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"Truth for Our Times" ADA's Summer Conference - That God would be glorified

By Bill Johnson



600 people gathered at the Sunshine Community Church in Grand Rapids on Friday, July 26 to hear from three powerful speakers: Pastor Anthony E. Moore, Frank Gaffney and Gary Bauer.

ADA's July 26 summer conference has come and gone after months of planning and promotion. The evidences of God's hand being upon it was experienced throughout the process from the speakers, the location, the turnout and His blessing upon the event. As the conference began with our great friend, Bob Azkoul, leading us in singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness," we continue to see the Lord's faithfulness in our lives and in this ministry.

Here are a few take aways and thoughts regarding the event.

1. We are living in perilous times. There are many clear indications that America is in decline: economically, militarily, spiritually, morally.

2. So many of our fellow citizens seem oblivious to the causes behind America's decline for a wide variety of reasons, including: (a) they don't want to know because it's too painful to think about, (b) they are self-indulgent and therefore distracted by their screens, their "toys" and/or sports, (c) they are willfully blind - choosing to just ignore the facts and the truth - failing to connect the dots, (d) they are hardened by their sinful choices and just simply don't have eyes to see, (e) they are in solid agreement with the political agenda being set by our government leadership.

3. There are well-meaning people who are also oblivious to some of the reasons for the vulnerability of America. Many still are unaware of the insidious maneuverings of the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamists, (terrorists) who through years of deception, trickery, persuasion, maneuverings have made their way into the highest echelons of our government: ie. CIA, FBI, Pentagon, military, State Department, Department of Defense, the White House. 4. There are millions who want to think that those of us who are trying to give warning and informing are the extremists, or that we are conspiracy theorists.

5. If we read and study and pay attention to the realities facing us, we see that there are many countries throughout the world facing mounting economic, military, spiritual problems including the infiltration of Sharia adherents: Turkey, Egypt, Syria, France, Great Britain, Jordan, Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qutar, Canada, the U.S.

6. Politically in America, there is a growing realization that our U.S. Constitution is being ignored, skirted, tailored by our courts, legislators and the President. Those in high leadership positions who do desire to uphold the U.S. Constituion are derided, outvoted, and ridiculed. Examples include: U.S. Representatives Steve King, Louie Gohmert, Michelle Bachmann and U.S. Senators Ted Cruz and Mike Lee.

7. With truly conservative leadership ranks grossly outnumbered, our leaders are stymied in their ability to hold back homosexual rights and abortion, to contend for financial constraint, and to fight creeping government tyranny.

8. Gary Bauer, the head of American Values, spoke of a priest who told him that while he expected to die in his bed, he believed his successor would die in prison for his faith, and the one following him would die a martyr's death.

9. Gary also spoke of a godly Christian father who recently told him that it was concerning to him that as he was diligently teaching and discipling his children, he was preparing his children to one day be imprisoned because they were Christians merely practicing their faith.

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Pastor Anthony E. Moore, Pastor of the Carolina Missionary Baptist Church, Ft. Washington, MD

10. The messasge brought by Frank Gaffney, (president of Center for Security Policy) at the conference unfolded the threat that we face in America as Islamists infilitrate our institutions and gain influential positions in our government. His presentation alerted many to the undermining of America's national security and the U.S. military. [See: http://muslimbrotherhoodinamerica. com]

11. Gary Bauer and Pastor Anthony Moore offered commendation to our ADA for our labor of love in keeping the fires burning in our local area and beyond - even through the bringing in of outside speakers who are national observers, truth tellers, and activists.

12. As we came to the close of the conference, I had to make the difficult decision of foregoing a time for questions and answers as we were already running late. Consequently our evening came to an unorthodox conclusion.

As I was listening to our gifted speakers, I thought about how thankful I was for such men gifted, equipped, and called to give us spiritual perspective on the urgencies before us.

With the need to close out our event, I was overwhelmed as I sensed that I was to say what was, is, and has been on my heart - that what really motivates me to keep on fighting this uphill battle is my kids and grandkids.

So I asked my son Chris to bring his seven month old daughter, Reagan, to the front of the auditorium. With her beautiful eyes and regular smile and charm, she looked up at me and I wept as I laid out my concluding thoughts praising God for these men and the importance of warning and educating us, but calling out to all of us to lead our loved ones to be TRUE lovers of and followers of Jesus Christ.

I look into my grandchildren's eyes and I'm burdened with the desire that these young lives will know Him and follow Him. It is vital that we mentor, teach, guard, gird and show them the Lord Jesus Christ through our words and our lives.



Bill Johnson with his granddaughter, Reagan

As a final note to the evening, my dear friend Pastor Ralph Houston led the audience in singing "Christ Shall Have Dominion," before he closed in prayer and a benediction. These words from that hymn are an important reminder that no matter how discouraging the times are, the Lord God <u>is</u> Sovereign over all. May we be faithful servants as He unfolds His purposes.



Christ shall have dominion over land and sea, earth's remotest regions shall His empire be; they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring, kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.



Frank Gaffney - Founder/President Center for Security Policy



Gary Bauer - Founder/President American Values



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Responses from our conference



You and your staff are to be commended on the outstanding conference you sponsored. Thank you to all of you for the education you are providing to residents of West MI. All of the speakers were outstanding.

... Blessings to all of you, L.D.

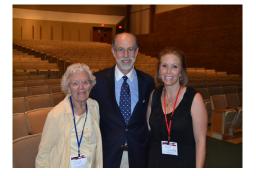
Hi Bill,

I just wanted to drop you a note of encouragement. Your ADA event at Sunshine Church was outstanding as it brought a keen mix of insightful leaders together. It was delightful to see more parents and grandparents bringing their young loved ones to take note of the serious hour in which we find ourselves. Thank you for serving our Lord and loving your neighbor. Keep advancing truth enveloped in love to the next generation. Blessings, K.C.

Well done American Decency Team! Excellent evening. Onward and Forward! D.V.

We need a game plan for action to take back our nation for God, our wives, husbands, children, future generations until Christ returns. D.J.

This was a tremendous blessing. Thank you. G.B.



Very good – even though some bad news. God is in control. R B

Bill,

Last night was filled with spirit and information. ... You do great work Bill. Reagan is a beautiful little girl, and a great reason to push forward. God bless you and yours. P.C.

Awesome conference with great speakers. Thank you Bill for all your work! L.B-S.



Thank you for giving us hope by fighting for the truth. I did not know exactly how desperate a situation our nation was in. C. J.

Thank you, Bill! Excellent program. Thank you for your efforts and



Wonderful. Expecially the very much needed warning about Islam. In general people don't see this big danger!! – Diet Eman [pictured bottom left]

Bill,

What a wonderful evening last night at the Truth for our Times conference! It was well worth the drive. I left more motivated than ever to encourage people to understand the times in which we live.

We want to get the word out about your time with us on August 11th. ... Thank you for your faithfulness and perseverance. P.J.

[Note: ADA's Bill Johnson will be speaking on Sunday, August 11 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd, Fenton, Michigan, at 6:00 pm.] I can't wait for the next event. Thank you for all you do. God bless you! Praying for you and your ministry. B.K.

commitment to God and our

country. God bless you! K.D.

I enjoyed every moment and

learned a lot from each speaker.

I am so grateful for men like Bill Johnson and each speaker tonight. ... S.B.

Continue to inform and educate us of what we need to know about our freedom being destroyed. [Anonymous]

"I wish everyone in America could have attended last night's summer conference hosted by the American Decency Association. Gary Bauer, Frank Gaffney, and Pastor Anthony E. Moore hit home the TRUTH of the state of America. It was downright SCARY, as Muslim extremists are patiently and progressively infiltrating our country with a goal to take it over. Between that and the moral depravity and relativism we are not only embracing but promoting, America will crumble and lose her freedom. It's not nice to think about... but if we don't face it, what will life be like for our children? I shudder to think. Thank you Bill Johnson for working tirelessly for what is decent and honorable...it is an honor to call you a friend and to "war on" beside you!" C.C.

Is your local library laying the groundwork for Sharia in your community?





Susan L. Douglas, has taught material that condemns Jews and Christians as infidels

Recently a friend gave me an article from their hometown newspaper announcing that their local library received a \$4,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association to host a five-part reading and discussion series titled "Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys."

It's an Islamic "Dawa" project that should at least be questioned as an example of violation of the establishment clause since NEH has not conducted anything even remotely similar for other religions. Dawa means evangelistic. It's a subtle Islamic evangelistic project.

Nationwide 800 libraries have received a curricula and programming on Islam with a mandate to "educate" (i.e. propagandize) a community about Islam.

"Libraries that participate in the government program will receive 25 books about the Islam, along with films and access to the Oxford Islamic Studies Online. The libraries will also be required to host community discussions about the Muslim faith and culture."

I sought out the help of the Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C. and they were already fully aware of this nationwide Dawa project.

One of things pointed out to me was in regard to two of the contributors: Arsalan Iftikar and Susan L. Douglas. Arsalan Iftikar, previously National Legal Director of CAIR, [see <u>http://archive.frontpagemag.</u> com/readArticle_aspx?ARTID=33051] is

on the staff of this sponsoring organization at GMU for the NEH library project. As many of you are aware by now, CAIR is a front group for the Muslim Brotherhood in America.

Susan L. Douglas is also a contributor to the venture - Muslim Journey.

"Douglas is responsible for teaching millions of American children about Islam, experts say, while operating in relative obscurity.

WorldNetDaily has learned that up until last year Douglass taught social studies at the Islamic Saudi Academy in Alexandria, Va., which teaches Wahhabism through textbooks that condemn Jews and Christians as infidels and enemies of Islam. Her husband, Usama Amer, still teaches at the grades 2-12 school, a spokeswoman there confirmed. ..."

http://www.wnd.com/2004/05/24442/

Here is more on the whole program:

"Library and community programs: In return for receiving a Bookshelf, libraries are required to organize programs that introduce the books and the Muslim Journeys themes to the library's patrons and the broader community. Successful applicants will receive their Muslim Journeys collections in January 2013, and programs will take place between January 14, 2013, and December 31, 2013. In addition to the books, films, and other resources listed above, libraries will also receive supplementary materials for program promotion, including bookplates, bookmarks, and posters. Very soon after distribution of the Bookshelves, NEH plans to announce support for additional programs that engage public audiences in discussions based on these materials. The shape of these programs is still to be determined. Support for the development and distribution of the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was provided by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York <u>http://</u> carnegie.org/, with additional support for the arts and media components from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art [http://www.ddfia.org/]."

Desiring to get a sense of what kinds of material, the local libraries would be getting, ADA's Bill Johnson perused a movie entitled "Koran by Heart" (directed by Greg Barker, produced by HBO documentary films, 2011). In the nearly 80 minute movie, a young boy asked his father why he had to memorize the Koran. The father answered that Islam is a religion of peace; that the Koran is a vehicle of peace. The country where the boy and his father live is a breeding ground for terrorism not a land of peace. The movie is a propaganda piece crafted to give an impression of beauty and grace when instead it is an opening salvo of Dawa (evangelism for Islamism).

A Center for Security Policy spokesperson stated it this way:

Imagine if Nazism were getting "equal time" to do an NEH-funded project (to balance out programs on classical liberalism, the Enlightenment, marxism, etc), with speaking engagements guaranteed at local libraries for NeoNazi groups, with revisionist books provided to 800 lucky libraries denying the Holocaust and discussing how Europeans embraced Nazism willingly during the 30s and 40s.

Check out the following web page. It lists each state and shows which libraries across the nation have bought into the "Muslim Journey" DAWA program.

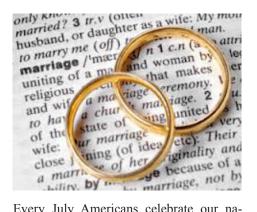
http://www.neh.gov/files/press-release/mjbookshelf-winners.pdf

Here is a very short list of a list of libraries in Michigan using the "Muslim Journey" materials:

Allen Park Public Library Ferris State University Canton Public Library Branch District Library East Lansing Public library Michigan State University Libraries Ecorse Public Library Mott Community College Loutit District Library Davenport University Grand Rapids Community College

A New Dawn for the Defense of Marriage

By Tony Perkins - President, Family Research Council



Every July Americans celebrate our nation's founding, but our founders would barely recognize today's America. Freedom, Alexis de Tocqueville once said, requires virtue. On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court made it clear that the pillars of both are under attack. By a single vote, five unelected justices determined that they know better than God and struck at the heart of marriage in America.

Writing for the majority in the Defense of Marriage Act decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy insisted that defining marriage as the union of a man and woman - as nations have since the beginning of time – is "to impose a disadvantage, a separate status, and so a stigma upon all who enter into same-sex marriages made lawful by the unquestioned authority of the States." It is one thing, Justice Antonin Scalia fired back, "for a society to elect change; it is another for a court of law to impose change by adjudging those who oppose it [are] enemies of the human race." Chief Justice John Roberts agreed, writing that the definition of marriage wasn't driven by a "sinister motive" but by its "role and function throughout the history of civilization."

The Court can declare same-sex "marriage" a legal right in the eyes of government, but judges cannot make it morally right in the hearts of the people. This is an institution that carries God's own signature. Even absent any faith, the natural order proves the only successful model for civilization is natural marriage. In California, voters already understood what was at stake. In two separate referendums, they flooded the ballots for marriage, winning a constitutional amendment in 2008 in the largest state in America. For five years, the Left has battled to tear down this monument to democracy and the natural family. California Governor Jerry Brown, ignoring his people – and the law - refused to defend the amendment in court. Left without options, the proponents of Proposition 8 took it upon themselves to protect it.

The Supreme Court, in a profoundly disturbing decision, ruled that these voters lacked the standing to represent a state amendment that more than 7,000,000 Californians passed. The Proposition 8 decision sets a disturbing precedent for a nation of sovereign people.

Fortunately, conservative leaders across our country aren't about to stand by as the Court abandons the cornerstone of American government. In interview after interview, tweet after tweet, the message echoed from governor's mansions to congressional floors: we are not giving up. It started with Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) and flooded the wires since then. "No man, not even a Supreme Court, can undo what a holy God has instituted." Rep. Tim Huelskamp (R-Kans.) vowed to lead the fight for a Federal Marriage Amendment. Governor Mike Pence (R-Ind.) said he would use today's rulings as motivation to work even harder for a state marriage amendment.

The Left will say that we are on the wrong side of history, but that doesn't matter if we're on the right side of truth. And the truth is that the love of a man and woman, for life, is God's design for marriage and family. Forty years ago, many people thought as some might today – that the battle for life was lost. Over time, our movement and technology helped to change people's hearts and minds to a new understanding of the sanctity of the unborn child. And we will do it again. As more Americans see and feel the erosion of religious liberty, of parental rights, of children's innocence, and of conscience rights, their opinions will no longer be swayed by emotions and popular opinion – but by the

reality of the fundamental harm that samesex "marriage" poses to society.

Are these rulings demoralizing? Definitely. But we will not let a court's definition of marriage define us. Someday – years from now – when law students are memorizing this date and its importance in American history, what will they say about our movement? That it united together and changed the conversation on marriage? That it refused to quit until it transformed state and federal laws? Hopefully, they will say that you and I stood on truth – and restored marriage and the Author of marriage to their rightful place in American policy.

<u>Consider the following short list</u> of what may be in our future :

1. Hate crime laws will be increasingly instituted and enforced. Will pastors be prosecuted for preaching what God's Word says regarding homosexuality and refusing to perform same sex "marriage" ceremonies?

2. Homosexuality will be a protected class by the government. Christian school teachers and administrators, pastors, business owners, etc. could be charged with discrimination if they speak out against or refuse to embrace homosexuality and same-sex marriage.

3. Churches and Christian ministries could easily lose their tax-exempt, non-profit status as they call homosexuality what it is - SIN.

4. God will not bless a nation that puts a stamp of approval upon that which he calls an abomination. The evidences of God's displeasure are evident and becoming more so with each passing day.

Sister Wives is back on TLC – Take Action!

by Lisa Van Houten



"The law can't dictate who we love." "We believe consenting adults should be with who they want."

Where have we heard that rationalization before? Actually these statements aren't from a homosexual activist advocating for gay marriage, but were quotes from the 2010 premiere episode of the cable TV show "Sister Wives."

When "Sister Wives" premiered on TLC three years ago, we wrote: "Every argument that is used for the acceptance of gay marriage can also be applied to polygamy or any combination of group marriage. ... And while some may say this one obscure television show won't singlehandedly undermine traditional marriage – it certainly is a step in that direction. Twenty years ago we wouldn't have envisioned the fight we face against those pushing for gay marriage. What will we face twenty years from now?"

We're 17 years shy of that 20 year prediction and with the immense attack upon marriage we've seen just in the last three years, I don't think it will take 20 years to see the push for the legalization of polygamy. The wind has been sown and as a nation we are reaping the whirlwind.

Last month the U.S. Supreme Court undermined the vote of the people (in regards to Proposition 8) and the vote of the people's representatives (regarding DOMA - the Defense of Marriage Act). In so doing, the attack upon the biblical institution of marriage was ratcheted up. As many Christian leaders have warned, defining marriage as anything other than a union of one man and one woman will open the door not only to gay marriage, but also to polygamy and any assortment of group marriage.

With "Sister Wives" returning to TLC for its fourth season, the push to normalize and accept polygamy is even more pronounced.

The latest episode included polygamist husband Kody Brown and his four wives selling wares from a family business at a Utah expo. TLC interviewed several passers-by at the expo asking about their views of polygamy.

Most of the comments were in opposition to polygamy, such as: "I don't think it's very good for the children ... I don't think it's right morally." And: "I think it's wrong. Because of what they're teaching the kids that's it's okay to have so many wives. I think it's wrong."

And this truth-teller, who stated: "Polygamy is not a religion. It's a domineering, creepy way for old men to marry young women. I have no respect for them whatsoever. I think there's a lot of really creepy things that go on there." However, TLC added another quote from this same woman that suspiciously seemed to be cut and taken out of context by TLC as she added: "I hate them."

These "negative" comments were used by the show to portray the poor polygamists as persecuted and victimized by such "intolerance" and "hate."

Kody, the polygamist "husband," defended their lifestyle to the camera stating:

"I'm a little angry at those standing in judgment over me. I'm honestly actually sick and tired of standing here cap in hand asking for their approval.

It's an easy lifestyle to defend scripturally. I'm really tired of people trying to thump their Bibles at me and say that I'm wrong. I know darn well that all the cool guys in the Old Testament were the ones that had more than one wife and Jesus never condemned those guys. Give me a break, *'cause I'm tired of asking for your permission."*

Easy to defend scripturally??? Not according to the Bible. When God ordained marriage, He only gave one wife to Adam. While God's Word gives examples of sinful man going against God's design, that doesn't legitimize sin – it only points us to the need of a Savior. Solomon having multiple wives doesn't condone polygamy, just as David's tryst with Bathsheba doesn't condone adultery.

NBC's Today Show, which has often given the polygamist Brown family a platform to indoctrinate viewers with a sympathetic portrayal of polygamy, featured this interview with the Brown's.

... TODAY.com recently spoke to Browns about that and asked them how they felt about encountering such rejection.

"I just feel like we live in a world of diversity, and we've chosen how to structure our family," Kody explained. "And we are not pushing it on other people. We don't even push it on our children."

It's a live-and-let-live attitude he'd like to see from others.

"We kind of anticipate that we'd really appreciate the same kind of tolerance," Kody said.

Things are much different back in their new hometown of Las Vegas. There, the family has found tolerance.

"It's been the land of opportunity," Christine told TODAY.com. "I know that seems weird when you talk about Vegas. We usually refer to it as Sin City, but because of the diversity of the culture, it's actually worked in our benefit...."

Sin City might accept polygamy, but as of yet our culture hasn't. How long that lasts partially depends on if God's people will boldly stand in defense of His design for marriage.

Feeling Patriotic?

by Chris Johnson



Even as we celebrated the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence last month, many of us have been concerned that we have lost many of the freedoms we celebrate.

We think, most recently, of the Supreme Court's decision on homosexual marriage which threatens our First Amendment rights to free speech and free exercise of religion. Then there is the newly revealed information regarding the NSA's disturbing access to citizens' phone records and metadata. And the FBI's wiretapping of journalists. And the Benghazi cover-up.

Long story short, it is becoming less easy to trust a government that supposedly is "by the people" and "for the people."

But, we still love this country. We look at the history and heritage of our nation. We study the vision that America's founders had for men and women to be free to worship God and better their situation. We can see all the ways that America has made the world a better place through technology and medicine and information and, even more so, through the blood that Americans have left on foreign soil to help others win freedom, too. In spite of its flaws, America is worth celebrating, and we long for a day when we can accomplish great things again.

What is frustrating is to know what America needs to be great again, not just economically or militarily, but morally. Yet, we see that our leaders are doing the exact opposite. Our borders are wide open, leaving us open to attack; we no longer motivate people to work hard and be the best they can be, we just hand them a check; we kill unwanted babies with the excuse that, because they are still in the womb, they don't have the most basic human right - life; and now we have taken it upon ourselves to attempt to reengineer God's design for marriages.

And what can we do? We get to vote once every four years, but the country is already barely recognizable from only a few years ago. We can accost our friends and neighbors with depressing news, hoping that inspires them to get involved, but that often just results in them avoiding us in the grocery store.

Of course it's important to vote and to inform our peers, but that can only be so effective.

It's my belief that we neglect the most effective tool we have, or we pin it onto the end of the list, because we're Christians and we have to say it somewhere.

And, of course, I mean prayer. How many times have we heard or said, "Well, all we can do is pray."

All we can do is pray? We have a direct line to literally the only Person who can make the radical changes we fight for in culture, but, somehow, talking to Him is often done only as an obligation.

Exodus tells us tells us time and again how God softened and hardened Pharaoh's heart as Moses pled with him to let God's people go.

Do we believe that God has less control of our leaders' hearts than He did of Pharaoh's three thousand years ago? Or how about Nebucadnezzar whom God caused to live like a wild animal, eating grass and sleeping on the ground? When he was restored, Nebucadnezzar certainly learned this lesson.

"All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and He does according to His will among the host of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth." (Daniel 5:35) God is in control. He's the only one who can change the fate of a nation, and he does so when the people turn to Him.

Consider Ninevah! It was doomed to the same fate as Sodom and Gommorah until what happened? Until they voted in an antiidolatry king? No, they were doomed until they repented. And the most beautiful thing is, when the people of Ninevah repented, "from the greatest of them to the least of them," the king did, too (Jonah 3:5-9).

God sent many prophets to His people before He handed them over to the pagan nations, and he didn't send them to just get signatures on petitions or win their support for the heir to the throne. He sent them to call His people to repentance.

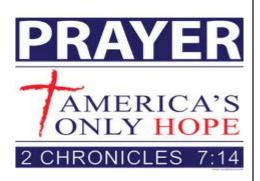
So am I saying that we should give up our "salt and light" activism? Should we wave the white flag in the battle for biblical marriage; give up our efforts to enact pro-life legislation; just turn off our televisions (as our critics tell us to do) and not speak out about the flood of filth impacting our neighbors and our culture? Of course not!

God <u>is</u> the only one who can change a nation; however He often unfolds His purposes through the works of man. There is a saying we've frequently repeated here at ADA: *"God doesn't call us to be successful, but to be faithful."* Faithful in prayer – as well as in service.

Christians in this nation have to ask ourselves two questions, are we truly living for God so that our neighbors see His glory through us? Because if we're not, we need to repent ourselves. And if so, are we praying to God because that's what Christians do or because God is the only one who is "able to do more than [we] can ask or imagine?" Are we living and praying like we truly believe that?

This is as much a challenge to me as it is to any readers. I have done a pitiful job of praying for our nation as I should, and I

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certainly have often not been a reflector of God's character in my life. I'm sure there are a lot of readers who are humble saints and real prayer warriors for America, but I think I'm not the only one who has had a very upside down perspective on praying for our country and its leadership. And, by His grace, I intend to do better.

So if you find yourself at the corner of feeling patriotic and mourning for the direction the nation is going, talk to the Only One who can do something about it. And also ask yourself if you're doing everything you can do to work with Him for His purpose - as salt and light in a decaying, darkened world.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14



"For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature." (Romans 1:26).

"Dishonorable passions" is an apt description of the salacious ABC program, *Mistresses*. A recent episode began with an explicit scene of one of the "mistresses" in bed with a man. Later in the episode, this same woman was shown in a lesbian scene erotically kissing a female friend.

When her brother-in-law is critical of her lack of values, she states: "The lesson I learned is not to be the boring straight person whose conventional values never bring them any happiness."

This is also the "lesson" taught to viewers by this show – that the "conventional values" of marriage, commitment, and monogamy don't bring happiness. A meaningless roll in the hay is more "exciting," according to ABC's Mistresses, than to love and to cherish, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, until parted by death.

In addition to sending the message that fidelity and traditional values are the source of unhappiness, ABC also takes time to disrespect the faith of millions - "I want to meet the pope so I can punch him in the face."- is said by the one woman who, until this episode, was the only one portrayed with a modicum of decency. By the end of the episode, she, too, is in bed with a man she barely knows.

These tawdry and offensive themes are empowered by the advertisers listed. We encourage you to personally contact them and express your disgust with their sponsorship of a show that is such an assault upon marriage and family.

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