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### *IFB Preacher Clips Interview*

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[0:00:03] JC Groves: everybody. Thanks for tuning in to the recovering fundamentalist podcast where your host, Nathan, Brian, and J. C. Do you like that? Nathan? You have to go first. This time first. For once. Uh, they're Ugo. It has been a long week. Have you have you all had a good week. It's been a busy one. Yeah, it really has. I I agree with you a long week. A lot going on. Hey, there's a lot going on in your life. It's kind of been emotionally draining. So this past weekend was my last Sunday, serving as the campus pastor at Rock Bridge Community Church there. And, uh, man, it was just a Sunday was a great day. I don't like to cry. I I don't like hugging people or shaking hands. I'm a germophobe. I don't know if you all knew that, but let's let's hug you every time I see you. Thanks for that. Especially in the middle of a pandemic, if you will, you wouldn't have known there was anything going on with all the folks kissing my neck like one lady kissed my neck and it was a little awkward. I was like, Can we do that. Are we getting by with that now? Okay, let's go. But, um, she's been waiting for eight years to kiss your neck. Was it like a 80 year old grandmother? No, she was 75. So that's okay. Yeah, but it was a good week. We said goodbye to Rockbridge and I closed that chapter. And so I get the whole month of October off, and we're moving to Statesboro middle of this month and, uh, got two houses, one to close on here and sale, and then one to buy and close on here in the next couple weeks. So we've got a lot to come up and load the U haul and move. And I'm glad to be in the studio with you all tonight. Not packing. It's gonna be great. Gonna be

[0:01:36] Nathan Cravatt: great. Yes. Do you ever

[0:01:38] JC Groves: do that? Do you? Listen back to the episodes I have. Honestly, I have never I have not listened back to any of our episodes other than the ones you send us for that week when we're proof listening to it. I can tell you with honesty, I have not gone back and listen to any of the episodes again. But what I find every episode is I've started marking down every time I'm like It's great or I love it Now people are gonna be listening for that. But I say that all the time. And Brian, what's one of the things that Brian says, I heard it the other day is like, Hey, do you mind if I say this? I've caught myself saying And yet, yeah, I don't even know about and I'm editing on that note. I do say It's great a lot. That's kind of like my transition in my brain. So I'm going to stop saying that it's gonna be great, Great, Awesome. Hey, we want to thank our sponsors Free life soap and have you all got your shipment in? Yeah, it's amazing that stuff. It's amazing. We say that every time, too.

[0:02:29] Nathan Cravatt: It is amazing. It smells awesome.

[0:02:31] JC Groves: I found one this time that I don't think I've used before. The tobacco sent man, I put it, Listen, I just said it in the shower and put the water hitting it, and the smell just filled up my entire bedroom and bathroom. You need to try it. It's like a like a scent bomb or

something. It was absolutely incredible. A brown bar of soap. Yes, that's the one we're using right now. It's amazing. Yeah, so good. And the shave butter free life soap is absolutely incredible. And it now that fall is setting in and the nice, cool autumn nights You could get some free life soap and get your little blanket snuggle up next to a fire and smell cozy as long as they don't come out with a pumpkin spice bar of soap. I'll be okay, Pumpkin spice latte. No, no, thank you. I did pull up to Starbucks the other day and I was embarrassing. My wife and I ordered like that, and the girl on the other end of the line was just laughing her head off. I was like, Why

[0:03:22] Nathan Cravatt: are you laughing? I just wanna pumpkins my

[0:03:24] JC Groves: thought a, uh, free life soap. Go to recovering, fundamentalist dot Or click on the free life soap tab. Use the promo code RFP get 20% off of your order. We also want to thank J radio for letting us use the studio here and coming soon to the J radio playlists will be the recovering fundamentalist playlist. And I'm excited about those hitting there. Guys, it has been a fun week on Twitter. I don't know if there's a lot of folks that are on Twitter. If

[0:03:49] Nathan Cravatt: you are

[0:03:49] JC Groves: on social media, go like and follow us on Facebook, on Instagram and on Twitter, you can find us at our F podcast three, and it is a plethora of excitement on the Twitter. We've got a guy on the hook right now that thinks he's like, hurting our feelings, and we just keep kind of nagging him on. He doesn't know that we like that. Like Like keep coming at us, bro. Yeah, I got over that a long time ago. I think some of these i f guys air realizing that if they tweet at us, that we might respond to them and it's gonna build. Their following were crooked. Uh, we're liars. We are. What's the other word? It was not just crooked and liar, but there was another word were dishonest. We're, um I mean, we're all kinds of things. Guys, I've been knowing both of you for a long time, and I've walked closely with you. I never knew that about either one of you. And so I'm so thankful that someone who's never met any of us has given us all of this insight. Isn't it amazing when people in the fundamentalist movement really believe they're the Holy Spirit? That is. And I learned today that J C actually has a thing for guy maims Mel actors. Oh, there you go. Well, I I speak in my name. I don't know why, but I can respond better in a meme that I can in words. And I guess I do that because I'm not a female. So I don't respond with female memes rocket science. But yeah, it is what it is. You are the master of gifts. I will give you that. Yeah. I can't tell you how many times J. C at two o'clock in the morning, like I'm trying not to laugh and like, I'm shaking all over and I'm making sounds like, you know, trying not to wake Denise up because you put just the right GIF at just the right moment. You have actually given me a love for GIFs. I gotta be honest. It's a it's a It's a spiritually gift. It's

[0:05:41] Nathan Cravatt: a gift I was trying to get through. If I could have

[0:05:44] JC Groves: had a gift in that moment, it would have been right. Is it a gift or a meme, though? What's the difference? Or is it a Jiff? A meme is still. I call it gift because that's what I

started calling it, and I can't get it out of my head. But it's probably gift. I don't know. My kids feel strongly about this and we've had this conversation. But I think a meme is still a gift. A gift is moving its video Well, we have a gift for you are RFP family. This is starting off tonight. Speaking of Twitter, we have the man, the myth or the woman, the myth, the legend. We're starting a non account October and tonight we have fake sermons gonna be on with us I f B preacher clips. This has been one of our favorites. And, uh, it feels like we're working in unison together because they love the podcast and we love their show. And it is not either one of us. And so they're coming on. I'm ready to get this show started. You already I'm ready Let's go, everybody. [INTRO MUSIC] Thanks for tuning in to the recovering fundamentalist podcast where your hosts Brian, Nathan and J. C. Hey, what can last longer than a Faith Baptist camp offering in a Dean McNeese message in the same service, a container home from PO'd life dot house can. Whether you need adorable or absolutely affordable, let the team at Pod Life House design an eco friendly pot home for your guesthouse, your second house or for that offended husband, maybe a doghouse. Visit them online at pod life dot house and start designing your own space or view pre built models that are currently available. Hey, I wonder if they could come up with this special pod that's like a hunter's luxury blind. It's like heated and truly good, and there's like a little place where you can stick your gun out so you you don't let all the heat out and you can have like a big screen TV in a fridge. That's nice. That hunting. Oh, yeah, absolutely. That's my kind of hunting. Listen, my kind of hunting I don't necessarily hunt. I just nap. And so I get up really early in the morning. Go sit in the tree stand. And I guess my snoring stares them all the way Because I haven't killed anything in a couple of years. It's called napping for me, So hunting is not your talent. Oh, I love to hunt. I'm moving to South Georgia, Baby, we're about to do some major hunting down there. You actually killed a buck in South Georgia one time, did you? Yeah, I was right down in that same area. But, hey, I do have a unique talent that I haven't told you guys about. That I can't wait to demonstrate breaking news on the RSP. Our intro is fire. I've actually memorized everybody's tone and the way they speak, Dude, like the tune that they say everything in. I've memorized every bit of that so that I can do it just ahead of them and do it exactly like them so you can go ahead and applaud. That is my new talent. I can't wait to hear it. You're gonna save it for us. So you're gonna do it on this episode Now? I'll save it. It needs to be a big moment. Needs to be a big deal. Can't wait. E you know what I can't wait for to get into I p preacher clips Fake sermons is here tonight kicking off a non account October. So you may be asking yourself, and I know that we have some that are Brian's agent older that are wondering what is a non account. Well, in a non account is an anonymous account that ah, lot of folks don't like because they're trolls and sometimes they are. We have our own trolls. JC Graves is not me. But what we have to understand is they serve their purpose. I still think it's you. They still serve their purpose. And tonight we have one of our favorite A non accounts, and it seems like we're working in unison a lot of times, and that's because whoever runs this, it's right. That's because whoever runs through whoever runs this account loves the RFP and, uh, Nam fake sermons I f. B preacher clips. If you're not on Twitter, go make a Twitter handle. Follow us at our F podcast three on Twitter and start following fake sermons at fake sermons, and you can see all of this glorious content. What I love about this this twitter handle. He doesn't make anything up. He literally takes sermon clips from real sermons in context. That air really preached and he just plays it and it blows up the Internet, So let's jump right into it. So tonight we're gonna welcome to the

studio this incredible account that you're talking about I f b preacher clips. Guys, Can you believe that we're actually having a conversation with I f B preacher clips? It's amazing Twitter royalty right here. Yes, because when I think about I f b preacher clips like I think about Secret Agent or like double 07 James Bond, because this guy lives behind firewalls and all of this protection and all of this anonymity, he shrouded in anonymity. And yet tonight we get to have this awesome conversation, and I want to start the conversation by asking the question that I can't get off my mind. All of us know this takes a huge investment, a huge time investment there. There's a lot of editing that goes into this. There's finding material. I I couldn't even begin to imagine finding all the materials. So the question I wanna ask tonight, right out of the gate is what drives you to run. I'd be preacher clips in the first place, and what do you hope comes out of it?

[0:12:00] @FakeSermon: First, let me put the rest in the remaining questions. I'm a real person, but I'm not one of the RFP guys. For those who don't know, I run the Twitter account known as IFB Preacher Clips under the Twitter handle at Fake Sermon. The content 100% real. But the Twitter handle is a play on the fact that what many I've be preachers actually preach are not real sermons based out of Scripture. One thing that take great care to do is post the clips in context while still having to stay within the two minute, 22 second time limit. I've received criticism for remaining anonymous. There are many reasons for that, but let me address this. Based on recent events, it appears one of the burning issues of this time facing IFB preachers everywhere is not abuse cover ups addressing bad theology, not reforming the problems. No, it's worrying about online accounts that post videos of their public sermons. There are actually IFB pastors right now who are more worried about the who is posting their sermon clips than the what is being said behind their pulpits. Hey, preacher, let me tell you something. Some of these anons posting clips of you might just be former members of your churches. They might be the ones who were spiritually abused by you but didn't get to say anything while you use them as sermon illustrations and you're preaching rather than you'd be challenged because they were not allowed to touch God's anointed. The reason these IFB preachers hate and anon account so much is that they might actually have to address the issue without being able to instead right away attack the person who challenge them. That should tell you a lot, which is really ironic, considering that some IFB outlets are themselves built on using video clips of worldly churches. Quote unquote. One guy has called himself the Anon Slayer and has gone after pages like mine. [CLIP:

[0:14:02] Nathan Cravatt: I wanna tell you there's a lot of folks out there that they think that they need a psychiatrist. The truth is, they just need a preacher. There's a lot of folks out there think that they need appeal. But the truth is they need a pulpit. There's a lot of folks out there that they think that they need rehab when the truth is, they just need to be rebuked. Hallelujah! God, they think they need counseling. But what they need is a church hallelujah to God. That's what they need. I believe that today I believe you take the roughest crowd that you can find, and you you find the most way out crazy man in the town. And if you sit him under New Testament preaching and with the Bible in his life and let him read the word of God and here a preacher rip his face off and rip his lips off every Sunday morning. Sunday night, Wednesday night, I believe that man will get help and get straight and become a functional, faithful, fruitful

Christian. Amen to God. Amen. Somebody didn't like that, but that's all right. I'm gonna preaching anyway. Thank God for preachers that preach on things. A man preaching on vices, preaching against everything that moves hallelujah to God. There's a bunch of neo evangelicalism creeping into independent, fundamental Baptist churches, and they're saying things like, Well, don't be confrontational in the pulpit. Y'all, Y'all You, with your passive aggressive sermons are really not helping people. You're driving more people away that you're bringing towards you in your local shooting. A testament church. You know what that is? That's effeminacy. Paul says I was rude in speech, and I'm gonna tell you something. I listen, I'd rather hear a preacher get up and act like Hulk Hogan. Get up and act like Pee Wee Herman. Hey, man. Hello. I love you, too. God. A man, brother. A man. I was saying, brother before I even got saved. Amen. Hallelujah! Hulk A mania! Hey, Praise God! Hallelujah on! I was a fan of the ultimate warriors. Nothing like watching him pick up a big old man and throw him down. Hallelujah! That's America right there. By the way, some of your Democrats, you don't even do it. Amen. Liberal Sisi's. Listen. Come on, guys. We're gonna try to. We're gonna try to attract people. We're gonna have some ideas and try. Try to get him in and try to, you know, love people into the views of the church guys. Come on, guys. Don't be like that with your bad attitudes. Can I tell you today? That's weird. You're weird. I'm not weird. You're weird looking at me, writing books saying, Well, now, come on, guys, that that kind of stuff that beat him up personality. That overly aggressive, passive aggressive type pulpit mentality. Puppet ministry. That's not what people are looking for today. Doesn't matter what people are looking for today. When I was a teenager, I liked football. In my freshman year of high school, I joined the the Q a high school football team, and I was a starting strong safety on the Q. A high school football team. I loved it. I loved beating people up. I loved it. It was fun. It was exciting. And if you don't like that, then go enjoy your 60 soccer games and leave me alone. A man. Hallelujah to God, that's a Communist sport. I'm against communism and I'm against soccer. And these pretty leg men running everywhere Get on my nerves. A man. You leave me alone, You weirdo! How long do you the god against you? Leave me alone s o. I played football because I'm a man thing because I have testosterone in my system. not estrogen testosterone in my system. I'm feeling a snare on that one. END CLIP]

This same individual messaged me threatening that he was going to get the page taken down if I didn't remove his sermon clips and that of one of his friends. Here's the thing. I don't respond well to punks. I would have rather had the account go away than for this guy to dictate what does or doesn't go up on the page thes same ones, trying to shut pages like mine down while they make their living from posting clips of videos on their YouTube pages. It must be nice, though, to get paid monthly financial support from churches as a field missionary of foreign country while living in the U. S. And spending all your time building a YouTube empire, they get paid for it. I don't I don't benefit personally from this, and I don't have YouTube subscriptions or Amazon affiliate links to create revenue. If you here and I'll be preacher, go off on an accounts and call them basement dwellers, it's likely they are incapable of being challenged because they can't defend their own words. This page is not about me, though he's I p guys getting upset about their preaching, being exposed, having a bigger light shone on it, and they just want to attack the source rather than address the content and the videos and in accounts posting video clips actually force people to focus on the content. Think of us as whistleblowers, because that's what we are. I often get messages from these guys threatening



me and demanding, I reveal myself. I've had actual physical threats made from real people on Twitter. I've been told in all caps how I should be fearful for touching God's anointed and will be judged someday. Also, I've been told that I'm going to hell and can't possibly be saved for mocking the Man of God, which is ironic, considering the sermon clips of their own words. So you could really say they're making a mockery of themselves. So it takes a amount of time and effort to do this. So why do I do it? Well, I believe it's important, and there's a need for the I P movement to be challenged directly by their own words and deeds. Many I have pulpits have not been held accountable for what is said behind them. I know for a fact that there are many, many Ivy Church members who watch these videos and suddenly see the preaching in a different light for the nonsense that it is and for the first time, actually, question it. Given the pistol that these men have got to put on an eyepiece, churches itself is a huge first step. The M o g. The Maw GTA

[0:20:04] Nathan Cravatt: The Man of God you touched, you touched God's anointed. That's why someone 051 verse 15 touch not God's anointed. Let me tell you something, you better not rise up against

[0:20:20] JC Groves: a man of God

[0:20:21] Nathan Cravatt: you're gonna get got in a killing

[0:20:22] JC Groves: mood for so long. These people have been browbeat to believe that everything the Man of God says must be obeyed. And that even is preaching on his preferences, such as clothing and music becomes law for their lives. They couldn't explain it, but the Man of God said it, so that settles it. It's really hard for people outside the I F B world. Understand why people would subject themselves to attend these kinds of churches? For many of you members, that's all they've ever known or were taught. So speaking for myself, I was in that situation. Asking questions is not allowed in I p churches. So you just fall into line and go along with everything. And conformity creates comfort. It's actually easy to function in that world if you follow all the rules. So if it's seen earlier that it's okay to challenge the nonsense that is happening, my eyes would have been open to the truth. I'm not bitter, but I am recovering. Just because you leave the I P movement doesn't mean you don't believe in fundamentals of the faith. I want the people in these I p churches trapped by the chains of legalism to see these videos in a different light that just maybe might create questions and challenge themselves to search description tests, whether what beliefs they follower because of biblical principles or what their pastor told them to do. But understandably, some of them are scared because unless you've been in that situation, people don't understand that there is real fear and leaving the F B friends and family made its own you because you left So any questioning of the old passes considered a threat and must be dealt with. Many of these preachers have never had to face any challenging questions on what they preach, so they don't know how to respond. They're inflicting spiritually damage on their people need to be called out for it. What I'd be preacher clips has done has pushed back on what has been assumed to be truth for a long time without any sort of challenge. And it is exposing guy be preachers who aren't sharing truth for the Charlottenburg that they are. This account would

cease to exist if these guys would acknowledge their error, repent and stick with the Scripture. But that's not going to happen anytime soon, because this account has exposed the truth that should frighten members in their churches. These men have no allegiance to the truth, their allegiances to themselves. Each one of the preacher's listed on I P preacher clips is known for promoting themselves through the Internet, not truth, just themselves. So at some point it had to be called out a preacher. If you don't want to be featured on this page, stop saying stupid nonsense. Wow, bro, you just laid it out there. Stop saying stupid stuff. If you don't want to be featured on the Twitter, and I mean you can't get more blunt than that right there. It's absolutely incredible. That was dropping Thor's hammer. I'm telling you, that was really that was so good. Hey, let me ask you this. What would you say to those who think that you are damaging the cause of Christ with this Twitter account? No. The sermons and leadership practices or what's damaging the cause of Christ When a man of God gets mad that his clip is online? What he's really saying is that he really doesn't like being challenged on whatever he is subjecting his church members to week after week. Also the abuse cover ups or damaging the cause of Christ. Look at how silent the I P movement is overall when it comes to abuse. Oh, there are a few lone voices out there, but those who usually ostracized by the wrist of their circles and then disinvited from any preaching invitations or associations they may have had. Look at the recent sort of Lord conference. Two of the main speakers have been involved in documented abuse cover ups in their churches, one of them had to resign, but is now pastoring another i p Church. No problem. Not only do they not publicly address the issues, it's all kept in house and hushed up. This may include the I P Shuffle, otherwise known as when preachers directly involved in abuse or exposed for covering it up go to another church without explanation to the former church or to the new churches to why the new church may not even realize the circumstances under which the new person was silently brought in. Many I P pastors will counter with, but we're independent. I've noticed that whenever you see or hear this phrase, it indicates an unwillingness to address some type of abuse or manipulative practices within that church. Here's the thing I heard a couple of guys on a knife podcast want to say that the Annan accounts feature less than 10 or more of the crazy preachers, as they say, which is really a laughable statement. I've lost count how many have been posted on here. But here's the thing. These are the only ones that get posted. If one pastors preacher Dawn is featured on this page, he likely represents a large number of other preachers who preached the same way or who have the same ideology in their churches. You just won't ever see them publicly for every so called big name. I've be preacher out there. There are many others who mimic what he's saying or copy what he's doing. Another thing is that you won't ever see I be members post links of these kinds of preachers on their social media, but they're quick to post things from others outside their movement and ridicule them endlessly.

[0:26:03] Nathan Cravatt: You have that helium sucking crab somebody second Halloween Alleluia I didn't let they took the shout out and put the helium in there and people sucking helium. You have a bunch of tongue speaking women with the wrist pointed out. Hey, Ali, lean Hallelujah! You never get full of the Holy Ghost. You'll scare a bowl. An angry bull and angry bull wanting to charge a Spaniard

[0:26:38] JC Groves: eight member praise team where they all stand up and they sway back



and forth and they read the words

[0:26:43] Nathan Cravatt: on the wall and they do this and they do that. All they wanna do, show up, run the smoke machines in the light shows all they want to show you have the 7 11 concert and the rock concert Higher. God is an awesome God era broke down to the Lord. All the earth Let us say one him 7 11 songs Just Yeah, art Awesome, Awesome, You are awesome! Awesome, awesome, awesome, Awesome! And he knows my name, These 7 11 songs. What you doing? So it's seven words 11 times by Okay, How great is our God? Sing with me. How great is our God? Sing with me. How great. How great is our God? 7 11 songs. I'm a preacher now. They're bringing in the big screens, and they've got the purple lights and the smoke screens and the pastor's coming in and rip blue jeans and a graphic T shirt sitting on a stool, drinking a cup of coffee, reading out of his, you know, Reader's Digest version and talking about loving and caring and sharing and all that kind of junk. It's contemporary, it's out of hell and the devil's listen. The devil's having a heyday in places that are supposed to be churches. They want little sermonette for the Christian that dress like a major, yet driving that Corvette. Somebody help me! This is not Burger King. Religion Have it your way. This is Wendy's religion. Old fashioned, hot and juicy. Praise God, these, these little liberal potato string backbone Rosewater. Take the tie off and grow a big beard. Everybody okay on call the surface material Land, whatever that is like saying, like a diuretic problem to make everybody okay Sound like something wrong with his digestive system? A man I admire, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. But I really think he should have shaved. Uh

[0:28:49] JC Groves: huh. These guys do impersonations in the pulpit making fun of mawr worldly preachers, as they put it, making merciless insults about their clothes, preaching style music I could keep going. Have you ever seen them do that for guys in their own movement by name? No, they're too scared to. If I P preachers were as concerned about addressing those within their movement with as much fervor and tenacity is they do attacking ministry methods outside their movement. There would be a lot less abuse in this nonsense that is constantly being pointed out. They need to start calling out their own and acknowledge the problems and issues that are there. but pointed out his differences there usually nothing but a repackaging of some sort of legalism or preferences based standard of living. It should be really called the Dependence Fundamental Baptist Movement. Many preachers air dependent on each other to figure out what rules and standards to live by. If you don't believe that's true, look at the groups of preachers that associate with each other and then who they won't associate with. Usually it's based on different camps. They grouped themselves into the Hiles Group camp meeting crowd, the more refined West Coast type church they really believe mostly the same. But few stylistic preferences may vary, but it's ironic. The same people who don't want to be defined by label won't give the same courtesy to others. What about men of God who endlessly berate other good passers and constantly cast impunity on their motives? Just because they aren't I f b? Have you ever heard any prominent I f B preacher get up behind the pulpit and say one good thing about other preachers who outside the I P movement? No, because in their minds, any affiliation outside the I F B is bad, and they would be branded as a heretic or even worse, a compromiser by their preacher friends. Instead, they endlessly mocked anyone who is outside their movement and churches not as strict as their own. Look at how much they're

obsessing with the term recovering fundamentalist. It's a threat to them because they're worried people in their church might leave. Here's the dirty little secret. Most of these I p guys couldn't actually debate the issues, theologically or intellectually. Oh, they're aggressive behind the pulpit. But get them away from there and they melt away. They will deflect, block or avoid having to engage on the issues. That's why they love honorary doctors so much. It's the stolen valor of the I. P movement. Honorary doctorates give them the feeling of academic prestige without having to demonstrate the intellect or effort to actually earn one. Hashtag Ouch! Is everybody OK? Oh, that's so good. Is everybody okay? He's got his handcuffed behind his ear. I could just see it. Wow. So many thoughts going through that, but just not wanting to interrupt that amazing flow of thought. Wow. Okay, so I've got a question. You often post videos of preaching on preferences such as clothing and music, and we've talked a lot about this on here. But what is wrong with people in the eye? FB Having Stricter Standards You know what one of the big ironies is within the I P movement. Preachers who preach against the Farris is in the Bible for adding legalism to the gospel, do the very same thing, but actually on a much bigger scale. Because the Man of God has the authority in the church, he gets to dictate what rules that the church members follow in order to be in good standing, thes, seemingly harmless rules. Air actually used as manipulation to control people, though it's not as simple as, oh, these people are just trying to serve God as they know best if you follow the trail of dress standards in the church. If there are very strict policies, it's because the pastor decreed them look around the church to see if there is a high level of uniformity. If everyone looks the same and acts the same, you'll know there is strict control from the pulpit. If there is variation, that's a good sign because the pasture is likely leaving it up to the individuals and not screaming about women not wearing pants for the from the platform as an example. There are so many clips out there of preachers coming up with insane standards to live by. The are all disguised his old pads because he said they were. You could talk about the garbage being shoveled from the pulpit, going off on clothing standards. They'll tell women nurses to change careers if it means wearing pants and their job. Or we're long jean skirts while they're skiing down the mountain. Or you know how long you let the toddler wear pajamas sleepers unless they be perceived his pants. But all that aside, let's let's use music as an example. Today, you know, I don't see where in the Bibles were supposed to perform your We're supposed to sing unto the Lord, so I'll be honest with you. When you sing unto the Lord you're not worried about Mistake's. You're just you're singing to the Lord. You're not worried about shining things over or or making things acceptable. You wanna do your best,

[0:34:27] Nathan Cravatt: you would

[0:34:27] JC Groves: do your best, But it's not one of those things where you're trying, and you did sure don't charge for it. That's right. Yeah, right. You've got a lot of people that they say, Oh, we have tons of people saves in our venues So they're charging people to come in and hear that you're selling the gospel And when when it comes to the gospel, that's a whole other side factor because a lot of people justify what they do because of the gospel. And sometimes people think that the number one job of a Christian is to give out the Gospels, and that's what we're supposed to do. But according according to the Bible, and God are Number one job is to glorify God. And that's number one through obedience. Not through giving out the gospel,

giving out the Gospels in obedience. There's a doctoral problem here, so they have 25 people saved their venue, their concert that they just charged. How many dollars to go? Come see? Great. They had 25 people say so. When you lead someone to Christ, what's the first step of Christian growth Baptism, right? Did they have a Baptist tree there? Do they have decision cards? Is an organized church?

[0:35:28] Nathan Cravatt: Where did these converts go?

[0:35:29] JC Groves: Do they send to the Presbyterians. Let's call this what it is absolute garbage. Here's why this matters. Guys like this will browbeat their people into believing that if they listen to music from a Christian singer who might use gasp a drumbeat or charge for coming to a concert that they're not following True Holiness Friends, see what happened here. Though the Man of God said what is right and wrong when they over and over in their sermons, it becomes legalism disguised his doctrine, and people just don't know any different. They won't challenge it, though, because the Man of God said it. This guy says that Christian singers should never charge for their Ministry of Music because it's selling the gospel. Does this same guy have any problem with collecting a paycheck from his church for preaching every week? Can they go ahead and cancel love offerings for for America's premier evangelists who are performing in pulpits all across the country when they sell the gospel? Uh huh, Uh huh, Uh huh, Uh huh, Uh huh, Sorry. I digress. Let's go back to this. Quit for a moment. Do you think that a person sitting in his church would dare go and challenge him on this nonsense. No, Here's why

[0:36:59] Nathan Cravatt: nobody has ever come up to me and try to talk me out of what I've said in the pulpit. Nobody's been that dumb. They clearly Comptel there's a man. He means what he says. That's why preaching needs to be preaching and not teaching, because preaching comes with some earnestness. Thio,

[0:37:20] JC Groves: You know, this is really sad if it if it weren't true in a lot of these churches. The Idea Day Network recently had a really good podcast episode on legalism that demonstrates this point. The preacher who constantly preaches legalism on his people is actually searing their conscience. Let's use an example. A dedicated I've be person who hears a drumbeat and music is immediately put on edge because they've been told how evil it is. In fact, they've probably heard it youth camp that if you play rock music or country music backwards, demons will rise up out of the speakers. So these extreme examples are tied to the fact that some of our forefathers somewhere decided that drums are too worldly. And it's a tradition that's been passed on his old paths to be strictly followed from generation to generation. So when the I p Person here's a beat in worship music immediately get that unease e feeling inside. That they think is the Holy Spirit. They don't realize it's not the Holy Spirit guiding them. It's actually a seared conscience. Look at drums in the Bible whenever it's in the context of music, it's usually used in a positive light. But besides that, why is it that music is the big bogeyman and I f B as something to be strictly monitored and cannot be listened to unless it follows strict codes? My music should have a rhythm that that does not dominate that does not dominate my accent should be on one and three. And like I said, let me just let me

just say this music nowadays is, uh, the devils trying to turn inside out proper music. So again, like we mentioned earlier, the where proper music has 12341234 The devil turns that inside out and your rock beat is your 12341234 Okay, he does it backwards and the same thing with ah lot of your primary versus secondary. Uh, Triads, your 145 which is supposed to be the backbone of your music. Um, you don't see it as much. The one is being minimized. The four and five are being minimized, and your primary tribes are now becoming your secondary tribes, your secondary and any anything else is there's coming to the forefront, and harmonically, everything's turned inside out. The balance is being shifted so rhythmically make sure you don't have uh, ah lot of Syncopation. Syncopations is a nice tool sometimes, but over use of anything ruins it. This clip about the backbeat is actually a lecture on music given in a prominent I F B Bible, college training pastors and musicians and churches that will then tell people the rules that they should follow based on what they learned from another man of God. So in this case, the two and four versus one in three beats could be very problematic, because, as they say, it can never appeal to the flesh, depending on what area of the country you live in. Certain styles of music are meant to have some toe tapping. Why can't some music just meant to be enjoyed its like food. There's good food eaten for fuel or nutrition. There's other food that's just meant to be enjoyed somewhere. They decided that any non Christian music is not allowed, either. I have three preachers of the ultimate buzz kill because they will find a way to make things that are meant to be enjoyed a somehow evil. It's that constant search of new rules for living to add in in order for the Man of God to maintain a controlling grip on his people. Legalism has two outcomes. Either you feel hopeless because you can never measure up or you feel like the expert and demonstrate arrogance toward others when it comes to preference base issues. Let the Holy Spirit do that. Work in people's lives and let Jesus be Lord of their lives instead of the man of God. Bro, how can we add to that? That's incredible. You just drop some fire. That was absolutely incredible, Reeves. I mean, I'm listening to you talk and you're saying so well, the things that need to be said this is your just saying what's true. You just speak with authority. My brain explode. Sometimes when I hear that guy talking about the back beats and syncopated rhythms in the frontal lobe. I watch those videos on one of our guests that's coming up on the 14th of October Northwest Seminary. He post videos of this guy all the time talking about the frontal lobe and how the backbeats and he talked about an egg that you could put on the front of the stage and the the rhythm of the bases, like cooking the egg. And he's like going into he does seminars and I don't know what it is about this guy, but he's like the way that he says syncopated rhythms, just makes me syncopated. That's just the silliest garbage I've ever heard. It really is. So I mean, have your standards. I'm not gonna knock you if you don't listen to certain types of music. But he's implying that that's a standard of holiness. It's ridiculous and go back to what Reeves was saying. He's talking about concerts or bad and things because spontaneous baptisms was that what he was talking about know what he was saying is that people come to the venues and they receive Christ and then they're not instantly are immediately baptized. So is he. Church of Christ. Do they actually baptized people the moment of conversion, or do they go a few weeks in between conversion and baptism? He may have just said something really dishonest to me. I wonder, is that not the job of the local churches? Yes. I mean, if they were baptizing people there in the venue, he would be saying, Oh, they're acting as a church there, acting as a pastor. And they shouldn't be baptizing them. They're so I mean, you can't win. No. Hey, let me

ask you this. Do you think there's hope for the I f B movement? We've asked this question a lot. We've talked about this a lot, but can it be saved or reformed? No, I don't believe it can be if you hear a preacher brag about following the old time religion run away. But

[0:43:52] Nathan Cravatt: I'm here to tell you if you're a fundamental Baptist, you're right. That was weak. I said, if you're a fundamental Baptist, you're right. All we can do better than that. If you're a fundamental Baptist, you're right. And we don't have to take the back seat to nobody and every once in a while, we'll have a pop rally for the right kind of church and stop being embarrassed by those who go to the wrong kind of

[0:44:21] JC Groves: church. And I never thought I would see the apologies that leaders are making for old time religion. If we're right, we don't have to apologize for Let

[0:44:36] Nathan Cravatt: me go ahead and get on this. Do you realize the first martyr on the pages of the Bible? The first one is able, and that martyrdom was over old time religion. That tells me, Dr Gray, if people hated old time religion in the very first book of the Bible, they're gonna hate old time. Really, If they hated it in Genesis, they're gonna hated in our day. And the first martyrdom on the pages of the Bible was over. Somebody who didn't like a blood sacrifice, which is old time religion. Hey, if I hated old time religion, I wouldn't be a sticking hypocrite and eat it Cracker Barrel. Could you imagine being a member of that early church? Could you imagine who you would have had the privilege to fellowship with? Can you imagine who you would have the privilege of sitting at their feet and hearing them preach. But wait a minute time out. That was not only true of that infant church, but that is also I accurate about old time religion. If you'll just look hard enough, you'll see ahead of us why There's a able and there's Elijah and there's John the Baptist and there's the converts here at Pentecost and there's Sam Jones and there's really Sunday and there's Sean our rice and there's already green. And there's Tom alone. Senior all listen to your friend. What I just love about old time religion is the Heavenly Associates

[0:46:17] JC Groves: that is one of the dumbest and most misunderstood labels you could use because none of them know what it really is. These followers of old time religion have been preaching for decades about getting revival again and hold revival meetings all the time. Revival is the sasquatch of the IAP movement. They don't really know what it is, but they'll know it when they find it. It seems like lately the movement is being challenged intensely from the outside by those who used to be in it. The recovery fundamentalist podcast is doing so much good because As you guys say, Truth doesn't mind the challenge. This is a time of challenge for the IAP movement. We're gonna stick with the old time way. Save man right there Way ain't recovering from nothing good neighbor.

[0:47:02] Nathan Cravatt: We're reviving from the Holy Ghost somebody way. I'm allergic. Thio Calvinists. I'm allergic to compromisers. Uh, I'm allergic to recovering fundamentalists. Oh, on and on. I could go of things that I am allergic to. They'll go started recovering Fundamentalist club. I'm



[0:47:29] JC Groves: allergic Thio Recovering fundamentalists The reason that all these guys air bristling so much of the term recovering fundamentalists is because it undermines the system of legalism that the IAP movement feeds on. It's not about following the fundamentals of the faith. It's about how many layers can we add to it so that it seems like old time religion or old paths? Basically, it's a race to see who could be the old Pazzi ist of them all. The B movement is dying. Just look at what they are talking and not talking about. Dr Matthew Line was on another podcast was asked about how much abusive leadership there is in the IAP movement. He said The quote If a pastor's teaching fundamentalism, then their theology is abusive. It's all about power. It's not about love. Fundamentalism is a system based on hierarchy, authority and power. It creates a haven for abuse of that power. End quote. He's absolutely right. What's really telling is when you look at who the IAP movement chooses to feature on their prominent stages, like sort of Lord conferences and old pads conferences, Yes, that's a real thing. Let me say that there are good people within the I P movement. There are also good preachers within the I P movement, but the problem is, is that they are the small minority. The problem for them, though, is that they cannot openly challenged sacred old time religion orthodoxy. Or they will be branded a heretic and become sermon illustrations by the old guard of I F B, who are always on the lookout for compromisers to destroy. I've had clips on this page that are examples of that very thing. You know what you don't see from the guys who get featured on this page, his humility or seeking forgiveness, a sign that the I P Movement has hope is, if you would see an acknowledgment by their leaders. Is that things they've said? We're actually wrong or they've recognized some of the problems with what they've done in the past. These guys preached sermon after sermon, demanding that their church members come down to the altar and get things right with God. But the man of God, he never needs to apologize for anything. After posting hundreds of these clips, there has not been one case. We're one of these prominent I F B preachers has ever gotten up behind the pulpit and apologize for just one thing. They've said or recognized problems that they are causing. This doesn't happen because the pride and arrogance for these men of God is so huge that they cannot possibly lower themselves in that regard. Unless that movement can recognize some of these issues that are being discussed on outlets such as RFP and other places, the movement will continue to die. There needs to be a sobering humility, a set in even better. The good voices from within need to be heard and not ostracized by the old guard, who fiercely defend old time religion at all costs. Finally, I just wanted to say how much I appreciate the recovering fundamentalist podcast. It's such a great ministry for those who are struggling with questions and maybe even hurt by bad doctrine. Keep doing what you're doing as it is a huge encouragement to so many out there who are recovering not from the fundamentals of the faith but breaking free of legalism that negatively impacted their lives. Well, uh, I just wanna thank you for sharing everything that you have. I can honestly say this. You have literally spoken volumes tonight, and what you just said really resonated with me because I've been talking to multiple evangelist. And they all say the meetings they're going to are getting smaller and smaller when you see different clips on your Twitter account at times there preaching to empty buildings, shouting about how powerful old time religion is and how it still works. And, you know, friends of mine who are still in the Southern gospel industry. Their concerts air basically empty, and even most prominent groups air singing in smaller and smaller churches to smaller and smaller crowds. And I agree with you that system needs to



die. And in your answer to that question, I think you challenged every good, decent, biblically minded a person of integrity to finally step away from this movement. Stop identifying as independent fundamental Baptist. Hey, keep your same beliefs. Hold on to the same truths that you cherish. Love, bluegrass, music, love, Southern gospel music, love hymns. I don't care, but step away from a movement that is filled with just so much toxicity. And so that was a powerful answer. Thank you for sharing that. You said things in a way that I can't and that I haven't. And hearing your answers like I wanted to scream. I've wanted to cheer, You know, all of us are faces have been just about to explode. But what you were saying was so good we didn't want to interrupt. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Because of you, this has been a powerful episode. So so, whoever you are thank you so much for trumpeting truth and for taking all the ridicule that you do. Stay in the trenches. And by the way, if I ever say something stupid or if I ever say something against the Scripture put me on FB preacher clips hound me to the max because I deserve it. And you've been called guttersnipe fish. I think you've proven tonight with your own words that you are a marksman. The precision of what you spoke tonight is powerful. It's good. And I'm just honored that you would speak so highly of the RFP. And we thank you for coming back on. This is your second time on the RFP and know you have an open door to come back any time. And I think this is a great kickoff for our non account October. That's gonna be coming up. We've got, um, wrestling pastor coming up next Wednesday, October the seventh, followed by North Worst Seminary on the 14th. We have Lloyd legal lists coming on on the 21st, and then we're wrapping it up with the Piggly Wiggly revival. The Loving pastor on the 28th of October. It's gonna be an incredible month. And I think you fake servants. You got it started off, right? And you have dropped some bombs on here this evening. So thanks for coming on the podcast. Thanks for tuning in to us this weekend. Be sure to like, subscribe share. Leave us a comment. Leave us a review on wherever you're listening to this podcast and help us continue to climb the charge guys, we tapped into the top 100. Can you believe that? I believe the top 100 podcast we tapped into that 29 episodes in This is absolutely unbelievable. And now we're continuing on. We've got some absolutely incredible things that are gonna be coming your way toward the towards the end of this year. First of 2021 that you want to stay tuned and be

[0:55:23] Nathan Cravatt: a part of All right. Hey, it's been a great episode. Thanks for being here with us on the recovering fundamentalist podcast. You'll have a great week this week. Thanks

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