## Pastor Andy Stanley – the Unconditional Conference and Why Stanley is Dangerous:

<u>John Stonestreet Breakpoint</u> speaks on Stanley's Unconditional Conference. You can't decouple theology from Pastoral Care.

<u>Alan Shlemon</u> from Stand To Reason is fair minded but calls Stanley **Dangerous.** Alen was our BSWF speaker Jan. 2021

<u>Dr. Al Mohler</u> warns of Andie Stanley's Unconditional Conference in his Daily Briefing. Stanley responds in defiance rather than humility.

Warren Cole Smith (our Sept 2012 and Feb. 2014 speaker) at Ministry Watch ask How do You Handle A Problem Like Andy Stanley. Warren said in part with all of this context, let us now come to Stanley's "Unconditional Love" conference. The first thing we need to acknowledge is that what he said and promoted with this conference, with premeditation and forethought, was not a slip of the tongue by a fluid speaker in the heat of the moment. Love it or hate it, it was not a spontaneous event or an off-the-cuff remark... But Stanley and the conference quickly went from acknowledging the need to affirming the behavior. He invited speakers who were openly gay and gay affirming. He said that for gay men and women to remain celibate was "not sustainable."

<u>Sam Allberry</u> wrote in Christianity Today condemned Stanley in strong terms. Sam has same-sex attractions and has walked in obedience to the Word. One of the things he says is.... the most controversial conference speakers <u>were</u> Justin Lee and Brian Nietzel, whom Stanley described as "two married gay men" who are also "Christ-followers today." They were invited to speak—and had spoken at previous North Point gatherings—he said, because their stories of growing up in church environments while experiencing same-sex attraction would be **"instructive and inspiring."** 

**MY Conclusions?** As Alan Shlemon said, Stanley is DANGERIOUS. His bottom line was that you **can't separate theology and Pastoral care**. You also can't defend Stanley saying that expecting same-sex attracted people to walk in obedience is "Unsustainable" they deserve to have love and companionship. This man is a heretic in all sense of the word and he is an LGBTQ+ advocate that will help to spread this in the evangelical church.

About a decade ago, many evangelical leaders were singing the praises of Rob Bell. After reading just the first few pages of his *Velvet Elvis* (recommended by the pastors in the church I was attending at the time) I knew this guy was OFF BASE. **Where was the discernment?** Then cam *Love Wins* from Bell and these leaders said nothing to correct their lack of discernment. **Andy Stanley isn't Rob Bell... Yet.** But he is on the same treacherous road and one of the dangerous is that **he fails to listen to corrective voices even when they are kind.**