

## *My sheep hear my voice?*

By Bill Johnson



**There is a whole lot of head shaking going on these days, right?** What is the answer to those shootings? What's with this gender transitioning stuff?

As a teacher in the public schools in the '70s and '80s (and as a young parent), I became increasingly alarmed about spiritual and cultural declines in my beloved America.

I began to become aware of others who were concerned. Most notably, I became aware of Donald E. Wildmon, the then President of the National Federation for Decency later to become the American Family Association.

In recent days I was sent a quote about Don by AFA Vice-President (and my good friend) Buddy Smith. Both Buddy and I give credit to Donald E. Wildmon for the major impact he had upon our lives.

I met Don in 1987 at AFA headquarters in Tupelo, Mississippi when there were just 19 employees at the time. He was wired hot and so focused on the battle - that spiritual war that loomed very large in his spiritual eyes.

I have saved many Don Wildmon quotes in my archives that get to the essence of what God had laid upon him. One of those was addressed to his fellow clergy (Don had been a pastor in the United Methodist Church).

That quote went like this: "If pastors don't begin to address the issues facing us today, the battle for the soul of America may well be lost within the next five years."

Anyone who knew Don Wildmon knew that he was dead serious. Further, anyone who has known Don Wildmon over the years also knows that Don is recognized as a person who has had visionary eyes beyond the reach of many.

The following quote comes from Rev. Doug Hardin, a retired United Methodist minister and long-time friend of Brother Don and AFA, in reference to the senseless killings in the Florida school.

*In the middle 1970s the soft spoken pastor at First Methodist in Southaven challenged his congregation to turn off their televisions for a week...even called the effort "Turn Off the TV" week. He understood that the human mind is one critical battlefield between 'good' and 'evil'....that whatever a person invites/welcomes and holds in their thoughts will certainly impact them in ways, good or bad, and in ways they may not understand. Bro. Don was convinced that the 'family unit' was being pulled apart by too much television ... that families were no longer gathering and talking with each other at the dinner table.... that parents and children were no longer 'doing things' together....and*

*that fewer and fewer neighborhood children were 'playing together in front and back yards.*

*He was convinced that the images kids were seeing....song lyrics they were hearing....and words they were reading would ultimately make a lasting impact on their view toward 'life' in general and a lasting impact on the morals and ethics which would guide their choices in life.*

*Let me quickly say, that neither he, nor I, held, and hold, that television...music....literary works....movies...games we play are 'evil' or are the problem. The 'problem' is in how we as a culture have used these expressions.*

*I don't recall my particular thoughts about his concerns, but I do recall seeing him become an in-demand spokesperson for national television shows (one interview I remember was with Tom Snyder on his late night program "Tomorrow") where he was largely portrayed as 'off the wall'...a kind of religious nut.*

*So, here we are nearly 50 years later, as a nation, scrabbling for 'the answer', or answers, to another event where innocents have died at the hand of an individual filled with evil intent.*

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From the desk of Bill Johnson

My sheep ... [Continued from page 1]

I don't have 'THE ANSWER'. 'THE ANSWER' cannot be crystallized into a formula of laws, or more money for education, or enough background checks, or mental health programs. HEAR ME...all of those are vital elements toward solutions, but they are OVER WHELMED by what we have become as a people.

As a 'people' we have allowed the, almost total, devaluation of an individual's life. But, what other result should we expect from a society that shrugs off the fact of millions of children aborted/murdered 'on demand' every year?

What other result should we expect from a society that tolerates and celebrates song lyrics that make a mockery of the worth of women?

What other result should we expect from a society awash in movies...tv shows...video games that glorify bloodshed?

What other result should we expect from a society in which untold millions of children have grown up in houses, instead of 'homes', where no sense of responsibility for actions is taught....where no positive moral or ethical guidelines are ingrained? Can the overwhelming tide be turned in all of this? Obviously, I don't know the answer to that, nor to the question of "How do we stop mass murder?" I do know that we cannot stop working our way toward "answers".

I also know that my friend, Bro. Don, saw what was coming and he sounded 'the trumpet'....sounded the alarm. As a society we did not, and have not listened!

There is so much that can/could be said about the whole issue of mass shootings. My motivation for posting the above and my

comments came from my remembrance this morning of 'a voice crying in the wilderness'...this pastor/friend who has a superior intellect wedded to a practical mindset which enabled him then, and enables him now, to see the cause and effect of things. The God of creation gives good and perfect gifts....the enemy, Satan, has always sought to pervert those gifts and we, as fallen folks, have gone along with those perversions....I ask God to have mercy upon us as a nation....  
Doug Hardin

I saw what you see, Doug Hardin, in Don Wildmon. And, I saw and agreed with Don in the warnings that he trumpeted back in the day and did so faithfully, boldly, caringly and lovingly down through his many years of service.

And now here we are once again with the shootings and killings of 17 high school young people in Parkhill, Florida with another 22 left wounded.

Back in the '80s and '90s we used pithy and simple words of warnings on bumper stickers and billboards and flyers. Phrases like: "What you watch and view does impact." "Pornography Victimized." "Real Men Don't Use Porn."

Songs like: "Oh be careful little eyes what you see - for the Father up above is looking down in love. Oh be careful little eyes what you see."

We staged boycotts: Walden Books, Seven Eleven, K-Mart, Abercrombie, etc.

A Pornography Awareness Week, sometimes referred to as White Ribbons Against Pornography, was held every year.

Another part of the heartcry was, and remains, the silence from the pulpits (generally) regarding pursuing holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

A lot of water has gone over the dam over these years. I have seen a lot and learned a lot about life, mankind, sin, God, and God's sure ways and faithfulness.

The fight for personal holiness is a fight that must be fought and won! Pornography may (at one point or another) be "every man's battle," but it is an enemy that

can and must be overcome.

Men, being the spiritual leaders of our families must be sought and attained! Pursuing holiness and overcoming the evil one is essential. Our own conscience before a Holy God must be clear so that we can speak clearly and boldly of His power to save and do that work in us called sanctification - becoming more like Him.

Some would say that our nation is under God's judgment - the natural consequences of generations of godlessness with the "chickens coming home to roost." Let me count the ways: abortion, homosexuality, same sex marriage, transgenders, pedophilia, polygamy, etc.

Recently, I have done some counseling with couples struggling with pornography. When I look back upon my long time ago victory over pornography, I realize that it came through reading God's Word. Devotions daily with heart and soul asking God to show me, teach me, and guide me. His Word did the work in me. Just as when you eat food you don't recognize it doing what it does - nourishing, restoring, renewing, building within you.

A desire for God and being in His Word not out of cold duty but out of wanting Him and His help, day by day - in season out of season. His Word and His Holy Spirit do the work within!

Being physically fit is fine. But what about spiritually fit?

For without faith, we cannot please God and without a spiritual reawakening we are doomed to godless acts of wanton sex abuse and violence.

Will you be remembered for spiritual fitness at your life's end?

# A Custody Battle for Truth

by Lisa Van Houten



In a chilling court decision that portends increasing attacks on religious liberty and parental authority, a judge in Ohio removed a teenage girl from the custody of her parents because the parents would not support their daughter's desire to take testosterone hormone treatments to "transition" to a male. Custody of this 17-year-old girl has been granted to her grandparents who are encouraging her transgender quest.

**Equally troubling as the loss of custody, is that the Ohio prosecutor and the girl's attorney argued in court that the parents' opposition was based on their Christian faith,** claiming such beliefs were not a valid reason for denying their daughter such life-altering hormones. The parents were criticized for having their daughter meet with a Christian therapist and sending their daughter to a Catholic school where she was forced to wear skirts and use her given name rather than the male name she had chosen.

However, the parents' attorney argued that their objection to their daughter pursuing a sex change was based on science, as well as faith. Numbers of doctors and experts have raised the alarm that sex change hormones and surgery have dire, life-long, often irreversible consequences.

It was even acknowledged by the judge that the girl did not struggle with gender identity issues until the age of 16, when she began to suffer from depression. It was then that her concerned parents sought treatment for her depression at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital, where a doctor claimed she had gender dysphoria and began to push the "treatment" of cross-sex hormones, which would cause infertility.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital opened an adolescent transgender clinic a few years

ago. Since then, the number of children they've diagnosed as "transgender" has dramatically increased – from 115 in 2015, to 965 in January, 2018. Shockingly, **100%** of the children treated by this Transgender Program have been deemed "candidates for continued gender treatment." Similar malfeasance is occurring across the country where medical "specialists" are pushing children into believing they're transgendered.

Dr. Paul McHugh, the former psychiatrist-in-chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital has stated that transgenderism is a "mental disorder" that merits psychological treatment and that those who encourage sexual reassignment surgery are promoting a mental disorder. Further, a recent study reveals that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people. In addition, studies from Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic showed that of children who had expressed transgender feelings, 70%-80% over time "spontaneously lost those feelings."

It is such facts which led these parents to deny testosterone treatment to their daughter. A teenager is incapable of weighing such risks and implications. Parents, by biblical mandate and United States law, have the responsibility and authority to make such medical decisions for their children. That is, until activist judges began ignoring that parental right and duty.

**LGBTQ ideology now trumps basic biological, scientific facts and increasingly is usurping not only parental authority, but even church authority.**

Recently, the Metro City Church in Riverview, Michigan, (metro Detroit area), has come under fire from state legislators for their efforts to help teenagers struggling with their sexuality and gender. The church hosted an "Unashamed Identity Workshop," for girls, with this stated purpose: **"Through thoughtful, relevant, and biblical counsel, we will help your girl be unashamed of her true sexual identity given to her by God at birth."**

The church has since been inundated with verbal attacks and death threats from the "tolerant" left, making the false claim that the church is pushing "conversion therapy." Michigan representative Jon Hoadley (D-Kalamazoo), a declared homosexual, has sponsored a bill to ban efforts to help those struggling with gender confusion to embrace their true biological gender – referred to as "conversion therapy." Hoadley, along with Rep. Adam Zemke (D) and Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D) are also calling on state Attorney General Bill Schuette to launch an official probe into the Metro City Church, claiming the church is "perpetuating a fraud."

Family Research Council's Travis Weber warns, **"This should be a wakeup call for any Christian across our country who holds to historic biblical teaching on marriage and sexuality. Those who think they can stay out of the fray ... are mistaken. Maybe not today, but at some point, you will have to take a stand for what you believe."**

## A Prescription for Disaster

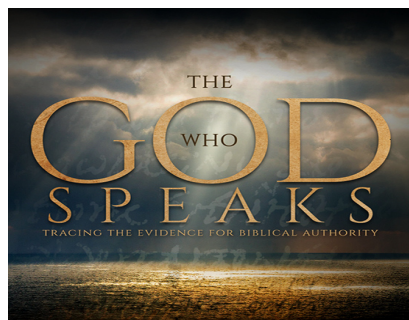
*Walgreens*

As the LGBT steamroller continues on, Walgreens has now directed its stores to allow men full and unrestricted access to women's restrooms in all of its 8,100 stores. Walgreens distributed this memo stating, **"All individuals have a right to use restroom facilities that correspond to the individual's gender identity, regardless of the individual's sex assigned at birth."**

Since a similar public policy was implemented by Target two years ago, dozens of women and children have been victimized by male predators inside Target stores. Walgreens' new policy puts the safety of their female customers at risk for similar crimes of voyeurism and sexual assault.

**Call Walgreens' corporate office at 1-800-925-4733 and express your concern. If you are a Walgreens' customer, let your local store manager hear from you.**

## The God Who Speaks Join us on Friday, March 16



**The God Who Speaks** is the title of our FREE movie on Friday, March 16. **Come join us at the American Decency headquarters at 203 E. Main St, in Fremont at either 1 PM or 7 PM.** This 90-minute documentary is produced by the American Family Association in response to the war that rages within our culture, our churches, and our circle of friends and family against the truths found in Scripture and against the divine authorship of God's holy Word, the Bible. We must keep our confidence in the authority of the Bible.

Some may be asking themselves, **“Why should I come and watch a documentary on the Bible?”** That's a good question.

We're all familiar with the big stories of “churches” walking away from the authority of God's Word to be “culturally relevant,” stories about LGBT individuals invading the pulpit and the pew alike, and others chasing after any path except the “old paths.” But have we considered the smaller stories in our own lives or the lives of family members? Have we reflected on those paths that deviate from the holy way which God has called us to walk? Do we recognize that each step starts with **doubting the Bible** (indeed doubting God) within our minds, then **denying its divine veracity**, and finally taking those steps of disobedience? Have we taken the time to consider where these steps of **disobedience** lead? Jesus warned that there is a wide and a narrow way, both with their own eternal destinations. **There needs to be a clarion call back to the inspired, instructive, authoritative Word of God!** And that starts with once more believing that the Bible is actually the Word of God.

That's why people should come out and watch this documentary. There may not be the same kind of thrill or suspense which is found in fictional movies we have shown, but it could lead to the same kind of thrill as we recognize this film's importance and are drawn deeper into a personal devotional life, desiring to know God deeper. **THAT'S thrilling** and it comes from believing that the Bible IS the authoritative Word of God.

Bible translator William Mounce, opens the film with these words: *“The Bible is the revelation of the character and will of God. It tells us who He is and how we can live in relationship with Him.”* It's vitally important to **know** God and to **know** Jesus, His only begotten Son. After all, according to John 17:3 that is eternal life. **“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”**

If we hope to know God then we must spend time in the Bible expecting to hear from Him. Kevin DeYoung, speaking of the Bible, tells us, *“For God to speak is for God to engage in self-revelation. We only know God because God has condescended to speak to us. One of the first things we say about God is that He is a speaking God. We would not know Him except He speaks to us.”*

Alistair Begg, D.A. Carson, R.C. Sproul, Al Mohler, Kevin DeYoung, Alex McFarland, Conrad Mbewe, Erwin Lutzer, and Josh McDowell are just a few of the men who were interviewed for this well-done and informative film. These well-respected pastors, theologians, and teachers love both the Bible and its Author. Come and listen to them share the importance of accepting the Word of God as divinely inspired and therefore authoritative. Be encouraged to treat the Bible as authoritative and lived out in your own life. Invite others to join you and have conversations about the Bible with one another.

## What Cost Freedom?

by Steve Huston



We were blessed to have Stephen Coughlin (author of Catastrophic Failure (and former expert for the Pentagon on Islamic-based doctrines which motivate jihadi groups against America) along with Dick Manaserri (founder of Secure Michigan and promoter of Sharia Crime Stoppers) at our most recent event, “What Cost Freedom?”

These men have such insight into where we have been and foresight into where we are heading that you won't want to miss out on their presentations. Recognizing the infiltrating threats of neo-Marxism and Islamism, Steve and Dick gave presentations that not only warn and explain but also that give actions to take and places to go for more information.

There was so much deep and interesting information that if you couldn't attend you'll want to order the DVDs of this conference. Even if you were able to attend, by now you may be scratching your head saying, “What was all that again?” Use the enclosed response card to order the DVDs so you can go through it in bite-sized pieces and better process all that you heard.

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# SI Swimsuit - Empowering or Enslaving?

by Lisa Van Houten



In recent weeks the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue hit magazine racks across the country - mainstreaming pornography in the family marketplace. Stores that would never sell Playboy have no qualms about selling the equally pornographic SI “Swimsuit” issue - filled with dozens of nude photos.

In this “#MeToo” era, where the sexual harassment of women is being rightly condemned, SI Swimsuit claims their nude depictions of women are somehow “empowering.” M.J. Day, the magazine’s female editor, claims she was inspired by the theme, “Women do not have to be modest in order to be respected.”

However, women stripping for men to ogle doesn’t garner respect or empower women – it degrades and objectifies them. It teaches young girls that their worth is based on their sex appeal. And it fosters in young men the view that women aren’t image bearers of God, but instead, nothing more than images to consume.

As Liz Wann writes for DesiringGod.org in an article entitled, [A Letter to My Sons About Pornography](#): ... *What we continually put before our eyes and minds will shape and determine who we are. Images either tell the truth or lie, but they all speak. ... One lustful look can change us. One look can feed the monster within so that it rears up its ugly head looking for more. ... What you behold, boys, you become. ... Pornography misshapes your vision of girls, whether you realize it or not.*

*Lust distorts the glory of both biblical manhood and womanhood; it goes against the divine mandate in the garden of Eden. Men are to care for women — and provide and protect with humble strength — not*

*exploit and dominate. Women are strong, capable, and your equal, not objects to be used and discarded.*

*But the porn industry diminishes both men and women, and reduces them all the way down to simple actors of animal lust for pixilation, instead of celebrating them as complex and glorious image bearers of their Creator. This is the consumer society we live in, devaluing human beings as they’re offered up for consumption. ...*

This year’s SI Swimsuit edition features a segment entitled “In Her Own Words,” a collection of photos of naked women with words written across their bodies that supposedly represent who they are. Words such as: “Trust Yourself,” “Goddess,” “Pure,” “Live 4 You,” and “Truth.”

In our culture today, truth is talked about as if it’s subjective – the notion that, “what’s true for me may not be true for you.” However, there’s only one Truth and these women have exchanged it for a lie. They’ve bought the lie that selling their bodies for the pleasure of men is somehow liberating. It doesn’t liberate; it enslaves.

Someone who should know the horrific impact of pornography and the degrading view of women and girls as sexual objects to be used and discarded is Olympic gymnast Aly Reisman. Aly was one of the more than one hundred girls molested by Dr. Larry Nassar. She, along with dozens of other victims, bravely stood before their abuser in court recently, giving powerful victim statements of the devastating harm Nassar caused.

Yet Aly Reisman was one of the models posing nude in this year’s SI Swimsuit magazine.

Another example: perennial SI model, Kate Upton, recently made headlines not for her nude pictures, but for speaking out about the sexual abuse she experienced by Guess founder Paul Marciano when she modeled for his clothing company at age 18. She told of the destructive impact it had upon her when he grabbed her breasts in a meeting. Yet now she routinely bears

her breasts for men to ogle? How can there be such disconnect?

The purpose of citing these examples is not to denigrate these women, but to demonstrate how our sinful hearts can so easily warp our view of right and wrong, suppress the truth, and cause us to become futile in our thinking, as Romans 1 teaches. One lustful look can change us, as Liz Wann writes above. It can lead a husband’s heart away from his wife; it can change a healer into a pedophile; it can turn a wife into an adulteress; and it can turn a victim into a tool used to perpetuate the victimization of other young girls.

When sin entered the hearts of our first parents, Adam and Eve, their immediate response was shame. Yet for many, their hearts have become hardened and their consciences deadened so that they no longer feel shame, but rather defiance. Defiance against moral constraints. Defiance against their Creator and His law written on their hearts. They claim to be empowered, but are actually in bondage.

In compassion, God shed the blood of animals to cover the nakedness and shame of Adam and Eve. Christ’s blood was shed to cover our guilt and break our bondage to sin. Pray that those seeking fulfillment in pornography and empowerment in themselves, will instead find it in Him.

**What can you do to stop the damaging impact of Sports Illustrated Swimsuit magazine? If the SI Swimsuit magazine is sold where you shop, take it to the store manager and express your concern about such degrading material in a family shopping place. Don’t be complacent as pornography is legitimized! Your voice can make a difference!**

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## Pornography: When Your Husband Blames You for His Sin

by Judy Krause



Following the heart-breaking news that my husband was into pornography, I began suffering the most unbearable pain I'd ever experienced in my life. However, I found that the complete mistrust of my husband's behavior wasn't the only thing I would have to deal with. The harsh words of my husband's blaming me for his sin doubled my pain. I went through the heart wrenching question: Was it really my fault? After a lot of research and reading, I found an article by Mike Genung, who himself had been into pornography for many years. He said that blame was a typical response of the husband. A man gets caught and then blames his wife by pointing the fingers: "If you would have given me more sex," "If you wouldn't be such a nagger," "If you would have supported me more." Others added, "If you would only understand how normal this is for all men," "If you weren't such a jealous, insecure wife," and "You are not perfect either." All of these issues lead to self-searching and self-evaluating. Typical of my personality, I found myself completely taking the blame.

Pastors and Counselors also added to the load. One pastor who I went to for advice and comfort said "If you would just give him more sex, he wouldn't have this problem." Another pastor, who I was in close contact with, listened briefly to my confusion and grief, and never spoke a word to me after that about the situation. Shortly after that, he actually became a good friend to my husband. This made me feel even more insecure and guilty.

Fortunately, the article mentioned above also helped me understand my confused thinking and helped me see the reality I was facing. He pointed out that my husband's blame would not be easy to deal with. "A man who is enslaved to sexual sin is self-absorbed, critical, bitter, and empty. Porn/sex addiction/adultery is his god. He's like

a kid who's been given a big, sugary, teeth-rotting, lusting lollipop; anyone who tells him he has to let it go is going to get the full force of his fury. He also fears being found out because it will blow his cover as 'the good Christian;' when you call him on his sin he's going to do what he can to twist the blame on you." He himself had struggled with porn for 20 years and admits that every time he acted out with porn or committed adultery, it was 100% his fault. His wife never threatened him with divorce, but like most wives, wanted him to stop as she wanted a happy marriage. Most wives would do whatever they could to help their husband stop; causing him to act out is the last thing they want. He concludes, "Any attempt on the husband's part to blame his wife for what she doesn't want shows how severe his bondage to sin is."

I knew I needed help and was lead to a Biblical Counselor who helped me sort out my confusion. He continually emphasized my worth as a child of the living God. He fed me with Biblical truths: that I was a daughter of the living God, totally loved by Him, clothed in His robe of righteousness because of His finished work on the cross, and that I was of immeasurable worth in the sight of the Lord. He assured me that my husband's pornography did not devalue me as a person and challenged me to not let his accusations, manipulations, or guilt persuade me otherwise. He also assured me that nowhere in Scripture is there justification for one person's sinning to cope with stress, or being wronged by another. All marriages go through hard times, but trials don't give a partner a license to go into pornography.

Moving on to the next step seemed to take an eternity. I felt so weak, so defeated, and so crushed, that I didn't even have the inner desire or energy to fight this. I knew it would be a long, difficult battle. After continually reading more Scripture, talking to many experts, weekly Biblical counseling and attending a Christian Support Group for Women, I was, with the continual help of the Holy Spirit, able to put one foot in front of the other, to begin taking the next step. That's what I will begin with next time.

# Lionized or Loathed: Lies, All Lies

by Steve Huston



Being polarized on President Trump is the “in thing” nowadays. Like a pendulum swinging far right and far left, we find people who seemingly love the President unconditionally and others who love to hate him. Some make a hero of him, whatever his actions; while others make a villain of him, regardless of what he does. Many have lionized all he has done while many more just lie about him, denying the good deeds he has done. Neither side embraces the truth, opting to be either comforted or tormented by a lie. There are masses who never look into facts but sit and spew rhetoric which they have been media fed; and what they spew depends on the channels they watch or the people they listen to. There are precious few who will sit at the bottom swing of the pendulum and look objectively to the right or the left, **weighing the actions** of President Trump against a set standard of good or bad instead of **weighing the man** by the swing of their feelings.

If we were to be honest there are actions of the President which range from very good to miserably poor. If we were to be brutally honest, we’d have to admit that there may be reasons behind some of those actions (for good or for bad) that we don’t understand. Having never been the President, I can only assume that things are never quite as easy as many citizens seem to think they are.

Add to that the pressure of the Left’s never-ending agenda to bring this President down. They want to force President Trump out of office either by impeachment or the 25th Amendment; most are not content to just see him defeated and replaced in 2020. **We can’t ignore the fact that no sitting U.S. President has ever been under such depth and breadth of assault from both sides, an extremely biased media, Hollywood, and large segments of the population which show no respect for either the President or the office of POTUS.**

The inconsistencies are amazing! Time after time we see or hear clips of previous presidents or people in power making the same statements and calling for the same decisions which President Trump is now making or doing and **they were applauded for those statements.** Now, because it comes from the mouth of a well-hated President Trump, it’s a terrible idea, it’s racist, it’s... (you fill in the blank with Leftist rhetoric).

When one considers the deep, deep pockets of George Soros, his open and even deeper disdain for President Trump, and his unsubstantiated anti-Trump accusations spoken into all levels of society, it’s no wonder that this “Never-Trumping” never seems to die down.

**Let’s not forget that the pendulum swings the other way too...tick, tock, tick...**

We can’t deny that there are some on the Right who would turn the President into a poster-boy of perfection, glossing over his gaffes, checking their brains at the door because, “he’s our man,” or taking a chopped liver decision or action and, by the sheer power of our imagination, turning it into a big juicy steak. It’s easy for some to overlook the President’s faults because they are too busy imagining, “what might have been,” if someone else were occupying the White House now. Some mistakenly think that to show grace is the same thing as to ignore the issues, but that’s NOT grace.

To lionize this man, exaggerating his goodness or closing our eyes to his faults, is just as dishonest as those who can find nothing good to say about his accomplishments. Although some may wish he would lose his Twitter password, like the governor of Hawaii, there is no denying that he has done many good things for our country. To be vehemently against all he does—or to lionize all he does with gross fanfare—is to be disingenuous and takes much strength from any argument for or against him.

Let’s look at two recent examples:

**President Trump’s visit to Davos,**

**Switzerland:** When President Trump announced he was going to attend the World Economic Forum, many on the left and some of his “#NeverTrump” critics mocked him. Some said Trump had deceived his base in Middle America while others suggested he was going to insult the world, thereby disgracing America. Both sides of Trump-bashers were wrong; he did neither of these things. Instead, he did something he does very well; he spoke to how well America is doing and that he will continue to do what is best for America. He talked about getting rid of many regulations and “creating an environment that attracts capital, invites investment, and rewards production.” The president went on to say, “*America is the place to do business. So come to America where you can innovate, create, and build. I believe in America. As president of the United States I will always put America first; just like the leaders of other countries should put their country first also. But America first does not mean America alone. When the United States grows, so does the world.*”

After eight years of anti-American sentiment coming out of the White House and having a president that would regularly put America down in front of foreign dignitaries and investors, isn’t it nice to have a president who believes in America and speaks well of America and her citizenry?

Secondly, **President Trump’s State of the Union Address:** Ironically, the **AMERICAN** Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) complained that President Trump used the word “America” over 80 times in his State of the Union Speech. Let’s see, here we have an American president addressing the American people about the state of America and this pro-American administration’s accomplishments and its future goals for America; and the Left says that’s being “exclusionary,” “racist,” and that Trump’s policies have, “*harmed so many vulnerable American communities?*”

It only makes sense that an hour and a half speech about America might contain the word “America” in it 82 times. As for exclusionary and racist ... Really?

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## Lionized or Loathed: Lies, All Lies

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Thanks to President Trump's policies, we are experiencing record low black unemployment and the President has called for "merit-based immigration for those who love and respect our country." Certainly these are things that the Democrats could stand for or at least applaud for, but no.

Trump isn't perfect; but shouldn't people—even the Left—be able to give credit where credit is due? Can't those who are Republicans, but not for Trump, at least be glad that he is getting some things right? Can't we be grateful that the conservative platform is being stood on, even if we would have liked someone else to be doing the standing?

By the same token, when our president is less than what we hope for, whether it's a poor choice in tweeting or a policy decision which seems more like a headache and a flop than a good and conservative choice, can't we own up to that too? **We don't have to embrace every decision in order to respect and support the position of POTUS or pray for the one who occupies the Oval Office.** We must recognize that God raises men up and brings them low; it's our responsibility to pray for the leaders of our country and do what we can to help them succeed (Biblically speaking). In this way, we would all succeed.

**Here's a refreshing thought:** Let's be as objective as possible, giving grace like we would hope to receive, doing our Biblical duty to pray for those in authority, and as "Never-Trump" David French put it, "Praise him when he's right, critique him when he's wrong, apply the same standards to your own side that you apply to ideological opponents ..." Or in other words, **when he's right, he's right; when he's wrong, he's wrong. We should all objectively own up to it. And I might add, pray, pray, pray! Trump needs it, we need it, and our country needs it.**

## Save The Persecuted Christians

by Steve Huston

### SAVE THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS



[www.SaveThePersecutedChristians.org](http://www.SaveThePersecutedChristians.org)

**215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution worldwide.** Let's put that in perspective; **1 in 12 Christians experience this depth of persecution**, including death, rape, imprisonment, forced marriage, and physical violence.

According to Save The Persecuted Christians (STPC), "Christianity.com reports that more Christians died for their faith in the last century than through all the years since Jesus' day combined." They go on to report, "*The Center for the Study of Global Christianity estimates that between 2005 and 2015, 900,000 Christians were martyred. The Christian population of Iraq alone has plunged from 1.5 million in 2003 to 275,000. Experts believe that number could soon go to zero.*"

The **Save The Persecuted Christians** Coalition wants the public to become very aware of "the plight of Christians in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and elsewhere by placing banners and other signage outside of churches, synagogues and in other prominent venues." These signs have a simple message, that message being the picture at the top of this article.

Become more aware and make others aware of our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. For news articles about persecuted Christians or to order a starter kit for your church which will enable it to help the **Save The Persecuted Christians Coalition go to** [www.savethepersecutedchristians.org](http://www.savethepersecutedchristians.org). Participating institutions receive information suitable for sharing with their congregants and visitors interested in learning how they can do something to help save persecuted Christians.

After all, we belong to the same body of Christ, we are called to care, and someday we may be the persecuted.

## Protect Young Eyes Join us on March 23



Screens are EVERYWHERE, and with them is the real potential and even probability of pornography. It's dirty, degrading, detestable, deplorable...so of course good people don't want to hear about it or talk about it. But guess what? WE NEED TO! We need to talk with our young people and we need to communicate with one another about this public crisis that desires to devour our child's mind, relationships, and soul.

That being the case, **let no excuse keep you from joining us on March 23 at 7:00 PM** (203 E. Main St, Fremont—American Decency building). We will have the Protect Young Eyes (PYE) group here giving a fantastic presentation on the dangers of, and how to best protect your young person from the dangers of this digital age.

Porn is devastating the youngest of unaware minds (even kindergarten), as well as several generations who think that it's no big deal. We need to be **more aware** of today's porn threat aimed at our children and grandchildren, **more proactive** in coming alongside them, and **more aggressive** in protecting them from digital dangers.

Software protection is important but it's not enough. Direct and loving conversations are vital; so, we are hosting PYE here, to help you know how and what to do.

PYE describes themselves as "*a clearing-house for the best information that is available, primarily for faith-based parents, but really for anybody who wants to protect their kids. We profile, test, and recommend the best resources.*"

This is a top-notch group with an important, realistic, and well-presented message. Don't miss out on this free opportunity. We must do all we can to protect those who are unaware that they even need protection.