

Essay from a bold pastor

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The biggest state funeral in recent years was held with key figures from all over the world in attendance. Among them were Japanese Crown Prince who doesn't normally attend funerals for anyone except for foreign royal officials and the president of Cuba, Raul Castro, who is known as more pragmatic than his brother. Despite her wish, Queen Elizabeth of England couldn't attend due to her advancing age. Instead, a memorial service was held in Westminster Abbey. This was the first memorial service held at the abbey for a non-British person, which exemplified what a great figure Nelson Mandela was. Needless to say, the peaceful and smiley faces of "Grandpa Mandela" were all over the media at the end of last year.

However, he wasn't always peaceful and smiley. He was called a troublemaker as a kid. During his college years, he was an anti-apartheid activist and expelled from school for leading a student strike. After opening his law firm, he started serving as the vice president for ANC (African National Congress). However, ANC triggered Sharpeville Massacre and was delegitimized. Undaunted, not only did he establish a military organization, Umkhonto we Sizwe, but he also got trained for lethal covert actions by Mossad, the national intelligence agency of Israel. Although he was finally incarcerated, his mischievous disposition never changed even after being locked in for 28 years.

Though you may not know, it was Jewish people that put Mandela through law school and hid him from the police. Nevertheless, he hugged the late Arafat, who was a former PLO chairman and was considered a terrorist at the time, as soon as he got out of prison and even exclaimed, "We are friends!" This enraged the Jewish community in the U.S. Politicians in the U.S. brownnose the Jews because they hold a very powerful influence on elections and public opinion. Not Nelson Mandela. He dismissed their criticism on a live TV broadcast during his visit to the U.S. by saying "The Jew's mistake is that they think their enemy needs to be the same as that of ANC's." Further, he declared, "ANC and PLO are both fighting for autonomy, and it has nothing to do with the gratitude I received from the Jewish people or the legitimacy of Israel" and went on to add, "Someone whose principle changes depending on who he's affiliated with should not lead his people." This stunned the U.S. but thrilled the poor in the world. He was a man of his words. He remained true to his belief no matter what happened. Therefore he was even listed as a terrorist by US government until 2008.

By the way, he was a devoted Christian, and you can find many men similar to him in the Bible. Paul, in particular, who became the last disciple of Jesus is just like Mandela.

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

This is a scene where he is flat-out criticizing many including his elders because they put their oars in "the freedom and the salvation from death" given to humans as a result of the death of Jesus Christ. Likewise, Nelson Mandela put his all in fighting against any power that threatened the freedom every human reserved. Christians are those who fight just as Jesus did for the true freedom He blessed us with.

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