## Voice of Evangelism From the Board of Directors RE: Evangelist Perry Stone Sabbatical

In April 2020, the Voice of Evangelism Board of Directors took proactive measures to place Evangelist Perry Stone on sabbatical for rest and restoration.

This decision was made for two reasons: First, over the past few years, Perry has encountered serious health issues related to spiritual and physical burnout. The board directed Perry to undergo a comprehensive medical exam, and it was determined that his blood pressure was at levels indicating the potential for a dangerous stroke. This demanded rest and immediate medical attention. Secondly, a couple of employees at VOE requested to meet with the board of directors to address concerns of inappropriate words and actions.

Upon review, the board determined that the issues were civil in nature and not criminal, but that the behavior deviated from the biblical standards set in place for VOE leadership. So the board unanimously initiated his current sabbatical. This action was not reactionary but with much prayer, and was set in place to uphold the highest standards of integrity and transparency.

At the direction of the board, Perry stepped aside from all pulpit and travel ministry for an extended period of time. He has sincerely repented for any words or actions said or done that made anyone feel uncomfortable or brought them hurt in any manner.

"I have asked God and my precious wife Pam to forgive me. And I humbly and sincerely ask those who are hurt or offended by my actions to also forgive me. It is my hope that by the grace of God we will all be able to walk in healing and restoration."

The board has worked with Perry to set in place strong boundaries of accountability surrounding his future ministry speaking and travel schedules. They continue to evaluate the progress of his spiritual and physical health to determine future plans.

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