0:43:26] Dave Young: in the recovering fundamentalist camp because Sam needs repentance, correction in separation instead of ridicule

[0:43:31] JC Groves: in hue. That's let me meet my micro quick. Here

[0:43:39] Dave Young: was my concern about that when my concern about that one was that when I first listened to your podcast the first time, there were several jokes about and people talking about, you know, there was jokes about like, say, cool lots on women or whether or not you went to the movies and those kind of things. But But what I realized and later I heard you guys deal with the fact that no, there were things that were blatantly sinful. Yeah, in the areas where we grew up and maybe I'm a little too serious at times about it. But I have always hesitated and joking about the group, you know, like I did discover that I m b preacher clips thing on Twitter and and and so doesn't know whether to laugh or cry. Same on DATs. Not us, by the way. Yeah, I don't know whether to laugh or are get on my face and fast for the next.

[0:44:37] JC Groves: We were with you. We agree with that.

[0:44:38] Dave Young: I am like so here was my thinking on that. I I I'm in the fundamental Baptist world, and I believe that sin needs to be repented off. I believe those who were immoral need to repent. I believe. I believe there Many in jail that need to be there and probably some more who should be a swell. So I I hesitate to joke about it. And that was my my take on that last one there. My fear was that some would listen to a podcast and here, humor about shorts on guys or, you know, whether not you preaching attire, women and cool lots. And miss the fact that that there's things in the world that are wrong here in this innovative Abbas world that does demand repentance and correction and separation. So for me, this is how I always handle those things. When when I I don't want to mention names. But when I would hear certain guys preach as as a new Christian or as a college student, I would say, you know what? I disagree with that biblically. So I'm not I'm not. I'm not going back to hear him. I'm not promoting him. I'm not going to that fellowship. I'm not going to that school because I believe there should have been repentance, correction. And so what I did was separate and seven my heart in the third one. Does that make sense?

[0:45:52] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, and I think you did a really good job of calling out the sins of the F B In that section, you dealt with a lot of things, and as I was taking notes on it, I said we couldn't have said it better ourselves. And I'm really thankful that you were willing to come onto the podcast and talk about that. And if you haven't read Dr Dave Young's article, you need to look that up on Twitter is a really good article.

[0:46:16] Dave Young: You guys need to stop calling me Dr Day.

[0:46:18] Nathan Cravatt: I'm sorry. It's That's how we were introduced to you through that article. So that's that's stuck in my head. But we do agree that sin needs repentance, correction and separation. That's why we've left the movement. However, ridicule and humor do not stand in opposition to these action. I don't think ridicule or humor stand in opposition to correction, repentance and separation. I think they can bolster them. We actually thank God for humor, and so many people have reached out to us and said I was an atheist. I left church altogether. I thought the I f B World was all there was, and I had it characterized in such a way that I just thought God hated me or I thought I was a terrible person. So I walked away and they said that when they started listening to us, our humor was what drew them in. I do want to ask you this. I acknowledge that there is an inappropriate way to use humor and ridicule. But I also believe that there's a very appropriate way to use humor and ridicule We see in the Bible. It is modeled to use. Ridicule is a proper reaction to pride and sinful behavior. And I also know that ridicule is a huge part of some sex of the I f B world, where they absolutely annihilate anybody that disagrees with them. So when it got stands up from the pulpit and basically implies that I am no, he clearly says that anybody that disagrees with him or anybody who doesn't use a certain version is not even a Christian. I really don't mind using ridicule to speak out against something that's so far from what Scripture says.

[0:48:06] Dave Young: I I understand that and and I will tell you, though for me I'm always hesitant because I realize I realize along the way, especially at this age of my life, I can sometimes imply things in humor that I don't mean. And so I'm very cautious about humor. And like, I know like I've heard on the podcast, you guys occasions you know nothing about, you know, shorts on boys are cool, lots on women and those kinds of things. Part of my caution about my using humor for me is that I do know some really sweet, genuine people that have no axe to grind. But that is their standard. Yeah, and I never want to be guilty of violating their conscience because they believe they're following Lord, they're not going to yell at you for not doing it, but they legitimately you're trying to follow the Lord, so I'm cautious about it. Not that it's wrong. And you would find out if you knew me that that I probably joke too much. I do. I love the laugh, and I laugh a lot and and we here? We use humor all the time in our family and even in my ministry.

[0:49:14] Brian Edwards: So do they believe they're following the Lord? Or are they following a man? Because if they had just read the Bible, if all they had if they had been born on island, just their family in just a copy of God's word, would they have ever arrived at that dress code? Sometimes I wonder why It's OK. Toe let people to continue to believe that what they're doing is following the Lord when the Lord has nothing to do with it.

[0:49:40] Dave Young: Well, I do understand that. But like take, for instance, the dress things slacks on women, obviously that's a big deal within some sectors of the innovative Abbas world. But for might like my family, my my grandmother would have been influenced by the world were World War two generation before pants ever became practical, common normal dress attire for any lady. You know, in those days, all ladies wore dresses. You rarely have seen

a lady in a bear slugs. And then obviously in the world, war two generation is ladies begin working outside their home and things begin to change and the husbands were gone to war. Slacks became more commonplace but like my my grandmother never wore them. And so my mother never wore them. And so my sister never wore them, and it wasn't necessarily somewhere along the way. There were people that questioned it, marked it, and it did become a biblical issue to them. Like I have a friend who uses the Do Toronto Me 22 Passage as his basis for why his wife doesn't wear it. I know there's any number of different interpretations for that, but I also know that he's not angry. He's not immoral. He believes in that part of the law that it applies to his life and and he can teach that very well. I'm not going to fuss with them about it, cause at the end of the day, Romans 14 tells me that I've got to give an account to God. He's got to give an account to God. I'm not gonna won't his conscience now if there's a point in which, like I know what I heard. A preacher referred to the dress standard and he said, You know, he uses the term horrors and us ease and efforts. Okay, well, my point there is not so much that the dressed entered is the issue. At that point, his spirit is the issue, because he's way over the line and how he treats women. Christianity has always elevated womanhood. And when the innovative about this world denigrates womanhood, we got a serious problem, because now the issues no longer address. The issues are spirit, how we're handling it. And I would be against that soas faras like on the comment, I made, um, some of the things it let me tell you how I I address the's. Not that it's wrong to joke about when we're in cool odds or toe laugh about whether or not guys were short. The interesting was that I was raised never to wear short. I do now, but I was raised not to wear them, and I wasn't even permitted to swim in them, although as a young lingering upon the farm way we could, as the guys after we were working hard, run down to the swimming hole, we could we could do what we would have called skinny dipping. But we couldn't wear short. I thought, you know something wrong there? Yeah, it's not that, technically, right? So they're humor in that, will you? Probably. There's humor then that z just funny, no matter how you slice it. Yeah, but the thing I don't want to do is I don't want to be in my use of ridicule over those standards. I don't I don't want to damage godly people who really are trying to follow the Lord and maybe have not learned as much as I know or maybe have not matured as to a level where maybe others have or haven't even discovered that they have liberty to do differently

[0:53:11] Nathan Cravatt: yet. And I

[0:53:12] Dave Young: don't ridicule them so that they throw it all out in, oh, my word. And then they choose something. Do that has nothing do with a Bible either.

[0:53:20] Nathan Cravatt: And I think there's wisdom, and I think there's wisdom in that. So I appreciate you sharing that with it.

[0:53:24] Brian Edwards: And one thing I would say to Dr Dave,

[0:53:29] Nathan Cravatt: right? I'm not a real

[0:53:30] Brian Edwards: doctor. Okay? Okay. And Dave, one thing you just said that that has been difficult for me. Even in this podcast to some degree, ID completely separated myself from all things independent Baptist. If it were independent Baptist, then I was gonna have absolutely nothing to do with it. And this podcast has forced me to be silent and to be gracious and listen to people that I radically disagree with. We've done podcast made statements, ask questions that have given people an opportunity to repent of things that are obvious that they need to repent for. And there has been a lack of repentance. It's been really difficult for me in that withdrawing is not an option because these things need to be revealed. These things need to be brought to light. And so here's Here's my question. Okay, instead of withdrawing, how does someone as articulate and educated and well studied and gracious as you are, By the way, I'm loving this conversation. Teoh, I could meet you and talk for hours. How does someone like you become an agent of change that this is absolutely unacceptable? How does someone like you say, You know, we're not wearing the title? I've be anymore. That's not required to be baptised in our beliefs and unaffiliated.

[0:55:04] Dave Young: That's a good question. How do I stay in a world that has a name in many respects of a blatant immorality. Abuse of Scripture, unwise practices in some areas. How do you stay in that world? Let me back up. And just something occurred to me the other day. I was thinking about what I was doing. A little studying, reviewing a little bit on Where did this innovative Abbas roll come from? Long before, there was an indifferent Babis world. There were godly people about 1900 some years of church history without it have been a Baptist, and they did pretty good without us. And, you know, we came out of the Southern Baptist in the Northern Baptist in the conservative Baptist Conventions, and it was interesting. I was reading in a history book and notice seeing there was the group that left. They just said, We're done. We're gonna go do something totally different. They became innovative abbess in the Southern Baptist Convention, which I'm most familiar with. There were men like Adrian Rogers who said, No, we're staying. We're fighting for what is right. And the first answer I would give you the reason I can stand the movement is because, um, first of all, I'm a Christian first and foremost a t end of the day. I'm not in a been a Baptist. I'm a husband of deathly joy. And I'm striving very diligently to be the godly husband that she deserves and that the Bible commands me to be at the end of the day, I'm not in a bit of badness. At the end of the day, I'm a daddy, Abby, Josh, Mount, Jake and Charity. And I'm gonna have family devotions with him at night. We're gonna laugh and play games and watch a movie. Uh, we're gonna I'm Daddy. At the end of the day, I'm I'm a friend at the end of the day, for so first and foremost, I can stay in because my whole world is not I f b. I'm a daddy. I'm a husband. I'm a friend. I'm a mentor. I'm boss of this little team that I have that makes up our evangelistic ministry. But I'm also a friend and minute of those guys eso first and foremost. How do you stay in and affected change? Well, first of all, I can stay in because I'm me and I'm or than it had been Obama This I'm a Christian first and foremost, the real deal. Secondly, I would answer your question. There is because I preach the word the word of God and and And I have I have always believed that a man is disqualified from ministry when he abuses the pulpit when he is immoral, and then when, When he is speaking lies in the name of the trip. And for some reason there are men in the movement that are not the same in the pulpit and out of the pulpit. And I have come to a new age and my, my my ministry. I'm 50 and it's a whole different perspective. For the first

time, I am now on, Um, I'm now on platforms were on the elder. It is the weirdest feeling in the world. And so it is a new My thinking has changed because I no longer have the option of just just saying things, because what I say now carries elder ship weight. If I can use that word and it and I realized for the first time I have a new platform. So where young men will come to me and say, You know, I'm done with the intent of Baptist world because of pastors so and so on what he did. Well, I can back up and say, Well, you're not him, are you? You're not part of him. Were you ever part of him? And I understand a guy said to me today There's people in my town that have identified with the independent Baptist world and we just shut our church down and reopen. It is a Bible church. You know what? I don't know if I'd have done the same thing he did or not. But the gospel in his town is more important than whether or not I feel that the innovative Babis world is right. Yeah. Wow. Um, if I were pastoring in a town where you know the Big Dog Independent Baptist Church in town, the pastor winds up in jail, that would affect how I would change things in my town. Because the gospel is more important than my denomination. There's a reason I'm independent Baptist. There's a reason. But at the same time, I guess an answer. Your question. I met finally at the age and this is the first time this has been true in my life. I've always been the young guy, but I'm realising, especially now that I have two kids who are in ministry themselves, serving in churches and and working in Bible colleges and things like that. I'm in a new level of mentoring, and I don't know that I could of I think this is okay to say, I don't know that there's a platform to get up and say The independent Baptist world has to change this. But here's what I can do. Number one. I could be the real deal Number two. I can fellowship with those who are the real deal Number three. I can refuse to fellowship with anybody in this movement who thinks who was outside what I believe to be the real deal. And here's where I was going a moment ago and I got sidetracked. It always just bothered me when I saw a man in the pulpit acting a certain way, being a certain way. Get him out of the pulpit. He's an entirely different person. You sit at the table with them and it's like he's a gentleman. Why was he such a jerk in the pulpit? And I think I think that's wrong. It is, I really believe that we should be the same in the pulpit and out of the pulpit. When my Children see me working on the RV, they should know it's the same dad that they'll see tonight when he's standing on a platform teaching the Bible. Yeah, and and And all I know to do is mentor a new generation of this movement that first of all, you don't have to be them. Uh, it's second of all. You can be Donley in the Independent and this world, but thirdly, I can tell you, um, I call people to separate from those who are wrong. Why go to a conference with a pastor that's a jerk or the accused of immorality? What are you thinking? And there is a well known prominent independent Baptist preacher who stayed a long time in a movement with people that were accused of all kinds of junk, and apparently there's a lot of truth to what they were accused of. And finally, when push came to shove, he he left. And then he called me and said, I just want you know, that I left and I was a little hard on him. because my deal waas Well, I'm glad you left, bro. But you were there a long time. When When did you decide it was okay? When did you decide it wasn't okay? So I'm telling a new generation of young I don't know that I can help older guys who are messed up. And so I say the word stupid about some things.

[1:01:46] JC Groves: After the last two episode, you could say whatever you want. I can

[1:01:52] Dave Young: say to young guys, um, if you're independent Baptist and you're the real deal, then you can stay here.

[1:01:59] Nathan Cravatt: So let's move on to number four. This is quickly becoming like an independent Baptist sermon where the first two or three points you spend an hour on in the last three or four, you're just like 30 seconds.

[1:02:09] Dave Young: We've really kind of covered Number four. Number four is I'm not in the recovering fundamentalists camp because some of the issues mentioned by recovering from the Mentalist or somewhat silly to address, is what I would say. Is it how much time do we give to whether on a man wear short?

[1:02:23] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, So we've kind of addressed that already

[1:02:26] Dave Young: kind of address that so here was number five. I'm not in the recovering, fundamentalist, because growth is a better word than recovery. Now, I got shot at

[1:02:33] Nathan Cravatt: a little

[1:02:33] Dave Young: heavy for that one first.

[1:02:35] Brian Edwards: This is the one I would push back on if

[1:02:37] Dave Young: you guys have been pretty good friends. Well, thank you. Help. For the record, I got some some emails as well this week because they thought I was attacking you. Sure, but let me let me tell you where I'm coming from. It's probably semantics in some respects, but I one of the things I sometimes discovering our revivals and are independent Abbas movement is that I meet people who 20 years ago left the independent Baptist world but are still bitter and angry about some way. A preacher said things about dress. Well, here's my take on that. How long are you going to be recovering? Where do you draw the line? So, to me, the word growth was the better word. Because how do you overcome the damage? Someone does new by the way they taught you standards or whatever. And at least this is my take on things. And obviously you you may take a different up and probably will. But my take on it is that first of all, you grow in grace when my position fails to make me more like Jesus. I'm not growing in grace, you know, like some of my friends will discover the sovereignty of God as if it's a new doctrine. And and homes, they become argumentative, and they they dis everybody that doesn't see the sovereignty of God in the same way that they do. True. First thing I always warned them about is this your position hasn't yet made you like Jesus. So you need to keep working on your position.

[1:04:07] Nathan Cravatt: Yeah, I told someone today, if your theology makes you proud, you've got something wrong. Your theology should make you humble. That's

[1:04:14] Dave Young: good. Yes. So? So here's how I'll just kind of go through how I wrote it. Each of us should seek to grow in grace as we allow the word of Christ of balance. Richly. In all wisdom is I apply God's word to my life. The first thing I find out is that that God calls me to forgiveness. So I have to forgive those who wronged me. It doesn't mean that the wrong goes away. It means that they only a debt for what they did to me that they can't pay. Yeah, so I released the debt. You can't pay it. So I'm not gonna let the debt control the rest of my life. Uh, And if there are people that you're podcast is affecting who have been damaged to have been hurt, who are are struggling to overcome, the first step they have to do is forgive. Yeah, And to me, that's growing. And is it semantics? Maybe. Maybe the better way for me to say it is to recover, you have to grow. Yeah, that's good. You you have to forgive, and it doesn't correct. It doesn't mean the hurt was not there. And the hurt doesn't go away. It just means you're no longer holding the dead. That personal over owes you because they can't pay you anyway, huh? And then you can respond in kindness, tenderness and spiritually fruitfulness.

[1:05:38] Nathan Cravatt: And I would say that before we push back, I think Brian and I both want an answer a little bit. But before we push back, our listeners need to hear that our heart of listeners need to be challenged that, yes, you have been done wrong. But the proper answer is forgiveness. So thank you for sharing that. And I pray that some of our listeners that have never been willing to listen to a guy like you before would listen and hear that because that is the voice of wisdom.

[1:06:06] Brian Edwards: It really is. And again, you're just such a gracious man. And so my statement wouldn't be against you, and I hope you wouldn't take it to be against you. But you have this line that you're to live by biblical truth and seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit to help you live. Truth. That's what led me away from being an independent Baptist. That is why I'm no longer an independent Baptist, because I did that as a matter of fact, when I started living the truth, seeking the truth, diving into God's word, listening to Tru X positional preaching when I started listening to men who their view of doctrine was shaped by the scripture rather than their doctor. No view shaping their view of Scripture that changed everything in my life. So the reason I'm no longer a part of that movement, denomination, camp, circle. Whatever you wanna call it is because of the work of the Holy Spirit in my life leading me into truth. And I was the one who said that. I hope there's a day when there's no such thing as an independent Baptist. Now, is it great that there will be baptised who are unaffiliated? That's fine. But I am that person who would say living in the truth is an exit from that.

[1:07:38] Dave Young: So But you would also say, Wouldn't you, that you if you're independent Baptist and you are growing in grace and living in truth and walking in the spirit, that's OK, isn't it?

[1:07:50] Brian Edwards: Yes, If you're a bad just unaffiliated,

[1:07:52] Nathan Cravatt: I love it. And if I could give just a little bit of pushback on this, this is the statement that I put down because I wanted to be very concise and how answered this Dave growth is a better word than recovery. I absolutely agree with you on that. However, sin does need to be confronted, and there is a need for the sins of the I F B to be called out, and recovery or healing needs to take place before growth can happen. This is this is really what I wanted to speak into on this. Our approach is intended to reach those whose lives have been negatively affected by fundamentalist legalism in the church. And this will necessarily rub people inside of the eye of the world the wrong way because we're not going after People that are happy and doing well in the i f B world were speaking to extremes. And so many people send us messages week after week saying your broad brushing the whole life, be movement will if you go back and listen toe multiple. Almost every one of our episodes We do say, we know there are good guys in the I've be, but we're dealing with the abuse within it, so I would push back on that and say growth is a better word. But recovery and healing needs toe happen before growth can happen.

[1:09:16] Dave Young: Yeah, I think I can agree with you, although I might would push back a little bit and say they need to happen simultaneously because we are to be growing in grace and and I will agree with human that the independent Baptist world has some real issues in certain circles within it. But I've been in the world of of independent bad press for 27 years, and most of the churches that I'm with you would be OK in. And they're they're unaffiliated Baptists. They are. They're loving their gentle my father, law pastor. He was my pastor for 18 years, and and he was gracious. In fact, the other day, a man in our town who graduated from Rod Parsley's school, who pastors a very charismatic contemporary church in the town where my father, my pastor, he actually in honor of my father laws, I think was his birthday. Or maybe it was the day that he passed away. He posted an article on the 10 reasons why he loved Pastor Dennis, and it was because Pastor Dennis had mentored him, had loved him and counseled him, had helped him to know how to handle his church. And I I think I think I understand that when you guys right, you're thinking of the Can I just say the Jack Scops? Sure. Um, even, you know, I I went to some of the camp meetings. I wasn't my life, but I went occasionally and usually I walked away. But forever, you know, the Jacks cops. I've never been a part of that. And I have disagreed with him. The first time ever heard the men preach a sermon, I said to my wife that some biblical and the next time I heard him preach a sermon. I said, That's immoral. And the next time I heard him preach a sermon, I said, That's the last one affliction. Another one? Yeah. And did people get saved? Well, yet a sin like Paul. I would rejoice it that people did get saved, but I would not. And I know there are many end up in a Baptist who would not be a part of that would absolutely reject that.

[1:11:36] Brian Edwards: Well, earlier you mentioned Adrian Rogers. Hey was a champion for the cause of Christ right before he died. Um, he invited a few young men from across the country to come and, ah, allow him to speak over them and mentor them. I was privileged to be chosen, is one of those young men at the opportunity to go spend several days with him and he just poured into us, and I ask a question, and Adrian Rodgers responded. He had that booming voice, by the way. They videoed him from, ah, lower position upward on his platform. So he looked much taller than he was. But his his voice was so intimidating in just his

whole disposition, he was just He was so respectable. He was such a class act, and I ask a question that led him to say this. He said, Brian, do you believe that Jesus is able to take care of his bride? And I said Yes, sir, He said, Well, then you take care of yours and you let him take care of Hiss. So what this ultimately comes down to, Jesus is able to take care of his church. He will separate the wheat from the tears, the truth from the faults. And so our dependence at the end of the day is on Jesus to care for his church,

[1:12:55] Nathan Cravatt: and I want to say something that's totally out of my box. It seems like my boxes expanded a little bit in the last three weeks, but I want a quote feel, kid because I think he was very right about something, he said. On our podcast he said. There are people that you're going to reach, that I'll never reach. And they're people that I'm going to reach that you will never reach. And I think there's room for us to say that within people that choose to stay within the FB movement and people that choose to leave it, some of the people that have reached out to us would have never They've told us we would have never walked in to another church, much less than I f b Church. But we heard about your podcast, and God is using you to minister to us. We've had five or six people who have been saved just from listening to our podcast hearing the gospel opening the Bible, something that hadn't done in 10 or 12 years opening the Bible and coming back to faith in Christ. So, Dave, I'm thankful that you're staying in the movement. Movement needs more guys like you.

[1:14:01] Dave Young: And I tell you two things. The first what is my wife is very loyal, her father. And the first time we listen to your podcasts, she felt that it was an attacking instru. Daddy. Yeah, she was gonna come blow you guys up. But she just loves her daddy. And you know he was When she hears these kind of things about the ineffectiveness world, her dad was an innovative Abbas faster and she never saw this. She never This is not a part of her world. So she she's funny about that is kind of shot. Made me chuckle house. She saw things so differently, but the other The other thing I would tell you I was with an independent Abbas pastor some time ago and we had a meal together, and he shared with me how concerned he was for a daughter. And he was very teary eyed. Just he Priest, please pray for my daughter. And I don't know what I was thinking. The way he was talking, I was thinking maybe she was I mean, I don't know, maybe in an immoral lifestyle or or something, you know, even worse. And so in the course, the conversation, it came out that Oh, she lives here in town. Well, she's in church, she goes to church. And the deal was that she's every faith member of a church that has a slightly different music than his church has a slightly different view of the Bible version issue than his church. And yet his grandkids air in church every week, and his daughter has a happy marriage. She loves the Lord. Hey just disagreed with the church she went to, and he's older than me, so I was very careful about it. But I did say to that, Dear brother, I said, You know, I'm in the Internet of this world and there's reasons I'm in this world. These are my people and I love. I've got so many good friends that are godly and growing and spirit filled and sweet. But I said, Dear, your brother, you should thank God for your daughter. She's insured. Do you know any parents I'm with? Who would love for their daughter to be a memento, that we're tripping? Jesus. And so I'm at this age finally toe where these were the best and worst days of my life. I'm preaching in the biggest churches of our movements, and they're smaller than they've ever been. Yeah, that's why God's called me to be an evangelist,

and I want to see people save, and I do want to help. Um, I do want to help our churches in our are unaffiliated world to believe the Bible, to embrace the Bible, to seek the Scriptures, to learn grace, to give grace and yet to be exactly what they believe God wants them to be. Yeah, it's good.

[1:16:32] Nathan Cravatt: Well, as your article says, you are not a recovering fundamentalist. But I hope you don't mind that you're gonna have a whole lot of recovering fundamentalists that are fans of years now because I think our listeners are really going to connect you with you and really appreciate you. And I promise you, as I said before, if what you've said tonight represented the AIF movement they had grown up in, a lot of us would still be there.

[1:16:52] JC Groves: I agree with that statement right there, and that's exactly what I want to say. You know, I thank you for coming on because we've said this 100 times over the last 25 episodes. We've said it tonight. We have friends, we have family. We've got acquaintances that r l f b. Still one of my mentors is an I f B pastor, and you know, he has mentioned multiple times. Hey, not all of us are like what you guys are promoting on the podcast, and I'm like, I know I get that We say that over and over again. We're reaching that group that has been burnt, That group that wants nothing to do with Jesus, that group that is throwing in the towel and walked away from Christianity because of man made rules main made ideology, and that's who were reaching. And I echo what Nathan just said I am fired up that you are in the independent, fundamental Baptist movement because I really see it's gonna take us. It's gonna take guys like you that have a calling that you have to preach in the I F B churches and to continue to bring hope and healing. And if I would have grown up in a church that you pastor and I think a lot of the folks that are writing in to us and tweeting at us and calling us and texting us, if they could have seen your sec of the I f. B, they would still be in the I F. B. Nathan and I grew up in a church that is very much like what you are. I love our church that we grew up in Temple Baptist Church, Our pastor, Kin Trib. It was solid, just like you. He brought the word we didn't deal with this stuff. It was the outside of that bubble, the camp meeting world, the Tennessee Temple University world that I solve the change between South White and Southern Baptist and the craziness of the fight that started within that that's when I was a student. It's that stuff that really we just want to continue to shine a light on. And I'm glad you came on tonight because we're able to shine a light on the good that is in the I f. B. For those of you that are listening, please know that we love will say this again. We love ah, lot of people that are in the independent, fundamental Baptist movement. If you would have told us weeks ago that we would be friends with Phil Kid who was in the I f. B. And we don't agree with a lot of the stuff that he says still or even believes it. But I think having opened honest conversation, which is exactly why we started this podcast is what's gonna continue to help all of us continue to. He'll continue to press on, continue to grow and deep in our faith because we want help. They want encourage and we want to challenge

[1:19:15] Nathan Cravatt: David. You close this out in prayer and I would ask that you would pray for us and for our listeners. And I promise you we will continue to pray for you as you press on in what we consider is even a more difficult road and that is staying within the i f B in living by example in pushing for change in that way.

[1:19:36] Dave Young: I sure well, thank you guys for having me on. And if I can serve you in any way if I can buy you a meal if we're ever close by all by your deal always being gracious as well and for loving Jesus and loving souls and designed to help people, I respect you for that thing. Let me pray with your father how I pray tonight today for these men, for their ministry, for their family, for those who you've put in their life to help. And that dear Jesus, I know that you love people more than we do, and and I marvel it that at how much you love us and there are many issues we don't even fully know how to wrap our minds around all the time. And there are men who at times are guilty of such unbelievable wickedness that that that it startles even us. And we know that we're centers to and God. At the end of the day, we want to honor you. Yes, we want to honor your word. We want to help people who have been wounded by by some error or summon godliness within Christianity and specifically for these men within the I f B world and even in my life God, those who are listening, who are wounded, those who are listening, who are struggling with Hertz in their heart and and damage to their conscience and and uncertainties God, would you in a mighty way, love them and and speak to them that they would hear your voice. And since your presence and know your love and that dear Father, I pray that they would learn your word and grow and be able to move forward with love and joy and peace in the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit would work mightily in their heart in life. So give us all wisdom. We want to please you and honor you. And we're thankful that you love us and that you're so patient with us. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray these things. Amen. Hey, man,

[1:21:43] Brian Edwards: you're the nicest, unaffiliated Baptist I've met in a long time.

[1:21:47] Dave Young: I'm going to say praise God and you guys were the nicest. What? What? Brother Kid call you loose lipped liberals.

[1:21:53] JC Groves: I What? What is your schedule? Where you're gonna be preaching it in the next few weeks?

[1:21:59] Dave Young: I'm in North Carolina today, but I finished tonight. I'm driving my family home to Florida. And then my next meeting starts this weekend in Indiana. I'm home for Labor Day, and then I have meetings in Alabama, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, in Kentucky and back to Michigan and Wyoming, covering a lot of territory the next couple months.

[1:22:20] JC Groves: What's your

[1:22:21] Brian Edwards: website

[1:22:21] Dave Young: evangelist dave young dot com. Or, if you want to follow where we teach on the family and marriage, it's keeping it young, keeping it young podcast. My wife is worth hearing

[1:22:33] Nathan Cravatt: awesome and I hope in the future that at some of your future meetings you see some people wearing these T shirts and they walk up to you and say, Hey, I'm a recovering fundamentalist. I heard you on the podcast and I came to hear you preach Tonight I pray that happens.

[1:22:47] JC Groves: That would be awesome. Well, you know, Brian Name dropped a minute ago with Adrian Rogers. Nathan and I aren't that clout We met Patch the Pirate once. I absolutely loved it, and I just figured out that's what's gonna be on Nathan's J radio playlists. Yes, I am a promise. I am a possibility. I know. That's all I know. Ugo, that's awesome. Maybe one of our sponsors J radio check them out. J radio dot com They're coming out with the brain New app on September the first, so you need to check that out. We also want to thank free life, so go to recovering fundamentalist dot org's click on the Free Life. So Pap used the promo code RFP get 10% off of your

[1:23:24] Brian Edwards: purchase. We've

[1:23:24] JC Groves: got some big interviews coming up in the month of October. Guys, I'm real excited about this It's the non accounts from Twitter. They're going to be on here.

[1:23:33] Brian Edwards: Hey, when Lloyd the other day tweeted for us, I was like, OK, wave

[1:23:39] JC Groves: arrived. So we've got some big interviews coming up in the next couple weeks. Fake sermon, which is not one of us, is coming back on Sept. The 31st We have the wrestling pastor. Have you guys seen the wrestling pastor? Yes. That's the first non account that I started following years ago. I actually funny story. I have a wrestling pastor T shirt. Um and we were eating that Mission BBQ in this kid. Turned out he's like, Mama, it's that guy and I literally got a selfie with the kid because he thought I was a wrestler and I had the wrestling pastor T shirt on. I can't wait to tell him that story was like My name's ball dad. Six. That's my rest. We'll go with that. So then coming up on October the 14th, we got North Worst Seminary. He actually got his Twitter account banned the other day. Did you see that man? But he's back.

[1:24:23] Nathan Cravatt: It's all that I know you guys praying against

[1:24:24] JC Groves: Exactly, and then the last 2 October. The 21st Lloyd Legal ist.

[1:24:29] Nathan Cravatt: That's the first pain on account I ever followed. He's hilarious.

[1:24:32] JC Groves: That's gonna be awesome. He retweeted the other. Yeah, and then we have the loving pastor on October the 28th for Halloween, he said, He's, you know, I just stuttered. He said, Man, I'm gonna take the last one because I'm going to do a 30 minute altar call At the end of all these are not accounts, and I'm going to tell you straight up. We have no idea who these people are that run these accounts. And so it's gonna be interesting for us because there's been some things that have been tweeted that I don't know if they necessarily

agree with this or if they're even Christians, or if it's women, or if it's men or we don't know who they

[1:25:06] Nathan Cravatt: are. And we probably need to apologize to our listeners. For all the roller coaster that is the recovering fundamentalist podcast.

[1:25:13] JC Groves: I mean, going from Phil Kidd for two weeks to

[1:25:16] Nathan Cravatt: Dr David Young to some of these a non accounts man, just just up and down, back and forth.

[1:25:22] Dave Young: You know the question is. When are you gonna get David Cloud?

[1:25:26] Nathan Cravatt: He wouldn't come on because of our intro music. And we all know that. But he has an open invite to come on.

[1:25:34] Dave Young: For many years, I've always I've always hoped I'd be big enough that David Cloud about an article about me never has.

[1:25:44] JC Groves: Well, fun fact. I got a text today. I have John Hamlin's phone number now. So I'm gonna text him. I'm still texting Bob Gray trying to get him to come on. He just keeps sending me books. I'm like, bro I ain't buying those things, but maybe he'll come on in a little bit. We've got some exciting stuff coming up and then something that we're real excited about because our incredible patrons of Patreon have been helping out a lot. We have some meet ups that are gonna be coming. Where were coming to a city near you? Brian, Nathan and JC are coming to a city near you. I don't know if that's good or bad. It's gonna be great. We want to meet you. We want to meet you. And we're thinking right now we're in the planning stages of doing something this New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in Pigeon Forge because that's where everybody goes. Yeah, so that's really exciting. And that's coming. So we got some great episodes. We've got some things in the works, so we want to thank our sponsors J Radio, Free Life soap, pod Life house for sponsoring us. And all of our patrons on Patreon these folks are incredible. If you want the episodes early at 9 p.m. on Tuesday night instead of midnight on Wednesday morning, become a Patron you get it couple hours early. We just got a text from a lady while we were doing this interview tonight, and she said my husband didn't understand the hype of the recovering fundamentalist podcast. I normally get up at 4 a.m. so I can listen to the episodes on Wednesday morning. I'm getting ready for work, she said last night. I'm folding laundry and I heard my husband in the bedroom listening to the Brian Townsend episode. I was like, he understands now, and so that's awesome. We want to thank our patrons in a guys I love you all this is incredible. I'm happy to not have COVID anymore. I'm glad to be in the studio with you and Dr Dave. We I had COVID. You can't catch it over Zoom. So you're good. That's great. And I need to correct myself from the last episode on the last episode I said that Malichi O'brien, send us a tweet that said, Hey, they're talking about you all at the sort of the Lord Conference that was actually nejame O'Brien. I got the O'Brien, right. I got the first prophet minor profit matter profits. That's its own A home, O'Brien. And he has

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