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# AWAKE AMERICA

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

## I Shall Not Be Moved

BEING FAITHFUL TO YOUR CALL IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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## 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!*

The Apostle Paul, speaking to leaders of the Church of Ephesus, states in Acts 20:24, "none of these things move me." This is an attitude that must be pervasive among believers of our day. In a time when society is progressively moving away from God to a humanistic belief system, we must be steadfast in our walk with the Lord. This was not a prideful statement but a life decision in the Apostle Paul's life. Have you ever asked yourself what would cause you to quit?

Paul faced three major areas in which he determined not to be moved.

First, he would not let **men** move him in Acts 20:19. Paul chose to continue serving through tears and temptations that surely lay ahead for him in the trials and tests of life brought on by men.

Second, he would not let **matters** of life move him in Acts 20:22-23. Paul knew there were matters of bonds and afflictions that would challenge him. In 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, the Apostle shares the troubles he had already

faced from stripes, prisons, shipwrecks, perils of all sorts, hunger, thirst, cold and nakedness. Yet, stalwartly the Apostle Paul said, "I shall not be moved."

Finally, he would not let **me** (self) move him in Acts 20:24. Here Paul uses the pronouns *me*, *myself*, *my*, and *I* to emphasize he would not allow his own desires to move him from the ministry in which God had placed him. Many folks have personal "things" in their lives that deter them from what God would have them do. Some individuals are wrapped up in *I*, *me* and *my* instead of God's will and way.

May we, with the Apostle Paul, say in 2021, "None of these things move me." In days of **men**, **matters**, and **me** let us all be motivated by the ministry we have received of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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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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# The Foundations of Civilization

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS // ARTICLE 1 OF 10

If the Creator of the universe took the time to write out governing principles for which any nation could follow and find great stability and success, how many nations would establish their societies, cultures, and constitutions upon those principles?

*“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me...Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations...And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?” – Deuteronomy 4:5-8*

Though many civilizations throughout history have sought and devised their own means of attaining peace and prosperity, only Israel and the United States of America purposefully looked to the God of Heaven for wisdom and direction in the formation of their governments.

The Ten Commandments reflect the very nature and character of God in His wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; and serve as the bedrock for spiritual, civil, social and economic development.

**Commandment One: Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

All struggles within a society can be boiled down to this single question, “Who is God?” A society’s answer to that question determines who has the authority, and who they are trying to please.

If men are merely answering to men, mankind is their ultimate authority, and answers to their problems are all found within humanity itself. Mankind is only accountable to itself. There is no truth outside of humanity, therefore truth is what ever society makes it to be. There is no objective standard, and truth becomes only what the most powerful individual or group says it is. This is the basis for all humanistic governance.

In contrast, the first commandment declares there is no authority higher than God. His Word is the ultimate truth, standard, and objective measure upon which society can be established. It is God alone Who grants life, gives purpose, and establishes order.

Through the Declaration of Independence our founding fathers so accurately and eloquently stated we *“are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights.”*



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## Defining and Defending Life

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR MAJOR ABORTION CASE //

December 1, 2021, is the date set by the United States Supreme Court to hear a Mississippi abortion case, known as *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization (JWHO)*, that has the potential to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Currently, the Supreme Court has said that states may intervene to make abortion illegal or restricted after the fetus reaches the point of viability, which is around 24 weeks. A 2018 Mississippi law challenged by JWHO, which operates the state’s only abortion clinic, made abortions illegal after 15 weeks. The Court will answer one question: Whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.

With the Court’s new, more conservative makeup, coupled with their decision in September to allow a Texas law that limits abortion to six weeks to go into effect, pro-life advocates are hopeful that the justices will rule in favor of Mississippi’s 15-week ban. A victory would open the door for pro-life state legislatures across the country to further limit abortions or even make abortion illegal in their state.

As believers, we know based on Scripture that life begins at conception and that abortion is the killing of innocent life. Tragically, since the passage of *Roe* in 1973, almost 63 million unborn babies have been murdered. Please pray daily that God would turn the hearts of the Supreme Court justices to allow states to end the slaughter and protect the lives of the unborn.

### CONSIDER THIS

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## Prayers of PROMINENT AMERICANS

*Our Father, we yearn for a better understanding of spiritual things, that we may know surely what Thy will is for us and for our Nation. Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for—because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything. Remind us, O God, that Thou hast not resigned. Harassed and troubled by the difficulties and uncertainties of the hour, we rest our minds on Thee, who dost not change. May it ever be in our minds as upon our coins that in God we trust. For Jesus' sake. Amen.*



**REV. PETER MARSHALL,  
CHAPLAIN OF THE U.S. SENATE**  
Friday, April 18, 1947



## SHINING LIGHT ON CAPITOL HILL

MINISTERING IN THE SHADOW OF THE NATION'S CAPITOL

As the colors of the season begin to change, Pastor Brad Wells is a man with renewed vision for reaching Capitol Hill with the Gospel. God is blessing the ministry and even their overflow areas are running out of space during Sunday services. A recent attendee left a wonderful compliment, "I feel like when I leave, I know the Bible better."

The pandemic has tested the resiliency of pastors and churches all around the country, but remember it is the Lord who builds the church. Our responsibility is to be faithful to the mission. After a significant and unexpected loss, David "encouraged himself in the Lord." Regardless of the circumstances your church may face, ask the Lord to renew your vision as a spiritual leader. We serve a God Who is powerful enough to meet the greatest needs in the darkest places.



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## PRESERVING OUR FREEDOM AND PROTECTING OUR NATION

PRAYING FOR THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES //

Although most Congressional offices are still conducting primarily virtual meetings, God is continuing to open doors for in-person meetings even with the extended restrictions. Most leaders and staffers are very excited when they are able to have in-person meetings.

In one of my in-person meetings, the leader explained how he is trying to preserve life and liberty every day. He is in the battle for freedom on the front lines. After listening to him share his burdens and exhaustion for fifteen minutes, the Lord prompted me to give a word of encouragement. After that, the leader requested prayer for obedience to his calling in Congress and for protection of him, his family, and office staff. The leader said that we live in a dark world and Christians need to shine as lights. God is the hope of our nation. Would you take a moment and please pray for this leader, his family, and his office staff?

While waiting to be escorted into a U.S. Senate Office Building, I was able to speak with a United States Capitol Police (USCP) officer for about ten minutes. The officer has worked for the USCP for more than a decade. I can sense unrest among the

USCP lately. At the beginning of our conversation, the officer's countenance towards me was cold. Towards the end of our short conversation, the door opened for me to give him my personal testimony of what Jesus has done for me. In explaining how Jesus gave me hope, worth, and purpose, I was able to share the Gospel with him. Before I left for my meeting inside, the officer welcomed a prayer of appreciation. After my prayer of appreciation, he softened towards me. Fast forward thirty minutes and upon exiting my meeting in the office building, that same officer expressed kindness towards me and readily received my contact card. Would you please pray for this officer to have strength, protection, and wisdom? Would you also pray for him to come to know Jesus?

We live in a blessed land and should thank God for the ones who are trying to preserve our freedoms and for the ones who protect our nation.



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# HOPE *from* HISTORY

A NATION BUILT ON TRUST

On March 3, 1865 the Speaker of the House adopted the phrase, *In God We Trust*. The last act of Congress signed by President Lincoln declared that *In God We Trust* be inscribed on all the national coins. These acts suggest it is essential for America to be reminded daily her trust must be in God and not in her economy.

Psalm 62:10, "Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them."

Psalm 49:6-7, "They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:"

America is the wealthiest of all the nations in the world which is a reflection of God's blessings as attested to in Isaiah 26:15a, "Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD."

America's wealth will greatly diminish if her trust in God decreases. Job 12:23, "He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again."



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