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Subject: Important Walk In The Word Update

Dear Ministry Partner,

Thank you for your faithful support to Walk in the Word. For over 21 years, this ministry has existed to ignite passion in the people of God through the proclamation of truth. This was accomplished with God's guidance and through the expository preaching of Dr. James MacDonald while at Harvest Bible Chapel. Walk in the Word is a ministry of Harvest Bible Chapel ("Harvest"). In the spirit of 1 Timothy 5:17, we would like to express how thankful we are to Dr. James MacDonald for his faithful teaching of God's Word for so many years.

On February 12, 2019, the elders of Harvest Bible Chapel came to a very difficult decision to terminate James MacDonald from his position as Senior Pastor and an employee of Harvest. The Elder's statement in regard to this decision can be found [here](#). We understand the disappointment this may cause to you as someone who has been fed through this teaching and has graciously supported this broadcast ministry. But in the midst of this, we are trusting the Lord with every step.

At this time, Harvest has decided to take down the Walk in the Word website until further notice. Additionally, the previously communicated launch of digital content has been cancelled. We have stopped accepting contributions to Walk in the Word as of March 1, 2019. Since then, all checks received by our office have been returned to the sender and all automatic recurring donations have been turned off.

Through Walk in the Word, God's Word was heard by over 5 million people each month and many new believers came to Christ as a result of your generous contributions. We appreciate the faithful support of our partners in this ministry. Please pray that God would continue to lead our church and our ministries.

Harvest Bible Chapel

May 18, 2019 Elder Update

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Dear Harvest Family,

On May 16, 2019, we received a letter informing us that James MacDonald is pursuing arbitration with Harvest Bible Chapel through the Institute for Christian Conciliation. Arbitration is a method used to resolve disputes outside of the courts. Essentially, it allows a group of arbitrators to listen to arguments presented by both parties and then the arbitrators decide how this issue will be settled. Both parties submit to the decision of the arbitrators as it is legally binding. This is not a lawsuit in a court of law, and James has not sued our church by taking this action. The issues of this claim primarily involve the termination of James MacDonald and the ownership of Walk in the Word.

As the leaders of this church, we are committing to communicating about this arbitration process as it progresses. There is no desire to keep this matter unnecessarily private. We expect this to take months, not weeks. The Elders and Church Leadership Team are united in their position that James MacDonald's termination was with cause and that **Walk in the Word is a ministry of Harvest Bible Chapel.**

Pray for God to get the glory in this. He is in control. We are His servants.

The Elders and Church Leadership Team