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Bishop Wellington Boone, a leading black conservative speaker and a bestselling author, said he has “a feeling” about Liberty University.

It's a feeling he doesn't have at many of the colleges he visits each year all across the country.

“I feel they (LU students) really are engaged in Christ, not just into education, (which is important, of course) but they're into Christ,” he said. “I believe what I'm feeling here, from the leaders I've talked to, the students I've talked to, I think it's more than just a buzz ... there's a stirring from God here. Since Dr. [Jerry] Falwell's gone on to be with the Lord, we're seeing even more passion to fulfill Godly destiny.”

But that didn't mean Boone, a mainstay at Promise Keepers men's conferences, didn't have tough questions for the students during Monday's convocation service in LU's Vines Center.

His talk, titled “Call Out the Revolutionaries,” challenged students to find out if they have a sense of God's calling in their hearts.

“Did you choose the field you're in or did God?” he asked.

Pointing out several instances in history where leaders have emerged to change the culture -- including abolishing slavery and setting up schools to educate the black community -- Boone said there can be revolutionaries today.

He said Liberty has a model of a reformer in its founder, the late Dr. Falwell. “Some of you have said, ‘Well I can't step in his shoes.’ Why not?” he asked in a loud voice. “You lose perspective because you are looking at the man rather than the One that gave the man the stuff he had, to do what he did. So therefore you can't have what he did, unless you match his devotion level.”

And in an even louder and energized voice, Boone asked: “Are you just going to a school where a great man walked or going here completely?”

He said students can be those emerging leaders in a culture that is “sliding.”

“There are a lot of things that need to be changed right now. You're an agent of change, but if you don't see it and you don't know it, you're waiting on someone else to do what you're already needing to do,” he told them. “When are you gonna rise up, when are you going to stop making excuses ... when are you going to be used?”

Boone, who founded Global Outreach Campus Ministry at colleges throughout the U.S., said one student came up to him after Monday's convocation and told him he felt he was going to have as big an impact as Martin Luther King, Jr.

Boone prayed with him and urged him to answer God's call.

"I've got to go to a number of schools and pound ... to really get them on fire," Boone said. "I really didn't have to pound here ... it was just encouraging them to go on to the next level — don't be afraid of the hard issues," he said.

"It's time for us to ride, so come on Liberty, we got the 'jubilee' (to me that's what Liberty represents)," he said. "So let's do it."

For more information on Wellington Boone Ministries and Boone's latest book, "Black Genocide: Tragedy of the American People," go to www.wellingtonboone.com.