



Power Trip

Acts 8:9-25

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Great excitement vs great results

**Ryan Leaf
Second Pick
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NFL Draft**



Tom Brady
199th Pick of
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- **The Promise**
 - The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, 2:1-2, 8:17, 10:44)

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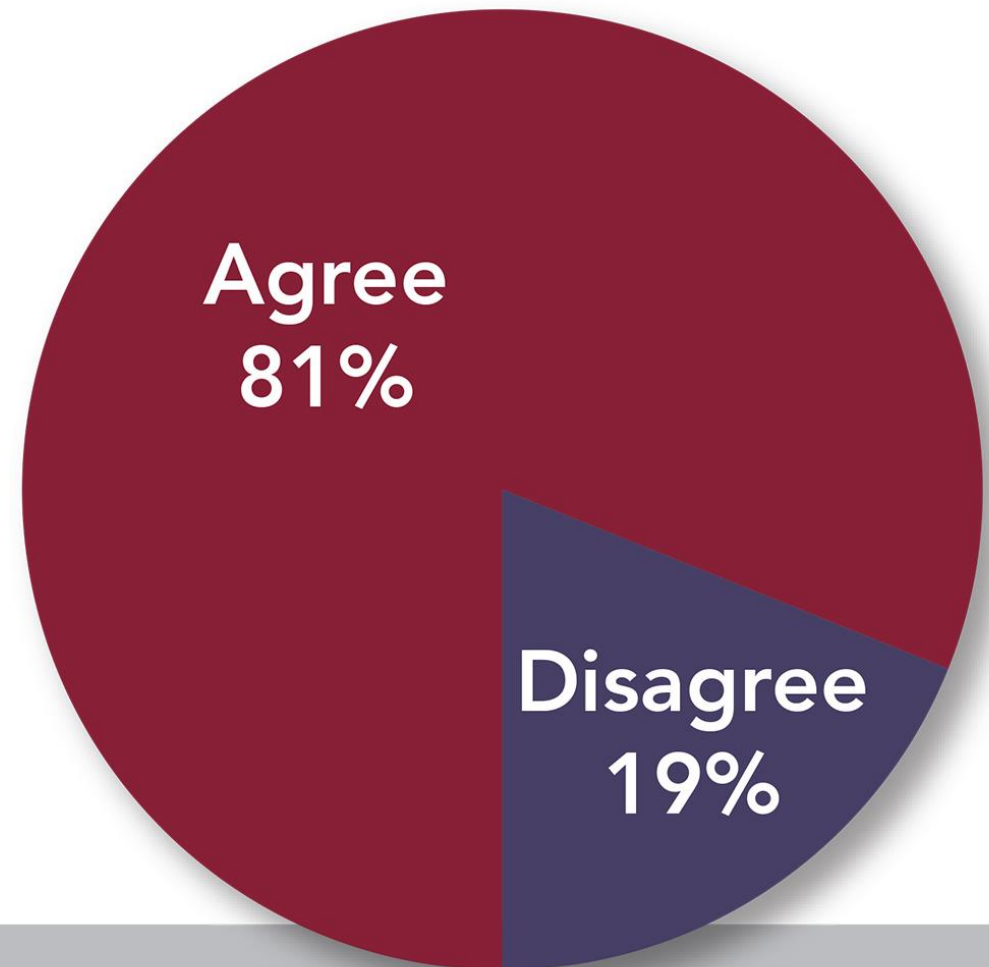
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Over 80 percent of Americans admit concern over the decline of moral behavior in our country, according to findings released on May 9 by *LifeWay Research*

Among Americans:

I am concerned about declining moral behavior in our nation.



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 - **Given** to us as we believe (Titus 3:5-6)
 - **Matured** in us as we grow (Eph. 5:18)

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God desires to share His Spirit with us

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