



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

“We Will Not Be Silenced” Series

Chapter 1: How We Got Here

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America turns further from Christian values and the core principles of liberty every day. It's frustrating when you feel like you can't assert Biblical truth without facing condemnation. It's sad that outrage and victimhood have replaced respect and reason. How can you stay rooted in your own faith and continue publicly testifying for Jesus?

In *We Will Not Be Silenced*, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer gets us ready to live out our convictions against a growing spirit of hostility by obtaining a better understanding of non-believers' legitimate hurts and concerns regarding issues such as racism, sexism, and poverty, and identify the toxic responses secular culture disguises as solutions. In the process, we'll evaluate how we can witness, show compassion, and gentleness outside the faith without affirming their beliefs. *We Will Not Be Silenced* will prepare you to move beyond fear and boldly accept the challenge of representing Christ to a watching world that needs Him now more than ever before.

The first chapter, *How We Got Here*, provides a survey of the forces that seek to dismantle the core values that built America.

1. Provided on page 21 of *We Will Not Be Silenced* (WWNBS) are insights on Karl Marx (1818 to 1883) and his Theory of State Supremacy. What were some of the consequences of Russia's 1917 imposition of Marxist policies? In terms of cultural Marxism, what threats are being imposed on America?
2. Pages 22 through 24 WWNBS discuss the destruction of the nuclear family. According to Marx what were some reasons the nuclear family posed a threat to society? In your own life, how important has the nuclear family been (think in terms of your being a son and also a husband / father)?
3. Who was Margaret Sanger (1879 to 1966) and what agenda did she represent?¹ What have been some of the consequences of her agenda on the American family?
4. The challenge that faces the modern church is the need to avoid passivity and not remain silent (pages 34 to 38). What are some of the reasons we have been silent as a church? They are not all bad.

¹ Margaret Sanger opposed abortion and sharply distinguished it from birth control. She believed that the latter was a fundamental right of women, and the former was a shameful crime.

