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The bible says to give honor where honor is due. I want to salute Franklin Graham for the stands he is making concerning the day of National Prayer & not being ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Truly his stead fast posture has been and is remarkable. I have seen him on a few national and international telecast, but the one that I am extremely proud of is when I saw him on a Fox News network on a program called "on the record with Greta Van Susteren". Not only did she address his feelings and concerns about the National Day of Prayer being cancelled in which he said "if the



day of national prayer is cancelled, it would be a slap in the face to all Christians". What I was extremely blessed about was the fact that she asked him tough questions concerning the difference between the Christian and Muslim beliefs. She asked tough questions and he gave simple answers, in what we refer to as the simplicity of the gospel.

He didn't bat an eyelash or flinch one eye Ota, he was true to his convictions that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. I guess the reason that it blessed me so much is because others in prominent possessions have had similar opportunities and they bowed, using the excuse they don't want to offend anybody.

Saints, people are being loved right into hell. Sometimes im not sure if it is because they love the people or they love themselves, prominent, reputation, and wanting people to like them. We must pray for these preachers that are tickling peoples ears. It really is sickening. When I heard Franklin Graham share his beliefs and God given convictions, it made me be proud that we are brothers in the faith. I felt a similar seance of pride when I saw and heard recently some consecrative politicians express their concerns and beliefs. It encourages me that God has a remmenant of people that are rising to the occasion, standing up for righteousness and integrity and raising up a standard.

I am reminded of James Dobsons book "Tough Love " and sometimes love has to be tough. Well God bless America and preachers like Franklin Graham who didn't waver under the lights and cameras, but was true to his Godly convictions. I am sure his father Billy Graham is proud also, knowing he is leaving a legacy.

So in closing, even as Paul had said "those things that you have seen in me, heard in me, learned in me, do. So lets follow the example and make the same bold stands, and not be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lets be a witness unto Him who has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

I personally didn't find anything Franklin Graham was saying offensive, he was sharing his concerns and faith in love. Therefore, I salute him, I say more power to him and to God be the glory.

God Bless America & May His Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven Pastor John