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Can I be honest about something? Also, let me know if you have felt this too now that we've survived 2020.

I'm so burnt out on the bad actors that have infiltrated the Body of Christ, especially this past year, that it's really testing my ability to trust others.

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Like, I feel like I don't want to talk on the phone to even people that I know because I just feel fried.

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I don't want to open up, even to others who haven't done anything wrong to me, because I'm burnt out on sinking hours and hours into fellowship with people who turn out to be bad faith actors.

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Since about the last half of 2019, and of course definitely through all of the craziness of 2020, there are so many people who I've met or spoken with because of this channel who have shown their true colors.

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There is no love in them for their neighbors, and definitely not for the lost. They're like Cain who said, "am I my brother's keeper?" I guess it's better late than never to find this out, but it still is disheartening.

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It's frankly scary how many people have this mask on that they care about Jesus' sheep, but in actuality, "Jesus" is just the word they throw around to get people's guard down so that they can use them to begin grifting...

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... or promoting whatever pet issue is their actual religion (which never has anything to do with Jesus.)

Why isn't Jesus enough for some people? Why are so many people comfortable using entire congregations of Jesus' sheep? Do they not fear God?

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I don't know. It's like, I always want to give others grace and the benefit of the doubt, but I feel like that is no longer a prudent way to go about life in the ministry, and that sucks.

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I know that Paul wrote often about bad actors in ministry, so this isn't a "woe is me, why does this only happen to me" thing, it's a "false brothers really put a damper on fellowship, and always have & always will."

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I'm realizing that it's not until you're in ministry that you can empathize with a ton of issues that the prophets and apostles complained about in the Bible. The issues they faced are very much relevant today.

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