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Being Biblical: What Does That Mean?

Final Plenary

Bishop Craig Loya and Dean Ian Markham

We want to commend six principles

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Being Biblical and Faithful

Dean Markham

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God Takes a Side

Bishop Loya

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Remember the Divine Perspective

Dean Markham

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Know the Fundamentals

Bishop Loya

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Be in Conversation

Dean Markham

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Be Courageous

Bishop Loya

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FIRST PRINCIPLE

Speaker

Dean Markham

Being Biblical and Faithful

We are striving to take seriously the Biblical witness and advocating for a faithful response to that witness.

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SECOND PRINCIPLE

Speaker

Bishop Loya

God Takes a Side

This is a key refrain of the Biblical witness. God is not red nor blue, but God is on the side of the poor, marginalized, and excluded.

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THIRD PRINCIPLE

Speaker

Dean Markham

Remember the Divine Perspective

God has been around a long time. We keep imagining the world is coming to an end, but in truth the world has seen an awful lot in its history.

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FOURTH PRINCIPLE

Speaker

Bishop Loya

Know the Fundamentals

There are positions that are incompatible with the Gospel. We do need to know where to draw lines.

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FIFTH PRINCIPLE

Speaker

Dean Markham

Be in Conversation

Christians disagreed about ‘eating food offered to idols’ and about ‘circumcision.’ The obligation is to be in conversation, and to do so while honoring our conversation partner.

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SIXTH PRINCIPLE

Speaker

Bishop Loya

Be Courageous

Pick the moment and pick the topic. But do be willing to take a stand.

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