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Connecting the people of God with the people of government from Washington, D.C.



THERE IS HOPE FOR AMERICA

What should we do in these days? *Focus more of our life and ministry on the main things!*

Keep praying. Keep walking with God. Keep teaching the truths of God's Word. Keep sharing the Gospel and discipling believers. Keep on sending missionaries and planting churches.

The hope for America is found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



We Are Surrounded!

SEEING TODAY'S PROBLEMS WITH SPIRITUAL EYES // 2 KINGS 6

The Syrian king was trying to capture the king of Israel, yet the king of Israel kept evading him. It was told to the Syrian king, *There are no disloyal among us; it is Elisha the Prophet. He keeps warning the king of Israel.*

Where is Elisha? We find him at Dothan where the Syrian king sends horses, chariots, and a great host to surround the city. ^{v14} Elisha's servant became alarmed when he saw they were surrounded and exclaimed, *Alas, my master! how shall we do?* ^{v15}

This is the question of the hour. Many focus on the circumstances around them through *worldly* eyes only seeing the host who are empowered by the Prince

of the Power of the Air instead of living in constant focus with *spiritual* eyesight.

Psalm 34:7

The presence of the Lord of Hosts and His army is very real. Prayer changes nations! God illuminates the scene for us in verse sixteen and seventeen. *And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. Then Elisha prayed. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

As we look around America, we may not see many allies for the cause of Christ. When we find ourselves surrounded,

may we look beyond the problem and see God ready and willing to *shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.* ^{2 Chronicles 16:9}

The need today for Christians, and especially men of God, is to have *spiritual* eyes!



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We invite you to join with us as we return to Capitol Hill to meet our representatives face to face, share our concern for them as individuals, and pledge to personally uphold them in faithful, fervent prayer!



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Eyes on the Hill: The Equality Act

WATCHING FOR LEGISLATION THAT AFFECTS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The sorely misnamed Equality Act presents the greatest threat to religious liberty in our lifetime. It redefines the term “sex” in the list of protected classes in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal codes from its original meaning of male or female to include “sexual orientation and gender identity.” That means that the same protections granted to American citizens based on their race, color, sex, religion, and national origin would be extended to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Under the Equality Act, whenever the beliefs and practices of citizens with a Biblical world-view of marriage and gender come into conflict with newly created LGBTQ+ rights, they will be forced to violate their conscience or face punishment by the government.

Additionally, the Equality Act severely erodes religious freedom protections by expressly exempting itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). Since 1993 RFRA has protected our First Amendment liberties by ensuring that government must have a compelling interest carried out in the least restrictive way before it can infringe on our liberties.

Furthermore, the Equality Act:

- Jeopardizes women’s privacy and safety by allowing men in public bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers.
- Penalizes female athletes by allowing men to compete in women’s sports.

- Forces those in the medical profession to offer treatment via hormones or surgery to individuals with gender dysphoria even if doing so violates the medical professional’s conscience.
- Demands that faith-based charities in the adoption and foster care system that receive funding under Title IV of the Social Security Act violate their beliefs or shutter their doors.

What is the political process?

The Equality Act was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on February 18, 2021. On February 25, it passed the U.S. House, 224/206. Currently, it is sitting in the U.S. Senate, where it needs 60 cloture votes before receiving a final vote. At this time, it does not have enough support to overcome the 60 vote threshold, also known as the “filibuster.”

What we can do today?

1. Pray that this bill will not become law.
2. Call your U.S. Senator’s office and ask them to oppose legislation that restricts religious liberty. Tell them that you want every American to be able to live according to his or her conscience.



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Winning Local: All Opposed?

MAKING A STRATEGIC IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY

It breaks the heart of any believer to hear of kindergarteners in public schools being taught the “normality” of having two mommies or daddies, or of grade schoolers being encouraged to question their gender, and of male “trans-athletes” sharing locker rooms with young ladies. It might break our hearts even further to know that many of these ideas were voted in at local school board or city council meetings with little to NO opposition.

So, what can we or what should we do?

- Attend local school board and/or city council meetings regularly
- Stay informed as proposals are introduced
- Create awareness and inform others of troubling proposals
- Voice opposition with clarity and compassion
- Thank those who voted to uphold Biblical values

Recently, a young man from a Baptist church in York, PA won a seat on his local school board. Now someone with a Biblical world view stands between public school students and ungodly social experiments. If we desire godly leadership in America, why not have godly people run for office?

Often, if one person shows strength and takes a stand, others are willing to stand with them. By God’s grace, the next time they ask the question, “All opposed?” someone will be ready. Maybe that someone is in your church or maybe that someone is you.



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CONSIDER THIS

Los Angeles Union School District serves over 630,000 students with a total budget of over \$13 billion. In 2019, **only 4,341 votes** were needed to win a seat on the board for **the nation’s second largest school district.**

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Is someone you know “Winning Local”?
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STATE IN THE UNION

PASTORS ENGAGING LEADERS IN THEIR STATE CAPITOLS

It is a truly exciting time for capitol ministry in the state of Colorado! While the Left controls much of our state government, the Lord sovereignly stopped several attempts at passing ungodly legislation. A state-level Equality Act, threatening religious liberty, did pass into law but is almost certainly headed for the courts.

We are entering challenging times, but God is moving in and through His people. He has also graciously restrained our government in other ways, such as requiring lighter COVID restrictions than other states have had to endure. There are many people exercising godly influence behind the scenes. Pray for Colorado churches and pastors as we continue to take a stand for righteousness in our state.

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Shining Light on Capitol Hill

MINISTERING IN THE SHADOW OF THE NATION'S CAPITOL

After serving the Lord in Papua New Guinea for 17 years, Brad Wells brought his wife, Deborah, and seven children back to the States in 2015 to follow a new leading – to start a church in Washington, D.C. Now six years later, you will find a thriving ministry meeting at the Hill Center (a former Navy hospital on Pennsylvania Avenue dedicated by Abraham Lincoln) for Sunday Worship or perhaps, during fair weather, on the southwest lawn of the Capitol for a Thursday evening Bible Study where the Gospel is being preached and lives are being changed.

In fact, every Saturday evening since February 13, 2016 (the day Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia passed away), they have held a National Prayer Meeting on the steps of the Supreme Court. If you are in the area, you are welcome to stop by to get a brief update with insights from Congressional staffers and to join together in prayer for America.

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Do you know WHO WAS THE ONLY U.S. PRESIDENT
TO ALSO SERVE AS A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE?
Answer: William Howard Taft

Praying for America

INTERCEDING ON BEHALF OF THE NATION

In 1 Timothy 2:1-5, Paul instructs believers to pray for all men evangelically because God's desire is for all men to be saved. When a person receives Jesus, they have the ability to be led by the Holy Spirit in decisions. Paul specifically exhorts us to pray "for kings, and for all that are in authority." This was one of Paul's top priorities. Why? Political leaders are often the most influential in society. The cause-and-effect is that governments would let us live out our faith and worship God in freedom.

Our prayer and goals are that they would be saved and make decisions to allow the Gospel to have free course. Since America's founding, believers have had

the freedom to propagate the Gospel. Please pray for your leaders.

A U.S. Representative told me, "The deeper you go into the forest, the harder it is to see your way out. The circumstances are overwhelming many times and clarity is needed. Your ministry of prayer and encouragement is necessary because of the darkness that surrounds us."

Prayer for leaders is vital in seeing God's work accomplished through the power of His Gospel.

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The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. It is not the only thing; but it is the chief thing.

— S. D. GORDON —



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HOPE *from* HISTORY

All throughout history, government rises and falls on the shoulders of strong men, but something unique happened at America's founding. On July 4, 1776, we, as a nation, declared our independence from Great Britain. At the same time, our founding fathers also declared their dependence upon God. The closing statement of the Declaration of Independence says, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

Without the divine intervention of God in the forming of our nation, there can be no doubt we would have lost the war against Great Britain. Washington recognized God's providence when Benedict Arnold's treachery was discovered. "...The Providential train of circumstances which led to it affords the most convincing proof that the liberties of America are the

object of Divine Protection." Dependence on God by our leaders and citizens was the cornerstone of our nation's founding.

Dependence on God is just as essential today for the preservation of our nation. May we depend on God today and pray our leaders do the same. *He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.* ^{Psalms 62:6}



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"If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

— GEORGE WASHINGTON —

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