Embrace Holy Living



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Psalm 47:1-9

In the early 20th century, T. A. Dorgan was an influential newspaper cartoonist whose drawings sometimes were the origin of common expressions, such as "hot dog." Another term he originated came from a cartoon where he depicted a newspaper editor admiring a newly printed edition. He is surrounded by flattering employees expressing their agreement and we know that because Dorgan labeled these characters as "Yes-Men." Soon the term came to mean those who "go along to get along."

When Jehoshaphat's messenger suggested Micaiah agree with the other prophets the courier was obviously a "yes-man." However, Micaiah was not and because he wasn't, eventually he was imprisoned for "seeking the counsel of the Lord" or speaking the truth.

Occasionally we face the same challenge when we can speak up for the Lord or the gospel or choose not to because it might make us uncomfortable. So we must choose. Will we go along with the crowd, keep quiet, and be a "yes man" (or woman) with the skeptical majority? Or will we speak up for Christ and risk being thought "different"?

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