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Welcome



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Please use the **Chat Room** to post your **questions**. We will attempt to get to as many of them as we can. If you have a **comment** that you want to make, state that in the chat room as well. We will make every effort to recognize you at the appropriate time.



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Fact: The issue of racism is a postbiblical issue that entered society in the 1600’s.

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The entire race issue is encased in spiritual warfare. Racism is not of God.

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Satan's Goal: Expand hatred, resentment, aversion and hostility. He desires to turn us against one another.

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Unity is the key to power in the New Testament and Satan knows it. The Holy Spirit came once the Body of Christ came into complete alignment with each other. They were “in one accord”. Acts 2:1



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Where do we start?

Like me, you hear God declaring that we become ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:20), but I will be the first to admit that I don't always know HOW to do that, WHAT it truly looks like, or WHERE I should begin? So, I'll start where I always start ... I will look up to God and lift my eyes beyond the challenges ahead and declare humbly, "Lord, I need your help!" Spiritual warfare always starts ... and ends ... with the Lord!

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- ✓ Prioritize building a biblical culture versus an ethnic one



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This is not a "quick fix". As important as it is, it is not merely about a law being passed, a rally downtown or a picture of color on a poster. It is more than turning a page of history and assuming that the case is closed. It is not closed. This is about change! Its about real, visible change. It is about what leader we want to follow; what leader we do not want follow and the reasons we have established for either. Gone are the days of "JUST GET OVER IT"! Those days are history. That was yesterday.

My feelings are probably going to get hurt. So are yours. Don't get offended, ok? If you step on my toes, it's going to hurt. Give me some time to get over it. I need time to process it, talk about it and pray about it. I'll do the same for you.

*On the other hand, lets acknowledge and affirm the value of forward steps in this journey together. Let's chart a course and be proactive. If any region can do this, ours can! Tonight, we begin step one. I'm ready. Let's go! **Bishop Stan Holder***

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