

An American flag waves on the left side of the image, and a church steeple with a cross on top is on the right side. The background is a blue sky with light clouds.

DOBSON CULTURE CENTER

LIFTING HIGH THE
GRACE & TRUTH
OF GOD



Why the Dobson Culture Center (DCC)?

1. To strengthen Christians by teaching the biblical worldview as the foundation of marriage, parenting, and human dignity
2. To seed the culture with God's truth and grace through cultural engagement
3. To hold out the gospel as the only hope of humanity, and apply it to all areas of life

The Case...

Christians increasingly feel like they live in Babylon. Dark as the hour may be, however, we are not abandoned. Nor are we able to head for the hills; we have work to do. So it has always been. When God sent his wayward people into Babylon in the era of the old covenant, he called them to be a witness of his truth:

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."
(Jeremiah 29:4-7)

Instead of hiding out, the people were to "build houses" and "plant gardens." These evocative imperatives show us that the Israelite exiles were not to flee. They were to invest in the next generation, build families, and seek the welfare of the land they occupied. Though Babylon was led by fallen leaders, the people of God were to pursue its good.

In the New Testament, Jesus summoned his followers to just such an approach. Using different but complementary metaphors, Christ called his people to be "salt" and "light" in this world:

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:13-16)

Building Houses and Planting Gardens...

For nearly 50 years, Dr. James Dobson has built houses, planted gardens, and equipped Christians to be salt and light. Standing against cultural ideologies targeting marriage, the family, and human dignity, he has conveyed God’s transforming grace and truth to all sectors of life. With warmth and conviction, he has clarified what was confused and championed what was forgotten.



We seek to extend this bold legacy through the Dobson Culture Center (DCC). Today, numerous wicked philosophies threaten Christianity and the Judeo-Christian values that founded America and its governing framework. These radical ideas are based on humanistic beliefs and seek to deconstruct God-given morality. We oppose them out of love for our neighbor.

We distinguish the truth from lies, seeking to help individuals and families engage many challenging influences with a fortified worldview that reads life through God’s Living Word. We stand for the dignity of every person, even as the culture of death hunts babies in the womb. We celebrate the goodness of marriage, even as paganism deconstructs it. We honor the family as central to human thriving, even as Marxism seeks to “abolish” it (in Karl Marx’s phrase).

In these ways, we do not shrink back from drawing clear lines where Satan would prefer none to exist. However, our mission is preeminently positive and practical. We work to see families strengthened, fathers loving their children, mothers nurturing their children, and Christians engaging a fallen order with the gospel. Anchored in God’s truth, we seek the unleashing of God’s grace.

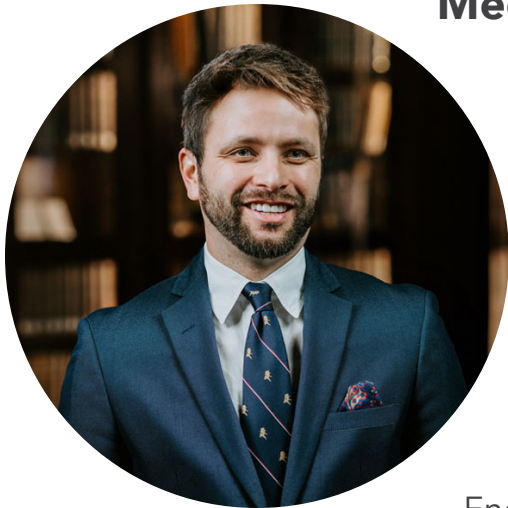
Our Charge...

The purpose of the DCC is to help families and individuals live Scripturally-rooted lives and to engage culture with a biblical worldview, exposing darkness and exalting the light of Christ (Ephesians 5:11; Colossians 1:28).

Our Primary Objectives...

1. Assist Christians to live a life based on a biblical worldview
2. Provide biblical insights into marriage and parenting
3. Impart biblical insights into the cultural issues of our day, promoting human dignity
4. Help believers understand the different systems vying to weaken their faith.
5. Equip parents to disciple their children
6. Educate Christians how to engage the culture
7. Proclaim the joy of the transforming gospel to fellow sinners

Meet Dr. Owen Strachan...



Dr. Owen Strachan is the Senior Director of the Dobson Culture Center at JDFI. In public square circles, Strachan has extensive experience. He is a Senior Fellow of the Center for Biblical Worldview of Family Research Council, was the President of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, and served as the Founding Director of the Carl F. H. Henry Institute for Evangelical Engagement at Southern Seminary.

Strachan holds a PhD from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a MDiv from Southern Seminary, and an AB from Bowdoin College. He has taught theology in multiple seminaries for nearly fifteen years, and prior to coming to JDFI was the Provost of a growing institution. He has authored numerous works on culture and doctrine, including the best-selling *Christianity and Wokeness*, *Reenchanting Humanity*, *The War on Men*, and the award-winning *The Colson Way*.

Strachan often addresses cultural and theological issues on social media and media outlets. He has extensive podcasting experience and is the host of Grace & Truth on the Salem Podcast Network. He has appeared on many programs, including FOX News, One America News, The Megyn Kelly Show, The Andrew Klavan Show, and The Eric Metaxas Show. His videos have been watched by many, including a viral “conversational debate” over homosexuality and a six-part series on wokeness from 2020 that helped identify the rising danger of that ideology.

Most importantly, Strachan is married to Bethany and is the father of three children. With his family, he enjoys hiking, games, and travel to new places. A Churchill aficionado, Strachan cut a rap album in a past life and now enjoys coaching basketball.



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