

**From:** JSM [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Personal and Confidential  
**Date:** November 12, 2012 at 8:48 PM  
**To:** Scott Pierre [REDACTED]



Dont send this to frank or david or anyone please - but i would love your thots on this - apparently John MacArthur sees no issue with the way he has treated me or driscoll or the ways he has slandered me to his grads that came with HBF or the way he supported phil johnson's year long non stop assualt on my character not just ER2 but a former Christian school teacher who slandered our committment to the gospel on that blog and and and ---- wow :(  
From Dr. James MacDonald

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**From:** "Jerry B. Jenkins" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 12, 2012 7:34:42 PM CST  
**To:** JSM [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Personal and Confidential

I hear you loud and clear, James. The fact remains that you have tried to meet and he's refusing.

I guess the high road means taking him at his word that he has no personal issues and move on. Hopefully by February he'll see what has come from your efforts to reconcile with all and will have only goodwill, encouragement, and affirmation.

**Jerry B. Jenkins**



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**From:** JSM [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 6:28 PM  
**To:** Jerry B. Jenkins  
**Subject:** Re: Personal and Confidential

Wow - thx for trying - I have alot of thots on what he has written but thankful for the fruit of self control.

From Dr. James MacDonald

On Nov 12, 2012, at 7:16 PM, "Jerry B. Jenkins" [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks, John. I appreciate your having heard me and considered it.

James and the elders at Harvest have assured us that they are in the process of seeking out every person who has expressed an offense or criticism, with the intention of meeting with them personally, hearing them out, and making things right.

We at Moody very much look forward to reconnecting with you in February.

As ever in Christ,

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**From:** John MacArthur [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 4:19 PM  
**To:** Jerry B. Jenkins  
**Subject:** RE: Personal and Confidential

Dear Jerry,

Thanks for the follow-up note. I want to stress again, however, that I have no personal issues with James MacDonald. The conflicts James needs to resolve involve serious concerns that others besides me have raised about his character and his doctrine. The controversy is increasingly public. It involves charges against him from people who are or have been part of his ministry. And it needs to be resolved on a public level.

I was very restrained when I was asked about James in a public setting. I made only a one-word comment, saying James's public statements and actions are "self-destructive." That was not based upon anything personal but upon months of very public actions and statements from James himself. My judgment has proved accurate, and more profoundly so than I believed at the time.

But this is not about anything personal. I raised the question with Greg Thornton because I wondered whether Moody was concerned about being embarrassed by the multiple scandals unfolding all around James. He doesn't need to meet with me, nor I with him. If he responds in an appropriate manner to the documented charges against him, no one will

have anything but goodwill, encouragement, and affirmation for him. It may take some time for him to recover some of the trust that has been shattered, but along with many others, I'm watching and praying that James will do the right thing.

For the Master,

John MacArthur

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**From:** Jerry B. Jenkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 10, 2012 7:39 AM  
**To:** John MacArthur  
**Subject:** RE: Personal and Confidential

Thanks for this, John. Very helpful.

Forgive me for not getting back to you sooner, but Dianna and I were on a Christian cruise (on which I spoke) from Fort Lauderdale to Turks & Caicos, and we had no internet until we returned yesterday. That part of it was heaven. ☺

John, let me clarify one important part of the issue with James that may impact your willingness to meet with him. I'm responding to these two specific thoughts of yours from below: "I haven't been personally involved in any of this, and don't intend to be drawn into it. I don't have any personal quarrel with James that requires a private meeting, much less a mediated get-together... I can't understand why I'm an issue. If James is truly humbled, broken and genuinely repentant, why would he make an issue of me or pressure you to get me to meet with him?"

You need to know that I don't see a meeting with you as mediated. I offered to come along just as a witness to guard against any misrepresentation of what goes on. But more importantly, James has not made you an issue and he has in no way pressured me to get you to meet with him.

The impetus for such a meeting grew out of the Moody/Harvest meeting, wherein we were assured that James and the Harvest elders had already taken the

JAMES AND THE HARVEST CRUIERS HAD ALREADY TAKEN THE initiative to reconcile with any and all detractors who were open to such an effort. This concerned those behind the website currently criticizing James and Harvest, and any who added their voices to it. We are the ones who raised the issue with you. We understood that you were uncomfortable with being on the same program with James at Founder's Week 2013, and while we were grateful that you had already committed to be there anyway, we urged James to personally reconcile with you. (As I re-read my original missive to you I can see how I made this look like his idea; it was ours and his speaking of the personal estrangement was a response to that.)

Frankly, he had much the same response to the idea that you did and outlined many of the same issues that he felt might be between you too. We said we would like to see a reconciliation and that we would be happy to facilitate that if at all possible.

In one way, I am encouraged to find that the very issues about which you raised concerns are the ones that were on his radar too. While I will—of course—follow through on my promise to not reveal to him the specifics of your communicate to me, I would like your permission to indicate to him that he is correct in his assumptions of why you two might be estranged.

I don't think I've mentioned that my current project is a novel based on the life of Paul. You know I'm neither theologian nor scholar, but having been immersed this whole year in the epistles and Acts, I am being thrilled every day by his beautiful turns of phrases—especially those about being at peace with all men (Romans 12:18 & 14:19).

Speaking entirely personally here, it grieves me that two dynamic expository preachers (ironically 20 years apart in age) have issues with each other. Naturally it's your call, but allow me to one last time plead for a face-to-face at

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your convenience.

Thanks, John.

With love in Christ,

Jerry J.

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