



"And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

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A CALL TO RECANT

At last week's Republican presidential debates, moderator Megyn Kelly challenged Donald Trump's previously made disparaging remarks about women. Trump retorted by suggesting that Kelly was "hormonal" and later called her a "bimbo" in a Tweet.

Other candidates demanded repentance from him, or at least the retraction of his remarks. So far, Trump has shown no change of heart, and has neither retracted nor repented. If anything, he has dug in his heels and gone on the offense.

A CALL TO REPENT

God charged Israel with a list of sins that included idolatry, adultery, robbery, and other grievous offenses. Ezekiel called on the people to repent. The prophet warned them that a failure to repent would bring about their downfall as a nation. Israel refused God's call and was eventually destroyed as Ezekiel had prophesied.

1. Why do you think some public figures such find it so hard to admit to saying or doing what is wrong?
2. Do you think of Trump's political opponents are being unfair, "piling on" him in response? Why or why not?
3. What similarities, if any, do you see between Israel's intransigence and our reluctance to change our ways when the Bible points out our sin?
4. Which of the sins Ezekiel names are tempting to Christians today? Explain.
5. Tell the class of a time when you experienced a change of heart and have been blessed because of it.

—Charles R. Boatman

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