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'Boyd's intervention into the discussion is welcome. He is bold,... passionate, and discerning, while still attempting to be charitable. Boyd doesn't pull punches, denouncing the nationalistic 'idolatry' of American evangelicalism, which often fuses the cross and the flag. Boyd also calls without apology for a renewed Christian commitment to nonviolence, citing the Anabaptist refrains of John Howard Yoder, Stanley Hauerwas, and Lee Camp. But Boyd's claims can't be dismissed as mere ranting of a Christian leftist. Rather, one senses that his are the expressions of a pastor's broken heart which, every once in a while, bubbles over into a kind of restrained, low-boil anger.' -- Christianity Today

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