

# Free to leave?

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A friend sent me a note on Facebook: "Is 'not being fed' ever a reason to leave a church? If so, in what instance? And if the answer is 'no,' is there ever a good reason to leave a church, aside from relocating?"

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# Principle or pragmatism?

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The United States' relationship with Egypt—and the outcome of revolution—places American pragmatism over against principle.

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# God loves football?

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God possesses an ironic sense of humor. Just ask Jerry Jones, who might think you're asking him if he possesses an ironic sense of humor.

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# **Oh, boy!**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. And especially for Ezra Bruce Kahler, our first grandchild.

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# **Still a dream**

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Martin Luther King's dream for America was magnificent. We've made progress, but we're not there yet.

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# **Civility strikeout**

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In a sad but unsurprising development, the Civility Project died for lack of interest.

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# Gravitational pull

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Pollster George Barna has identified six "megathemes" of the U.S. Christian church. Five of them point to trouble.

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# It's not over

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Once upon a time, I wrote, "Nothing's ever over quite like Christmas." I was right, but not exactly how I meant it.

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# Spectacular 'decorations'

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Our neighborhood is all decked out for Christmas. But what I've seen in the sky tops everything.

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# **Merry Christmas. Really.**

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'Tis the season, and the Christmas/Holidays warriors are at it again. They just love to spread Christmas jeer.

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## **Season of love**

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This is the hardest week of Advent. We focus on love.

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## **Season of hope**

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The first week of Advent focuses on hope. Boy, do we ever need it.