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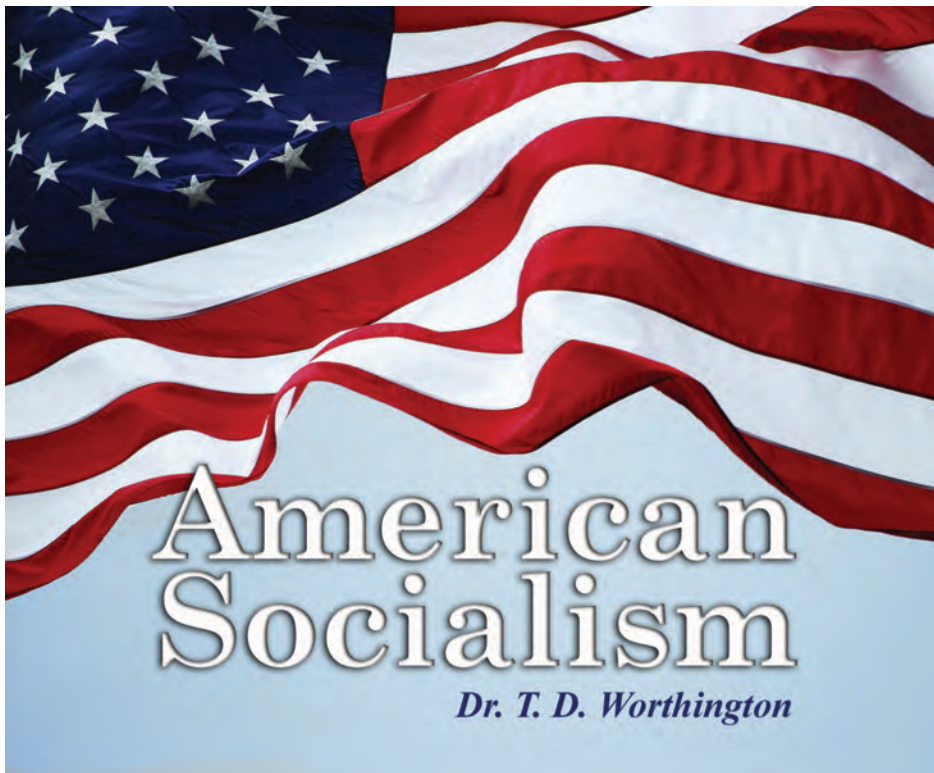
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A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear. The traitor is the plague.

Cicero

Recently several liberal politicians were asked to explain the difference in their political position and the position of a socialist. They either could not or would not answer the question.

In general, a socialist will embrace certain classes, races, or groups as a collective; but seldom concern themselves with individuals or non-socialist groups. Second, they believe that all inequalities must be removed, and all people must be made equal. By that, we do not mean equal opportunity but equal outcome. Of course, they do believe a chosen few should be *more equal* than others. For a socialist, the overriding concern is always promoting socialism; so rules and regulation mean different things for different people. Fidel Castro may have been the leader of a Communist revolution against the evil “*rich people*” in Cuba, but he’s worth 900 million dollars today. Go figure! Third, they believe if government is wealthy, big, and powerful enough it can solve all problems. Fourth, since common people cannot be trusted with

personal or corporate power they favor government control (*or ownership*) of the economy’s basic industries. Fifth, they seek to establish a cradle-to-grave dependence on government, thus insuring the people will demand the continual advancement of their socialist agenda.

I suppose every generation complains about how the new generation is messing everything up. But, it must be obvious to all, but the most historically challenged, that America has fallen from the position she held just a few years ago. Sadly, the destruction of our nation has not been the result of a foreign power, but has been caused by liberal stupidity. I suppose some might argue it has also been hastened through the sinister planning of those seeking our destruction. Either way, our destruction was not particularly difficult. The foolish socialist mind is easily duped.

Socialism, which was despised by Americans in the past, has suddenly become extremely popular. This has been caused in part by our socialist oriented educational system. Modern Americans know very little about the sordid past of the socialist agenda. Yet, to be honest, socialism also seems to fit in perfectly with our modern way of surface thinking. To the casual observer, socialism is like a miracle drug that appears to fix everything that is wrong. Socialism is “*nice*” and “*fair*.” Socialism makes you feel good about helping people who “*deserve it*” by taking things away from those selfish people that “*have so much*.”

Until recently, the transition occurred so slowly many failed to recognize what was happening. After all, there has never been a large Socialist party in the United States. That is

“For the leaders of this people cause them to err, and they that are led of them are destroyed.” Isaiah 9:16

true, but in reality a large socialist party has not been needed because so many members of the Democrat and Republican parties have aligned themselves with the radical socialist agenda. When it comes to taking control of individuals and businesses, instituting more welfare programs, and increasing the size and reach of government, modern liberal politicians and hard core socialists are difficult to distinguish.

Socialism May be Good For Government, But it is Bad For The Country.

I can easily concede that if I want to assure myself a comfortable and powerful place in government, giving away other people’s money is a good way to do it. I can offer “free” money (*welfare*), “free” food (*food stamps and free meals at school*), a salary without working (*unemployment and disability*), “free” medical care (*Obamacare*), “free” housing (*public housing and housing assistance*), “free” phones, and even “free” contraception. Giving away free stuff can be fun, but even a simpleton knows there is really no such thing as free stuff. Someone has to pick up the check. Of course, as long as that someone is *someone else* most folks don’t seem to mind. Joining the flat-butt society and accepting money your neighbors had to work for is a great socialist past-time. Yet, free stuff can really get expensive. It will end up costing you your ambition, your achievement, and your liberty.

The Wall Street Journal found in 2011, 49 percent of Americans lived in a household where at least one member

of the family received a government benefit. That puts our nation at a tipping point as almost half of all taxpayers pay no income tax and nearly half of all Americans receive some form of direct government support. The official poverty rate hovers between 12 and 15 percent, the same place it was back in the late 1960’s in spite of a 927 billion dollar means-tested welfare spending budget. Is it just me, or is something wrong with this picture?

There are some who will acknowledge that socialism has not worked in other countries, but they assure us it will work in America. They contend that we are different from the rest of the world and with our ingenuity we can make it work. Yet, it has already been tried in America. Let’s see what happens when the Federal government decides it is best for you to be helpless, hopeless, clueless, churchless, desperate, despondent, and dependent.

What Socialism Did for the Native American.

The native people living in America were a proud, brave, self-reliant people until they were conquered by the United States. We all know they were handily defeated by our military, but few realize their greater decimation came from our politicians. They were herded onto reservations and promised perpetual care from a benevolent government. We would give them free food so there would be no need for hunting (*you will no longer need your weapons*). We awarded them free land which was first confiscated from them. We also offered them free medical care, free clothing, free schooling, and free money. They’d never again have to provide for themselves. This sounds like a great deal, but it was not. The

American Indians paid a huge price for those “free” things.

These proud, independent, self-sustaining people lost their ambition to excel and improve their station in life. Even with the racial persecution they endured, they could have learned (*as some did*) to excel in the new America, but they were destroyed by the crushing hopelessness of the welfare state. The result has been generations living in poverty and misery, dying of alcoholism, suicide, and disease. By “*providing for them*,” the government took away the Native Americans’ ability and will to provide for themselves.

The American Indian has been a victim of American socialism longer than any other group. Let’s see what it has done for them. Of all the ethnic groups in our country, the American Indians have the highest rate of school drop outs, the highest rate of child mortality, the highest rate of suicide, the highest rate of teenage pregnancy. Furthermore, their life expectancy of 55 years is most likely lower than it was before the Europeans brought “*civilization*” to the new world.

Changing the name of the Washington Redskins may be the politically correct thing to do, but it was an experiment in American socialism that was the most offensive thing we have done to this proud and noble people.

What Socialism Did for the African American.

Can you imagine black unemployment being at 4%? Those days did exist, but to find it you will have to go back to the time when racial discrimination and segregation were openly practiced. Isn’t it amazing that in a day when half

the black people didn't finish high school their chance to earn a living to support their family was actually higher than it is today? Today, in a less segregated America, the African American unemployment rate is about three times higher than it was back then. Furthermore, if you happen to be wondering where the highest unemployment rates are, you only need to look at our most socialistic cities (*Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, etc.*).

In 1964, Republicans were responsible for passing the Civil Rights Act. This act was intended to provide all people, regardless of race or sex, an equal access to all public facilities. The act also banned unequal voter requirements insuring all the right to vote. Although, in my opinion, the act was hastily and foolishly written thus insuring some of the problems we are facing today, it still could have been a valuable piece of legislation. Could have been! Unfortunately, our government had a more insidious plan.

The Civil Rights Act did not improve black employment opportunities, as gains in up-scale career fields actually decreased after the act was passed. The Civil Rights Act did help address some needed inequalities; but the biggest thing it accomplished was to give the federal government unprecedented power over every business in the country. Suddenly, hiring practices, employee policies, and customer service procedures came under strict federal scrutiny. This resulted in a

“Therefore My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.” Isaiah 5:13

massive violation of the rights of private property and contract.

The second socialist blow also came in 1964 as Democrat Lyndon Johnson began his presidential campaign with the theme of a “*Great Society*.” Johnson’s socialist agenda won popular support while assuring the decline of American civilization, especially for blacks. What few realized at the time was the “*Great Society*” was never intended to create a better America. It was intended to enable government to take more from us, polarize us to prevent our uniting, and to have us look to an all-powerful government for everything. Although a few elements of the program may have proven beneficial, in general Blacks didn’t need the Great Society, but government needed those programs to enslave them to their system. The Master whose good pleasure must supply our most basic needs still lives in the unapproachable big white house with the big columns.

Of course the white working class was forced to finance the programs, but the system was cruelest to blacks who were stripped of dignity, not by evil white plantation owners, but by the federal masters in Washington. The amount of taxpayer money spent on welfare programs and aid to individuals between 1965 and 1970 was the largest transfer of wealth in history. But it had no appreciable effect, as the poverty rate did not decrease as intended. This was a staggering and expensive failure that bore terrible consequences. Programs that had been created to “*help*” not only encouraged unemployment, but it led to an explosion of out-of-wedlock births. Back in 1963 the rate of black illegitimacy was 23 percent, today it nears 70 percent. It is interesting that even during the days

of slavery, when marriage was often prohibited; most black children lived with a biological mother and father. During Reconstruction and up until the 1940s, 80% of black children lived in two-parent families. Today, more than 70% of black children are born to single women. With modern welfare programs it is often financially advantageous for many to live outside the bounds of a traditional family.

But, it didn’t stop there. Later, as programs were expanded to give hand-outs to men, the unemployment rate began to rise, and with the idleness of unemployment came a rise in crime and drug use. Homicide rates climbed 122 percent between 1963 and 1980 and the number of black men arrested between 1966 and 1970 skyrocketed 866 percent. Suddenly, it was no longer a shame to accept free money; however the free stuff came at a terrible price. Today, the notion that welfare is a “*right*” has trapped millions in government dependency.

The poverty rate in the black community had been slowly but steadily declining, but suddenly in 1968 when most of the new welfare programs were fully implemented, the progress stopped and has not fallen any further since. Families were destroyed as the welfare programs expanded and created under the Great Society made an income producing husband or father no longer necessary. The welfare state has done to black Americans what slavery and the harshest racism couldn’t do, it destroyed the black family.

What are we to learn from this? Although we can all applaud the progress African-Americans have made over these past few decades, this was accomplished in spite of government programs not because of them. The

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”
Proverbs 29:2

politicians who imposed their foolish and short-sighted social and economic visions, long ago sabotaged the basic building blocks of a long lasting prosperity and contentment in the black community.

What Socialism is Doing to Middle Class White Americans.

And now the same socialist do-gooders that brought devastation to Native American and African American families, are now proud to offer the same misery to middle class White Americans. Surely, you see the parallel? Now it is the White man’s turn to become dependent. We see the trend already beginning to materialize. More and more our foundations are being wiped away as all Americans are becoming mere slaves to a group of socialist politicians and government employees who “*take care*” of us throughout our lives.

What Can We Expect for the Future?

Socialist will continue their attacks upon the church, the family, our morality, and our educational system. They will also continue to destroy our self-reliance, competitiveness, and sense of community. We must also be prepared for:

A Slowing Economy. Socialism strangles economic growth by penalizing success and rewarding failure. When you take from the producers in a society to give it to the non-producers, you quite naturally reduce the number of productive

people. This leads to a never-ending cycle. Soon the economy will slow down, and even more people will request assistance. Eventually, our country will not be able to produce enough tax revenue to sustain itself.

Less Freedom of Speech and Descent: Socialism requires protection, intimidation, and darkness to survive. It cannot survive honest, informed debate. We will see the term “*hate speech*” being applied more frequently in the future. Old words and terms will receive new definitions. President Ronald Reagan once said, “*How do you tell a communist? Well, it’s someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It’s someone who understands Marx and Lenin.*”

An Increasingly Tyrannical Government: The more socialism you have, the less freedom you will have. Any segment of society that is not tightly controlled will naturally move towards individuality and freedom. So, socialism requires a massive growing centralized bureaucracy that will protect us from ourselves (*and protect it from us*). The institution of government is ordained of God and is needed for an orderly society. However, I am against tyranny. As government becomes more socialist, by default it will become more oppressive and tyrannical.

A More Divided America: Socialism is all about turning people against each other. It has to be. After all, if you believe in controlling people’s lives, the people who don’t wish to be controlled need to be vilified. There must always be a “*victim*” class. Should one class manage to pull themselves up in spite of government attempts to hold them back (*many hard working African-*

Americans), then a new victim class must be created (*illegal immigration*). After all, if everyone is responsible for himself, what need is there for the socialist? Ultimately, those who depend on government for their livelihood and those government loots to pay them will grow to despise each other.

America has been uniquely and providentially blessed. Imagine the benefit of having the generation that produced the insight and wisdom of our Founding Fathers. These mortal men, with God’s grace, devised a Constitution that has brought us unparalleled freedom and prosperity. Our natural resources are without parallel: not just rich and productive land, but vast resources of iron, coal and oil under the ground. We didn’t put them there; we were just blessed by God to dwell in this land of wealth. We have had the opportunity to share our wealth with people around the world. We still feed and protect much of the world’s population. Can you name a nation that has been blessed more in these past 250 years?

As we celebrate another birthday for our nation may we reflect on the fact that most of us enjoy freedoms we have not risked our lives to establish, protect, or preserve. Yet, by the simple providence of birth we have been bequeathed an incredible legacy. But, this legacy is under vicious attack. May we be willing to ask the hard questions about the direction our country is taking and work to preserve American liberty for future generations.



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As much as we may like for it to be fictional, the summer slump is not an old wives’ tale. Many ministries do experience a significant dip in attendance

and giving during the summer months. This dip in church giving can be a significant problem for a ministry’s finances, particularly if the budget is already a little tight. Sometimes it can take months to overcome the summer deficit.

As most of our **Faith Partners** know, we were not quite able to meet our goal for the **Spring Share-A-Thon**. We have made some budgetary adjustments and placed a few projects on hold; our Lord is graciously making ends meet. However, the summer months will be a special challenge.

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Every ministry has rhythms, and successful leaders identify these rhythms and position their organizations to thrive during the highs and to survive through the lows. However, there is no magic prayer or simple formula to make the summer slump go away. It is a fact of life in the ministry. Yet, as God’s people work together we can survive and prosper even during the challenging seasons of the year.

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Freedom's Price

America. Land of the free and home of the brave. A place where anybody can become somebody, the poor can become rich, and dreams can come true. Although our country is facing many difficulties at this time as Satan has tried and succeeded in polluting our government, schools, and even churches with his evil workings and agendas, we are still considered the greatest nation in the world, and there are many that would much rather be here than anywhere else on earth. Although we are growing more corrupt, seemingly by the day, God's blessings are still upon us. We are free today and enjoying the benefits of God's blessings on our nation's Godly beginnings. We must never forget those beginnings came at a large price for our founding fathers and their families.

There were a total of 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. By doing so, they realized their fortunes, families, honor, and lives would possibly be required as they were openly defying King George III. As a result, 5 of the signers were captured and tortured by the British as traitors before their deaths, 12 lost their homes to invasions and burnings, several had members of their families imprisoned, and some died penniless after surrendering their fortunes (literally) to the cause of freedom.

These brave men and the women that stood beside them are the reason we are here today. We remember and salute them, and we praise the Lord for His blessings upon us. Freedom had a price as it still does today. At **GoMix Christian Radio**, we honor those in our armed forces still fighting for those freedoms to continue.

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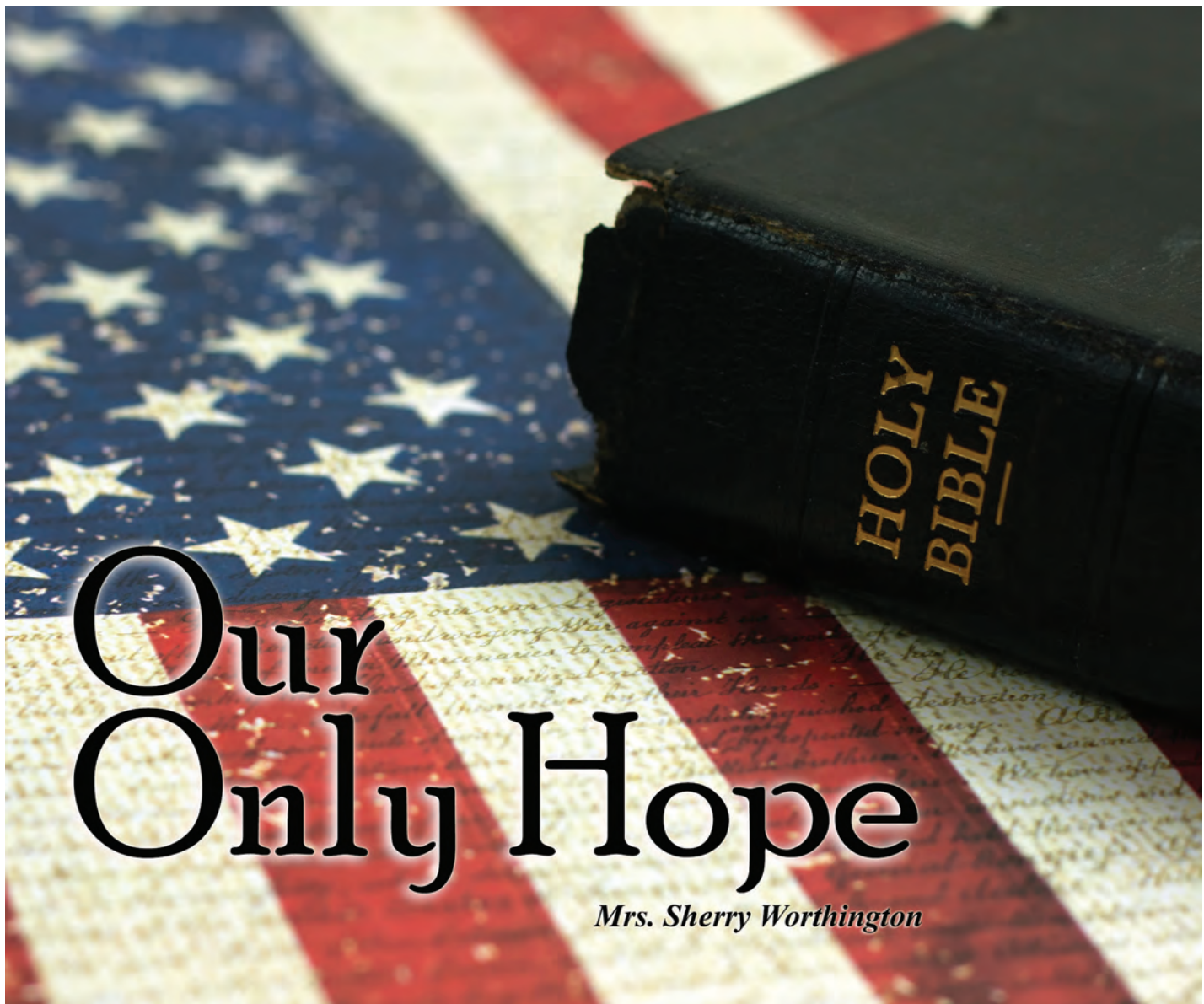
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Our Only Hope

Mrs. Sherry Worthington

I laid on the bed with tears running down my cheeks. I listened intently, appalled by what I was hearing on the news. I could not believe it. All I could think of was my babies, all nineteen of them. My husband and I are getting older, and we have had a wonderful life, but I am afraid for what the future holds for my children and grandchildren. My heart was heavy with grief.

The news was filled with all types of violence and perversions. A young woman's boyfriend abused her baby girl. A young man killed his parents. Gang violence caused the death of a twelve year old. The cities were rioting

against policemen, and the government offered no support. Supporters of same sex marriage were parading down the street yelling and chanting. What does the future hold?

Just when I don't think it can get any worse, I learn we must be afraid to go to a public bathroom or dressing room. We have no privacy or protection. Where has common sense gone? Do we not have any at all? How can anyone believe it is OK for someone with different biological body parts to go into the opposite sex's restroom? What is the problem? How perverted have we become? I don't even think they had that problem at Sodom and

Gomorrah. There was no doubt in the minds of the Sodomites what they wanted. What does the future hold?

I am amazed at the level of ignorance in our government and in some businesses. Many companies and events do not want to come to North Carolina because of HB2. Yet, they are in countries that are openly against gays and oppress women. What is the point? It is not because they are standing on a principle, or they would not be in anti-gay countries either. So, what is the motive?

Christian ministries, along with other non-profits, are under attack.

Individuals are no longer able to decide how they want to spend their time. The president has decreed that the citizens of the United States of America cannot decide to volunteer extra hours at their jobs unless they are paid overtime. I guess we do not have enough sense to know how to use our time.

America was founded on Christian principles and the many freedoms expressed in the original Constitution of our great land. Pilgrims came to this great land so they could worship God as they pleased and escape oppressive rule. What has happened to America? We no longer have many of the freedoms that men died to give us. We are told we cannot pray at certain events, and the word “God” is not to be said at graduation services. What does the future hold?



My heart is saddened. I do not know what the future holds. I know that it will become harder to find a Bible-believing church. Even though we have the freedom to have a Bible, many people do not bring their Bibles to church, nor do they read them. We as a people are not willing to take a stand when businesses are supporting the unisex bathroom agenda. We don't want to give up our conveniences. We have become a soft people. If Christians do not stand, there will be no freedoms left for our children.

I cry out to God and ask Him to intervene. The future looks bleak, and I do not know what to do. I know I need to keep abreast of what is happening, but I want to stick my head in the sand. It hurts so badly. My tears continue to flow.

At that moment, the Lord reminded me of a song we sang in youth choir when I was a teenager. It was written

over forty years ago by someone who was looking around and seeing all the bad things happening in our country. Even though this gentleman would be shocked at today's world, he still had the right answer. The chorus went like this:

*I know Jesus is my Savior,
I know Heaven is my home.
I know that I'll live forever,
I will never be alone.*

No matter what comes our way, Jesus is our Savior. He is in control of our lives. Heaven is what the future holds for a child of God. We will live forever in a perfect place, and He promises never to leave us.

How do we help our children get through this mess? Teach them that Jesus is there by their sides, and He will never leave them nor forsake them. Teach them the promises of God's Word. The main thing we need to do

is teach them by our example. Show them how we trust God and are not afraid. Show them how we have hope in the Lord.

Our answers are neither in our government nor our country. We need to do everything we can to support leaders that will lead our country in the right direction. I love America, but she is not my security. I will fight for her as long as I have breath, but her death is not the end.

Remember! Our hope is in Jesus! He is our Rock and strength. When the bad news comes, it doesn't take Him by surprise. Yes, I will still shed tears for the future my loved ones will endure, but my hope rests in Him.



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The Land Of The Free...

...If We Will Be Brave

Rev. Jason Sherman

Often times when I'm given the opportunity to contribute to *PathPointe Magazine*, I do so with relative ease of thought and writing. As some of you may know, it can be a joy to write about the things of God from the perspective He has laid out in His Holy Word. It's really neat to have an opportunity to inspire and uplift others.

Well, this is not the normal article. In fact this has been, by far, the most difficult commentary I have ever written. To be honest, I've sat down a few times to write only to get back up and do something else. That is how much I have dreaded this. Maybe it's because of the intense anger which swells up within me when I think of how careless our society is concerning this subject. Maybe it's due to the great compassion I wish to show in sharing this topic carefully because I realize there are scores of couples and ladies who, in the past, gave into temptation and made a terrible mistake in this

area. I would want in no way, shape, form, or fashion to add to the scourge of guilt they have already been subjected to, mostly from themselves. This is not an attack on anyone whatsoever. In fact, it is my prayer that by the end of this article, maybe there will be healing ministered to many that they quite possibly have never found anywhere else before.

The subject I am writing about is abortion. If you would, please stop right now and clear your mind of any other voice that would drown out what I believe God is trying to say through this commentary. We are all, to a degree, a product of where we were raised. I was blessed (*and I mean truly blessed*) to be raised by a mom (*my Dad died when I was four*) who had a healthy dose of respect for God. We lived in Smithfield, North Carolina where churches are almost on every corner and true Gospel Faith was exhibited openly in public on a regular basis. Pairing those two facts

together would partially explain why I am who I am today.

Others have not been brought up in such surroundings. Some were raised in homes where addiction, constant cursing or swearing, and maybe even abuse of one form or another were present. To put it bluntly, they were in a predominately toxic environment at home. Then many went to college where they were constantly barraged by the atheistic, humanistic ideology that currently permeates university culture. All I'm saying is I can honestly see how many of our twenty and thirty-somethings today have arrived at where they are in their moral (*or lack thereof*) convictions. That is why, once again, I am asking each reader to please lay aside all you've been taught concerning abortion and let the facts and the Word of God speak to your heart. After all, I would hope you agree that if there is a Creator (*and I believe there is*) and if He has created each human as an individual



with no two alike (*and I believe He has*), He would have a very strong opinion on the subject of abortion. This is my humble attempt at letting His voice be heard.

May we look at one verse of scripture today that I believe speaks tremendously to the subject as to whether abortion is ok or not as far as God is concerned.

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed thee in the belly...”

Let’s go ahead and make it perfectly clear this is Jehovah God speaking to the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah. In speaking with him in encouraging tones, God said something so profound I believe it has been mostly ignored by our generation.

Does anybody else see the significance of such a disclosure from God? Here God is unabashedly telling Jeremiah the reason his mother ever became pregnant and little Jeremiah was ever born was because God willed it to be so and acted upon His will in personally forming him. The exciting part about this is the great news God’s acknowledgment brings to the human race. Every one of us are here because God formed us in our mother’s womb and brought us into the world.

What hope this brings to the despondent soul! What clarification this brings to those suffering from low self-esteem (*and, in our time, even gender confusion*)! God formed us to be just the way He wanted us. Let the record be known by God’s own admission, every

child is a genuine physical extension of His loving design and purpose.

If I can be perfectly blunt for just one moment, God is saying “Jeremiah, even before you looked like a human, when you were only sperm and egg, I was forming you. You were Jeremiah, you were human, and you were life - worthy of My utmost attention.” Sounds to me like God isn’t buying the age-old lie spread by the godless abortion machine concerning that which is in the womb being “just tissue.” Not in any measure. God told Jeremiah “even before you looked human you were Jeremiah.” God’s acknowledgment in this area is extremely important.

“...before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations...”

If I could be perfectly honest, this next point is the part about abortion that haunts me the most personally. God had a plan for every one of those babies. We realize they were formed by Him as creatures with a free will. If any were given the opportunity to live, they could have willingly rejected the plan God had for them. Whether someone is faithful or not to God’s will doesn’t change the fact He still had a mission crafted just for them. This is yet another reason why God hates abortion. It is an attack from humanity upon His sovereignty and wisdom. As a side note, this is also the very reason God hates atheism (*not atheists*) and unbelief. It is self-sabotage; a human robbing God’s choicest blessings from their own futures.

Where this affects our society the most is the true and genuine loss we have suffered due to the removal of individuals who were sure to become

pretty remarkable. Has it ever crossed your mind that quite possibly cancer could already be cured today, only the person who was to find the cure was aborted? God has inspired doctors and scientists of the past to find remedies and procedures that were unheard of in their time. Anesthesiology is a good example of this.

How about all the financial difficulty our nation is in right now? I realize the mainstream media does a good job of pumping up the numbers when our economy trends upward (*depending on who is president anyway*) but the last I checked, we were still over nineteen trillion dollars in debt as a nation. In case you were wondering, that’s nineteen with twelve zeros after it, or \$19,000,000,000,000.00. Some would ask, “What’s this got to do with abortion?” At the very least we have abortion to thank for there being millions less tax payers in our country. Most importantly, who is to say some of those precious lives wouldn’t have made a major impact by not only becoming productive citizens, but also meaningful servants to the public in the Senate, House of Representatives, or even the Presidency? Did you ever stop to think maybe one of our presidents was assassinated in the womb?

God had a plan for each and every life that was taken just as He has a plan for you and I in our lives as well. Most of us can remember some memory from our past where we felt the impact of tragedy as we stared at the casket of someone who died too soon. I’m afraid God lives that tragedy all too often as He personally welcomes roughly 125,000 little babies into Heaven each day. In case you are wondering, over 58,000,000 abortions have been performed since it was legalized in America. Friends, that almost six



times greater than North Carolina's population of 9,943,117. Enough babies have been murdered to fill our state six times.

"...I knew thee..."

Now is the time to get down to the brass tacks. God not only formed these babies and had plans for them, but He knew them and He still knows them today. Some would ask "What are you trying to say?" God was there the moment they were destroyed. Although their screams were not audibly heard in the world of humanity, you can rest assured they were absolutely noted by the One who sees and hears all things. **Psalm 139:16** tells us *"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written..."* Can you imagine how much heartache God must experience day by day as these little ones are experiencing untold pain and agony at the hands of merciless killers? It is also only a matter of time before God focuses His Holy wrath on our country for this shedding of innocent blood!

The Bible tells us God keeps pristine records in Heaven. For one, there is a book of works, evil works, that God will open one day when all those

condemned to Hell will stand before Him. Just in case someone would have the foolish notion to say "I don't belong here. I deserve to go to Heaven." the Bible teaches God will open the books and the dead will be judged according to those things written therein. **(Revelation 20:12, 13)**

If you have had an abortion before, you know the guilt of God looking down upon you in disapproval. You know there is a such thing as being guilty of murder although you've never been to court. Why? Because God internally deals with people concerning these things. But He does not deal with you in this manner in order to beat you to death with guilt. Rather, He deals with you in hopes you will deal with Him. The Bible teaches if we will confess our sins and repent, God will forgive and restore. **(I John 1:9, Romans 5:8)**

Satan loves to bring up our past, hoping it will drive us to despair, hopelessness, and suicide. God brings up our sin, hoping it will drive us to Him in true Godly repentance. It is only at the foot of the cross that anyone who has ever had an abortion can experience once and for all the absolute cleansing offered by Jesus Christ. So long as you gloss over your actions with excuses, you and God

cannot do genuine restoration business. It is only after you are sorry enough to look to Christ and ask His forgiveness for your wrongs that His grace can be activated.

If the blood of righteous Abel cried out to God after he was murdered in **Genesis 4:10**, how much more of a disturbance is abortion creating in the Heavens today? To those who have had an abortion, please know God's grace and forgiveness are only a prayer away if you repent and mean it. He is there waiting to restore you. God has told us over and over again He takes no pleasure in the death and judgment of the wicked. **(Ezekiel 33:11, John 3:17)**

For those of us who name the name of Christ, let's band together and make a difference for the children's sake. We must realize we are witnessing a holocaust much larger and longer in scope than Hitler ever could have imagined. It's time for the Church to view legalized abortion as exactly that. Consider this: it may be the doctor who one day finds a miraculous cure for your grandchild's disease was a moment away from being aborted if not for your pro-life activism. We know the cards are stacked against us today. We know we will come in under the lashing of a liberal media and sometimes even our own government for taking a stand for life. But it is a stand that must be taken. America can only be the land of the free if we will be brave.



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And Finally...



Cancer Survivor...

I am a cancer survivor of 11 years. I had wonderful doctors that took good care of me and a supportive family. I thank God every day that I survived this horrible disease and I pray there will be a cure for this in my lifetime.

E. B.

I am a cancer survivor of stage 4 colon cancer for 8 years now. After tumor removal, sepsis which put me on a ventilator for 2 months, 9 months in rehab, 5 years with a fistula/hernia and pouch, another surgery to repair the hernia, and over two hundred pounds later, I am here to tell my story. Last Fall I did my first 5k ever. I'm down from a size 58 waist to a 36, and with the support of my doctors, nurses, therapists, family, and friends, I continue to fight the good fight. Being a survivor means hope and love for my fellow fighters and caregivers.

M. H.

I am a 16 year cancer survivor. My life changed in many ways since my diagnosis, but many of those changes have made me who I am today. I pray for a cure for cancer because thinking of anyone going through what I went through is still so upsetting. The chemo and radiation is very hard on the body. Even years later, I am still dealing with the late effects of my treatment. All in all, God has blessed me, and I am so grateful to be alive.

M. M.

My 17 year old son is a 15-1/2 year survivor of Acute Lymphatic Leukemia. I am so very thankful for his life and the joy and encouragement he has brought to our family and to all he meets.

E. G.

I was only 7 when I found out I had cancer. I had a brain tumor the size of a golf ball. I am very thankful to the Lord and my praying family because I am now 12 years cancer free.

G. D.

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