

We stand at the precipice in our great land! There is much that we can do but will we?

By Bill Johnson

As we move toward the close of another year, we must prayerfully consider what we can do to best make a difference in 2012 - which promises to be one of the most contentious years in the life of our nation.

Ultimately, the power still lies with we, the people. We still get to choose who makes the important decisions that will end up in our children's history books. Will those books tell of the fall of America or of its restoration?

Consider the following facts, brought to our attention by WallBuilders.

- In every state in the nation, self-identified conservatives outnumber self-identified liberals; and in 25 of the states, conservatives outnumbered liberals 2 to 1. Overall, 42% of voters self-identified as conservative, and 20% as liberal - a 22% gap.

If that's the case, why doesn't our government reflect those numbers? Some say that our government is reflective of the American culture. David Barton of WallBuilders says **"No. The government reflects those who vote them there and keep them in office."** So if Christians don't vote, or if they don't vote Biblical values, it isn't Biblical values that will be prevailing.

WallBuilders gives several examples of this:

- 91% of Americans support prohibiting federal courts from removing "Under God" from the pledge, but only 60% of House Members voted for it.

The Bible tells us when the righteous rule the people rejoice. When the wicked rule, the people groan.

The only way the righteous rule is that the righteous have to go and vote for them to get into office. ...



If Christian values don't show up, guess what you and I are going to get? A whole lot less Christian values and beliefs in the officials we have. ...

And, it's not like we are a small group in America. Quite literally back in 2000, there were 60 million evangelicals in America. Only 15 million evangelicals voted in 2000. So some 3 out of 4 serious Christians didn't even vote in 2000.

24 million are not even registered to vote. That still runs pretty close today. 30 to 40% of church members are still not registered today - even more than a decade later. ...

I should also tell you in 2006, we actually had a national poll that showed that 72% of the nation said that marriage should be between one man and one woman. Guess what? Only 10% of the Senate thought that. It should have been 7 of the 10. Yeah, you're right. There's a lesson: Congress never reflects the values of the people in the country. Congress only reflects those who voted in the last election.

We didn't vote they did. One of things that came out of the 2006 election is this radical homosexual agenda that started moving forward on homosexual issues. Employment

Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), Hate Crimes saying we're going to do special things to raise homosexuals above all other people. ...

*How did that become such a big agenda item in 2006? Real easy. When you look at homosexual voter turnout in 2006, among homosexual men that voted:
92.5% of homosexual men voted
91% of lesbian women voted*

The Christian vote was down 30% in 2006.

Congress reflects the values of those who get involved in any given election.

In 2008, we did see an uptake in Christian voter turnout. It was up to 66%. [Of the] 60 million evangelicals in America, we went from 28.9 million voters in 2004 to 20.5 million voters in 2006 to 34.1 in 2008.

It was the largest turnout of Christians up to that point in modern history. That's good news because when Christians show up to vote we get good stuff in the way of House and Senate.

However, only 23 of 57 representatives elected are pro-life - 40%. In the Senate that year (2008), we had only 2 out of 14 that were pro-life. I thought when Christian showed up we had better results? What happened? Evangelical Christians went to vote but they didn't carry their values.

Looking back in 2004, 42% of Americans voted the way they did because of abortion. In 2008, only 6% voted in regard to the life issue. Only 3% about marriage.

We just didn't carry our values with us. What we cared about in 2008 was the economy.

As a result, we have seen a weakening of marriage from Congress in ways we would never have imagined.



From the desk of Bill Johnson

This is a faith-based ministry

For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. [2 Timothy 1:7]

God has made His calling clear to me and shown His hand in my life and in this ministry since before its inception in the mid 1980s.

Some things in our lives can be somewhat predictable such as schooling, getting a job, gaining in maturity and responsibility, as well as the everyday joys and sorrows of life.

As there are seasons in our life - childhood, adolescence, adulthood, mid-life, senior - there are seasons in ministry life as well.

In ministry, there are a few things that are needed for there to be longevity of ministry service. There must be a calling.

I have never doubted that God called me because there was a growing hunger that God would see fit to somehow use me. While teaching in public schools for eighteen years starting first in 1969 through June 1988 that sense of calling grew in urgency for the last eleven years of my teaching career. I felt a regular sense of His presence in my life stirring me as I sang hymns of the faith, heard sermons, developed a deep and meaningful devotional life, and as I began to memorize scripture.

It has often been said that God enables, equips and sustains those whom He calls.

God has been faithful. He has been so faithful to me through the power of His Holy Spirit by way of His comfort, counsel, peace, anointing, instruction, reproof, conviction, and empowerment.

God has sustained me by supporting me with numbers of godly, faithful, wise individuals on our ministry board who have stood with me through thick and thin from this ministry's very inception up to the present time and I trust – by His grace – into the future.

God has sustained and strengthened me by way of a number of persons who have served with me as staff. I am currently supported by a staff that labors faithfully, graciously, but also with wisdom, professionalism, and godliness. A support staff that shares in a calling from the Lord.

And then God has bewildered us and amazed us by His incredible grace, faithfulness and love through the undergirding of a solid core of financial supporters who enable us to see His faithfulness and who demonstrate through their support that the Lord's calling and anointing remain upon us and this ministry as we seek to do God's will and the work that He has called us to every day!

However, we are under no illusions. This is God's work. We desire to be God's people. We fully understand that without His touch upon His people whom He motivates, stirs, and encourages to support us, we would be done.

This IS a faith-based ministry! We recognize our dependency upon the hand of God! What a great privilege but also what a responsibility to represent Him well.

As we close out another year, we recognize that most of us have many challenges. We know because we hear from some of you who are hurting, have loved ones with significant health issues, some who have lost loved ones, lost a job, and the list goes on.

The giving trends over recent months reflect embattlement. Giving in recent months has been in significant decline.

However, in faith, we are asking God for yet another display of His grace and affirmation. As God leads, your support would be especially helpful as we continue to engage the culture and the church in these days of societal/moral/financial decline.



Our recent event showing the powerful DVD "One Nation Under God" was a huge success with many people expressing great enthusiasm for the program.

This presentation deals with America's Christian heritage, sharing little-known facts about the Christian patriot pastors whose faith shaped the foundation of our nation, and speaks to the great need to stand up and to get involved in the political process today, voting and helping to get out the vote.

Featured speakers included David Barton, Dr. James Dobson, and other tremendous presenters. Page one of this newsletter gives just a small sampling of the powerful information from this DVD.

The response to this 2 hour event was overwhelming! Those who saw it stated they would enthusiastically encourage friends and family to view it as well.

The good news is that you can receive a complimentary copy of "One Nation Under God" to view for yourself and to show to friends, family, and church groups!

United in Purpose, the producers of this powerful presentation, have given us at American Decency Association permission to duplicate the "One Nation Under God" DVD and distribute it to our friends and supporters.

I urge you to order a copy of this free DVD. All we ask for is the cost of duplicating and shipping of a modest \$3.00.

I'm not over exaggerating. This DVD is a must see and must share!!!!

To order the DVD "One Nation Under God" fill out the enclosed response card or call us at 1-888-733-2326 and stand with us as God leads you, dear friend. View this DVD with loved ones. Let it serve as a reminder of what's at stake.

ALL-AMERICAN MUSLIM

Written by Chris Johnson

TLC's new show "All-American Muslim" – where to start? The show, which premiered Sunday, November 13, follows five families in Dearborn, Michigan as they attempt to blend their Muslim tradition with the American lifestyle.

With a title like "All American Muslim," TLC clearly is not following around a group of fanatic Jihadists who make bombs in their basement and kill their daughter when she leaves the faith.

The point of the show is obviously to familiarize the American people with the Muslim faith – to give the often violent religion a kind and lovable face. The ironic thing is, if all Muslims were like these families, everything would be just fine and dandy. Muslims would not be feared any more than Jehovah's Witnesses – maybe even less, because Muslims don't go door to door handing out weird pamphlets.

The problem arises when you consider that, while there are moderate Muslims who love this country and do try to integrate, there are plenty more who would like nothing more than to see "the great Satan" bow its head in submission to Allah or slide into the sea.

Most of the families TLC selected to follow are not "hardcore" Muslims. In fact, one of the short-tight-dress-wearing Muslim women, Nadia, even mentions that "other Muslims might not think she is Muslim enough." She doesn't wear the traditional head covering, the hijab, because she doesn't "feel the need to express her religion through her dress."

She also wants to open a club that serves alcohol. Her business partner – she is a party planner – disapproves of her idea because she is a woman and traditionally women stay home with their family. She also notes that her mom would be "p-ssed."

During the first episode, another Muslim woman – Shadia – wants to marry an Irish Catholic guy - Jeff – that she met at the bar

she used to work at. (FYI, Islam does not allow alcohol, this is even noted during the show). If they want her father's blessing, though, he must first convert to Islam.

The guy basically comes right out and says, "I'm doing this so we can all get along." The decision causes his mom more turmoil than it does him. Is that what's meant by "All American Muslim" I wonder? Someone who can change their system of beliefs on a whim to make his in-laws happy?

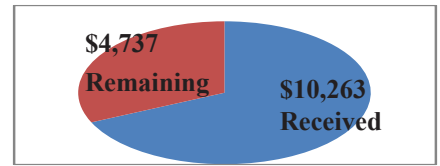
This man's soon-to-be brother and sister-in-law are more traditional. His fiancé's sister wears a hijab and expresses disapproval of Muslim women who don't. His fiancé's brother shows some apprehension about his brother-in-law's conversion. "[You] can't convert and adapt it to [your] life... Islam is a religion and you either follow it or you don't."

While there were some elements of this show that were somewhat alarming – i.e. a man being forced to convert to Islam to marry his Muslim bride and a public school following Islamic law by holding football practice at night during the Islamic period of Ramadan – I'm not afraid that these families are going to bomb a stadium or a shopping mall.

What I am afraid of is that people will look at these families who are trying to maintain aspects of their culture while becoming a part of America and will forget that, while these may be perfectly warm and fuzzy people, there are many others who take the Koran more literally when it says "I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them, (Quran 8:12)."

Muslims who want to assimilate into American society, not change it, should be welcomed with open arms. Unfortunately there are many people of their religion who want to convert or destroy us "infidels." That's not bigotry or racism, or prejudice - it's fact. And we can't afford to forget it.

Please take advantage of a new match challenge!



We are ever so grateful for the \$15,000 match challenge extended to us again this year by an anonymous donor! These year end challenges are extremely important to us as we finish out a year. Meeting this year's challenge is perhaps as important as any we have ever had extended to us.

The extra support that this money generates helps give us a much needed push to launch us into another new year. We all know how tight money has been across our great nation and in our beleaguered state of Michigan.

It's not an easy challenge as it appeals to individuals who have not given to this ministry for quite awhile to stand with us again. It also challenges those who have given recently to give over and above what they gave last year.

Our anonymous donor has faithfully challenged friends and supporters of this ministry to get behind us so that we would be strengthened. We are grateful for the challenge.

If you are in a position to stand with us financially would you please prayerfully consider supporting our work to help us meet this challenge? Thank you for doing whatever you can do!

Here are the details of the challenge:

We will again offer a matching grant of up to \$15,000 under the following conditions;

1. All new money received between 9/1/11 and 12/31/11
2. New money is any money received from someone who has not given since 1/1/10 or who gives more in 2011 vs 2010 (but only for the amount given after 9/1/11). (Eg. If someone gave 200 in 2010 and 300 in 4/11 and 400 in 9/11, we will match 400)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Glee's Destructive Song and Dance

by: Lisa Van Houten



Recently, FOX TV aired the much-hyped episode of *Glee*, entitled "The First Time." This episode centered on a high school girl losing her virginity with her boyfriend as well as two high school homosexual boys also having sex for the first time.

Some reviewers lauded this episode glorifying teenage sex for its "tasteful" depiction. Such as this writer from tvfanatic.com: "...if you tune in to be taken deeper into the teenager world, to watch a show that sometimes tries to deliver a message more than a joke, to have a serious experience... then you probably have a satisfied smile on your face right about now. ..."

If Glee is going to tackle the issue of losing one's virginity straight (or gay!) on, this is how it should be done."

And then there were other TV reviewers who actually seemed to be disappointed because the sex wasn't graphic enough!

However, the issue isn't how explicit the sex scenes were – as the gushing reviewer writes above – it's the message delivered to millions of teen and pre-teen viewers. And the message perpetuated by *Glee* is that teens who wait to have sex (let alone until marriage) are freaks and weird oddities of nature.

In this episode one student, shocked to find out two of his classmates are still virgins, convinces them that losing their virginity will make them better performers in the school musical, stating: "How do you expect to convey the human experience to an audience when you haven't even opened yourself up to (the) most basic and primal one?"

The girl who ultimately loses her virginity seeks advice from other girls beforehand.

Yet, even though statistics show that in the "real" world at least half of teens are abstinent, this one lone girl is the only one in the group who hadn't yet engaged in promiscuous sex. As one of these girls tells her: "Losing my virginity was a great experience for me ..."

What irresponsible message is this conveying to vulnerable young people tuning in to *Glee*, a show with a fan base of millions? Instead of using their influence to at least portray abstinence as a positive choice in a culture rampant with teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the negative and harmful consequences that often result, *Glee* and other teen-based shows throw their young audience under the proverbial bus, profiting from them while they contribute to their downfall and abasement.

One of the greatest dangers of *Glee* is the fact that the seductive messages of the show are mixed in with the entertaining song and dance performances, numbing viewers – especially young, impressionable ones – to the often subtle, indoctrinating ideas they're absorbing.

While teens are not even considered mature enough to make a decision to legally get tattoos or piercings without parental permission, *Glee* mocks the idea that kids may not have an understanding of the consequences of such a monumental, irreversible step as becoming sexually active. Instead of supporting the fact that it is in the best interest of teens to practice abstinence, *Glee* creators treat kids as if they are beasts in heat and sends the message that sex has no more significance than a handshake.

And then there's the whole issue of the promotion and legitimization of homosexuality among teens on *Glee* – not only giving viewers messages in acceptance of any and all lifestyles, but also depicting several male on male kissing scenes, discussions of sex, as well as showing the two boys in bed together.

These types of themes on *Glee* shouldn't come as a surprise since *Glee*'s creator,

Ryan Murphy, has made clear his agenda to push illicit sexuality on our youth and erode television standards even further, having stated:

"It is tough to get that sexual point of view across on television. Hopefully I have made it possible for somebody on broadcast television to do a rear-entry scene in three years. Maybe that will be my legacy."

And by choosing to align with *Glee* with their advertising dollars, the corporations sponsoring *Glee* empower these ideas and themes.

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Brace The Gates

By Chris Johnson



There is a scene in the movie “The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers” that reading today’s news reminds me of.

In it, King Theoden is holding the small fortress of Helm’s Deep, previously thought to be impenetrable, against a horde of tens of thousands of orcs which have broken through the outer wall and now push against the gate of the keep.

Inside the keep is the castle and inside the castle hides every civilian woman, child, and old person – all that’s left of an entire civilization. A few scenes earlier in the movie, one of the main characters, Aragorn, tells King Theoden that the orc army is “bred for a single purpose – to destroy the race of men.”

Several times the movie cuts back to show the people inside the castle, listening to the sounds of the battle outside, hearing what seems to be their impending doom.

With that image in mind, consider a few of the following new stories.

“Do Crosses at Catholic University Violate ‘Human Rights’ of Muslims?(Fox News)”

The Washington, D.C. Office of Human Rights confirmed that it is investigating allegations that Catholic University violated the human rights of Muslim students by not allowing them to form a Muslim student group and by not providing them rooms without Christian symbols for their daily prayers.

The investigation alleges that Muslim students “must perform their prayers surrounded by symbols of Catholicism – e.g., a wooden crucifix, paintings of Jesus, pictures of priests and theologians which many Muslim students find inappropriate.”

“Reversal: Girl Scouts to Allow Transgender 7-year-old to Join”

“The Girl Scouts have had a change of heart about a transgender boy. They initially rejected a seven-year-old boy who identifies as a girl because he had “boy parts.”

“Exec for Nashville’s Hutton Hotel confirms that it canceled anti-jihad conference over threats of violence from Islamic supremacists (Jihad Watch)”

“Lesbian parents taking ‘error to extreme degree’ (One News Now)”

“A Christian activist laments that a California lesbian couple is defending their decision to allow their young, adopted son to undergo a sex-change operation.”

It’s easy to see the parallel between America and Helm’s Deep. Our country was founded on Christian principles and God has blessed us so much that it’s hard to imagine America falling to the enemy’s hordes. But it is happening. And like the orcs, this army has been bred for a single purpose. You don’t see popular culture attacking Muslims or Buddhists. Christianity is the target.

Let’s look back at the movie.

As the monsters hack at the door with axes and bring up a battering ram, Theoden shouts orders to all of his soldiers, “Brace the Gates!” and every time the ram hits, the opposite force of the people pushing against the doors keeps the ram from breaking through the wood. At the same time, a few heroes go outside to push the hordes back from the door. This gives Theoden time to reinforce the gates so that they can withstand the battering ram, and keep the soldiers and citizens safe inside.

That is how Helm’s Deep was defended. How will we defend our “keep?” Will the church “brace the gates” of morality in our culture? Will we defend our nation from the lies of Jihadists? Or from homosexuals who tell us that what the Bible says about gays is “bigoted?” Or what about the folks who say it’s ok to steal money from someone who has earned it as long as you call it “taxes” and plan to give

to someone to pay off their college loans?

There are many religious and political leaders who are fighting off the hordes giving us a chance to shore up our defenses, but are we actually reinforcing our gates? Or are we trying to block out the sounds of the battle raging outside (and often, inside) our church doors?

The battle of Helm’s Deep is won, by the way, when the King finds the courage to ride out and attack the orcs who outnumber them thousands to one. Will the church ever find that courage?

Year End Statement

According to the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), for an organization that receipts its gifts on a daily basis as we do, it is not necessary to send a year end giving summary to each donor.

As you know, we do receipt gifts as they are received. Nonetheless, we realize that some of you will desire to have a summary of your giving for the last year. We stand by ready to assist you. Please call us at 1-888-733-2326 and we will send you your giving record for 2011. Or, you can email us with your question at: kimberly@americandecency.org

From Disgust to Acceptance

By Lisa Van Houten



Television has been and is one of the most effective forms of indoctrination – used to persuade, influence, deceive. It affects the buying habits of millions and within a matter of years has contributed greatly to the change in beliefs and downfall of morals of an entire generation.

This hit home recently when dining with my sisters and mother at an area restaurant. As we settled into the booth and were perusing the menu, I couldn't help but hear the conversation of the middle-age women in the booth behind me.

These women were discussing the cable network show, *Sister Wives*. If you don't recall from our previous monitoring reports, the TV show *Sister Wives* is a reality show documenting the lives of a polygamist family while attempting to portray this so-called family of one husband with four wives and 16 children as "just like any other American family." The show is one long infomercial for polygamy as they try to convince the viewer of the wonderful "blessings" and benefits of group marriage.

As I overheard bits and pieces of the animated conversation in the booth behind me, I could tell these ladies were avid fans of the show, *Sister Wives*. They excitedly discussed the dynamics of the polygamist "family" – talking about the personalities of the different "wives" and the husband of this harem.

I would guess that if these women had been asked about their view of polygamy before ever watching an episode of *Sister Wives*, they in all likelihood would have answered as I think the majority of Americans would

– that polygamy is repugnant and morally wrong. Would they welcome their husband bringing home a second wife?

Yet here were these middle-aged ladies drawn into a program showcasing an actual polygamist "family," being entertained by it, identifying with the "family" members, and accepting polygamy as a "normal" lifestyle – at least for others.

Last year I came across a blogger writing about *Sister Wives* stating:

"... I've talked with a lot of people about the Sister Wives phenomenon. Everybody seems to have a similar progression of disgust-curiosity-entertainment-acceptance-critique. After watching the show, it's hard to argue that these women aren't happy and getting positive benefits from polygamy. ... hey, this is how their faith dictates it works, and this is how they elected to raise their family."

As people are inundated with a mantra of "tolerance and acceptance" of any and all lifestyles – no matter how perverse – they obviously lose their capacity to distinguish between right and wrong. Notice the blogger above claiming she (and others) were initially disgusted, but then came to accept polygamy from watching *Sister Wives*. This is how we get to the point where the definition of marriage and family is undermined.

One by one, people – believers and non-believers alike – are desensitized to truth. And as hearts and minds become undiscerning, gay marriage, polygamy, etc. become accepted as "alternative" lifestyles instead of what they are – sinful lifestyles.

It can begin with a group of middle-aged ladies being drawn in to a television show. Or a public school elementary student being taught that "Heather has Two Mommies." Or sometimes when a pastor neglects to preach the full counsel of God's Word – standing by while his flock is swayed by the cultural deceptions of the day instead of warning them about what God says about such wickedness.

Yet we can also make a positive difference – one by one. Lovingly engaging, challenging, teaching those around us; taking opportunities to counter false teaching in all its forms – including that of shows such as *Sister Wives*.

We urge you to be that salt and light not only within your circles, but also to the advertisers that sponsor the lies of *Sister Wives*.

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