<post author="James01" datetime="2008-01-04T20:05:00" id="p1">

I know I may be stepping into a minefield here but I have to ask this. I was listening to NPR on the way to work today and one of their reporters was at a celebration that Huckabee held after winning in Iowa. The reporter was clearly next to a female who was praying in a loud, almost ranting type of way, asking God to lift up Mike Huckabee, etc etc and asking God to make sure that Huckabee is proud of being a pastor and how we are to select leaders who are spiritual, etc. I would have given anything to see a videotape of it

The press can do a remarkable job of taking even the most innocuous instance and sometimes just by broadcasting it, make it look really bad. This was one of those cases.

I asked some fellow Christians about a thesis that was forming in my mind about the possibility of Huckabee being elected. I specifically asked if we, as Christians, have become so pious that we believe that the only person who can lead this country is an ordained Baptist minister. I mean, think about that for a second. The field is wide open, yet why is it that the Christians pile on Mike Huckabee's wagon and openly snub other people, like Mitt Romney? It would be wrong of us to issue a call to Mitt Romney to be the pastor of First Baptist church. Clearly he does not share our doctrine. But does that mean that we shouldn't support him? Or what about Giuliani? He has been married and divorced several times. But I would remind folks that the divorce rate is the same for those of us who are "churched" and those who are unchurched. Yet it seems like we judge him on his divorces. Does anybody really believe that if Giuliani gets elected that his wife is going to divorce the powerful person in the country while he is in office? Not a chance. Giuliani's marriage is not going to end in divorce (hopefully ever) but especially not if he gets elected. Bottom line? There is no way that a if a republican gets elected that they will go act in a manner contrary to conservative opinions on abortion, gay marriage, etc. And by the way, there are bigger issues than those. To do so would be the death knell of the republicans.

I'm not saying that I endorse any of these candidates. But I do believe that we shouldn't jump on Huckabee's wagon just because he is a pastor.

So if what I said is true about what a republican president will not do, then why the support for Huckabee? Are some of us naive? Am I the only one who feels that he is using Jesus as a prop in the election (think of his Christmas day ad if you disagree).

I would sooner walk across hot coals than attend a Huckabee rally and rant and cheer when he speaks of values. Same thing goes for most rallies by most of today's presidential candidates. They are using us as props and we need to be resistant of that. To put it another way, if you had attended a rally for George W Bush back in 2000, would you dare tell anyone now that you were there back then? Probably not.

And for the young lady who was probably miked for her prayer, I would respectfully ask that she keep it down. Showboating like that, I believe, only pushes us backward in our ability to spread the Gospel and bring more people to Christ.

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<post author="MsScarlett" datetime="2008-01-04T20:27:00" id="p2">

Wait, what exactly is your question?

Are people naive? Oohhhhhh yeah.

But maybe that isn't your question.

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<post author="James01" datetime="2008-01-04T20:32:00" id="p3">

My question is why are people jumping on Huckabee's bandwagon. The rest of it was food for thought. <img src="http://www.christianforums.com/images/smilies/thumbsup.gif"/>

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<post author="MrJim" datetime="2008-01-04T20:46:00" id="p4">

Maybe they found someone they can identify with that is in the race that isn't a slick New England republican-poser politician or a beltway insider or a fringe nutjob...

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<post author="James01" datetime="2008-01-04T20:52:00" id="p5">

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<post author="MrJim" datetime="2008-01-04T20:54:00" id="p6">

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It's an election, people vote for they believe is the right guy (or gal)...he reflects evangelical beliefs, by and large the others are snakey, so who do ya think they're gonna vote for?

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<post author="James01" datetime="2008-01-04T21:00:00" id="p7">

More politicians than not are like that. But they are going for him without so much as a glance at his record. Look at all the people he paroled while in Arkansas. I heard it was half the state. <img src="http://www.christianforums.com/images/smilies/tongue.gif"/> Okay, I'm kidding. The guy doesn't have that great of a record. Just because he shares our beliefs doesn't entitle him to the presidency. Separation of church and state exists for a reason and don't think for a second that if he gets in that the lines won't become dangerously blurred.

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