

## Jezebel's War with America

By Bill Johnson



The title of this article is from a book written by Dr. Michael Brown. I first heard of the book while listening to an interview of Dr. Brown with Dan Celia, host of the widely popular radio program, "Financial Issues."

With the rapidly declining civility that we are seeing in our news reports across our great country, there are various explanations as to what is behind the advancing wickedness, criminality, and injustice which is not adequately or effectively being addressed and/or, even more concerningly, is not being addressed at all.

**A country without even a measure of justice and increased levels of chaos should be and is concerning to us all.**

The following excerpt from Dr. Brown's book gives a powerful overview regarding what I believe is a summary of the complexity and serious nature of the spiritual warfare we are in. I believe you will quickly see what I mean.

*Without question Jezebel was the most wicked woman in the Bible. She was an idol-worshipping seductress who slaughtered God's prophets, terrified His servants, had her enemies assassinated, and emasculated her husband, the king of Israel. She stands as the epitome of an evil woman. ... She was the unholy spark that ignited a destructive,*

*deadly fire. (I Kings 16-29-31).*

*It is little surprise, then, that the name Jezebel has become proverbial, as in "She's such a Jezebel!" As explained in the online Urban Dictionary, Jezebel is: A female who is seeking attention from and possibly plotting to use someone who is wealthy or otherwise desirable in order to gain status in society. She is often beautiful and knows it, she uses her looks to her advantage to "lure in" her next victim. . . . She will do anything and will use anyone to get what she wants. She is interested in the people she's interested in purely as a status symbol and will toss them away and move on when they no longer satisfy what she wants. . . . "Look at her, flirting with the best dressed guy at the bar. What a Jezebel." ...*

*That is what we know about this wicked woman Jezebel, a woman who died almost three thousand years ago. And yet in a very real way the influence of the same demonic forces that worked through her are still being felt today in twenty-first-century America. We see it in the massive increase of pornography and sexual temptation. We see it in the militant spirit of abortion, which ties in with pagan idolatry. We see it in the rise of radical feminism, which is dead set against all male authority. We see it in the new fascination with sorcery and witchcraft. And we see it in the attempt to*

*silence prophetic voices in the land. Her schemes may look a little different, but Jezebel has the same mission: to transform the spiritual fabric of the nation and turn us away from God. Interestingly, just as Jezebel was on a collision course with Jehu, the bull-in-a-china-shop king of Israel, the spirit of Jezebel is on a collision course with Donald Trump, the bull-in-a-china-shop president of the United States. His presidency, for better or worse, has mobilized millions of pro-abortion, anti-male feminists who rage in the streets, calling for his death and (literally) pounding on the doors of congressional buildings in protest of his pro-life court appointees. The battle is being waged, and Jezebel, in a sense, is back from the dead. Or perhaps the spirit of Jezebel never went away. ...*

*Put another way, when we observe the same things happening in our society (or within the church) as happened in Israel in Jezebel's day, we understand it is no coincidence. It is satanic, it is systematic, and it is intentional. And that's why I say Jezebel is alive and well today in twenty-first-century America.*

Is this overly dramatic? Hardly. There is a wickedness, a darkness that has fallen on our nation that can't be explained in any other way. We are in a spiritual war of monumental proportions. This is a time for prayer, repentance, and true Christianity! **RISE UP!**



From the desk of Bill Johnson

I have chosen the headline “Jezebel’s War Against America” because I believe there is a growing satanic assault upon our country! The articles in this newsletter are a small sampling of that assault.

Michael Brown’s book, that I mention on the front page, powerfully describes the satanic assault of pornography:

*“And the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, which is the last book of the Bible, tells us that the sexually immoral will not enter God’s eternal city (Rev. 22:14–15). Every generation has faced sexual temptation and engaged in sexual sin, and there is nothing new about it. What is new is the technology that makes sexual temptation ubiquitous—and by ubiquitous I mean anywhere, anytime, with almost anyone, doing virtually anything. It’s all there, fully accessible, and only one click (or tap) away. No generation in history has ever had to deal with sexual temptation at this level. It is nothing less than the sexual seduction of America (and the nations). Just consider how this generation has been flooded with porn: • “Porn sites receive more regular traffic than Netflix, Amazon, and Twitter combined each month.” • “35% of all internet downloads are porn-related.” • “34% of internet users have been exposed to unwanted porn via ads, pop-ups, etc.” • “People who admit to having extramarital affairs were over 300% more likely to admit consuming porn than those who have never had an affair.” ...*

*At least 30% of all data transferred across the internet is porn-related.” To put this in context, in December 2017 it was reported that an average of 197 million users visited Amazon.com and 127 million visited Walmart.com each month. Yet a leading*

*pornography site draws 125 million visitors per day, with roughly 5 million adult videos uploaded to the site in 2018 alone—enough for 115 years of continual viewing. This is an epidemic of porn. Back in 1953 when Hugh Hefner published the first edition of Playboy with a naked picture of Marilyn Monroe, there was outrage from conservative America. How scandalous! Today there are countless millions of such pictures available for instant viewing, and many of them are far more scandalous than the original Playboy image. Today many a child’s cell phone carries sexually suggestive pictures that would have likely made Monroe herself blush.*

You may say “Enough of these depressing facts, already.” I will stop but that doesn’t mean that the chapter entitled “**Jezebel and the Sexual Seduction of America**” stops.

Other chapters include: *Jezebel and Idolatry; Jezebel and the Spirit of Baby Killing; Jezebel and Radical Feminism; Jezebel and the War on Gender Distinctions; Jezebel and the Rise of Witchcraft; Jezebel and the Silencing of the Prophets; Jezebel, Jehu and Donald Trump* and chapters on how to defeat Jezebel in your personal and life and on a national level.

I lay this all out, but I’m not trying to sell the book and we have no copies here for sale at our headquarters. I’m laying this out here because of the battle you and I are in!

Case in point: I just got a call from a heartbroken lady in Georgia calling and seeking help regarding a television show she saw on Comcast about cheerleaders being misused and opening themselves up to being used. Her voice was so heavy-hearted and sorrowful asking what she could do or what we could do.

With sadness I read to her some of the above stating that with “Jezebel and the Sexual Seduction of America,” such victories are almost non-existent today as letters to advertisers usually go un-answered or with a “cookie cutter” non-answer.

But here is the personal answer that I gave and am giving to you, and what I will be giving tonight at our evening event with Israel Wayne during the question and answer session; **God blesses those who honor Him.**

**“Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.”**  
**Lamentations 5:21**

I have lived long enough as a Christian - since 1970 - to see that that is true. **He lives and His Word is True.**

Salvation by His grace will always be what prepares the way! Repent of your sins. Receive Christ as Lord and Savior and He will come into you and sup with you and give you His peace and presence.

If you are a younger person or parent, please get serious about living an authentic, genuine life that flows out of your faith: be in the Word yourself and your lifestyle will show to your kids. Obey the Word. Honor the Lord’s Day. Learn what the Bible says about a faith walk and live it.

“Pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.” Hebrews 12:10.

It is never too late. **By God’s grace, begin today.**

And don’t quit. Seek Him daily and throughout the day. Pray and ask for Him to help you in the little things and in the big things.

If ye abide in Him, He will abide in you. John 15:4-7.

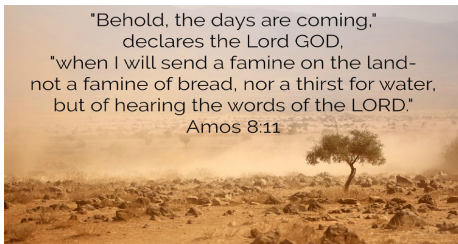
You can’t make your kids grow up in the faith **but** you can help them see what an authentic Christian life looks like, feels like, and how it deeply impacts, holds solutions to all of life, gives hope in loss and in defeat, and through every aspect of life.

God is in control, not us. Jezebel’s War Against America is real, but God is greater! Faith is the Victory that Overcomes the World!



# Starving for Truth

by Lisa Van Houten



In an increasingly godless society where school kids are taught the LGBTQ alphabet before they can read, women boast about their abortions, and a Down syndrome Drag Show is actually a thing – it's easy to see how secularists have undermined the moral foundation of America. However, the root of our sinful slide comes not from Hollywood, leftist politicians, or liberal academia; rather it comes from within our pulpits and pews.

God warns us in Hosea 4:6: ***“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”*** For lack of knowledge of God's Word, God's people are destroyed.

A recent Barna Group study revealed that half of American pastors are afraid to preach on hot button social issues, such as abortion and LGBTQ issues, because they're worried they might offend someone.

Fearing man, rather than God, many American churches are preaching a happy-clappy, gospel-lite theology. They preach a God of love, but ignore the fact that He is a thrice holy God, who calls us to pursue holiness. They preach of His grace, but ignore His call to repentance.

Many who call themselves Christians ignore His Law altogether. Last April, 150 Tennessee pastors and faith leaders publicly declared their support for abortion on demand in a letter urging pro-life Gov. Bill Lee to oppose heartbeat legislation.

And as American Christians are spoon fed milk instead of meat, they have become biblical weaklings – unable to discern truth, conforming to the doctrine of the world.

That reality was exemplified this summer on the trashy TV show, “The Bachelorette.” I'd rather have a root canal than watch this show, but as we follow the cultural trends here at ADA, I couldn't miss hearing about this raunchy dating show where a single woman dates 20 different men, weeding them down until she picks one as a potential husband. Through the process, viewers voyeuristically follow all the tawdry interactions and sexual encounters. This season of the long-running series featured a self-proclaimed Christian bachelorette, Hannah. One in the stable of bachelors from which she could pick was Luke, also a Christian.

One particular interaction between these two professing Christians created quite a buzz in our pop-culture addicted society. Luke said to Hannah, referencing Hebrews 13:4, *“Let's talk about sex and how the marriage bed should be kept pure. Let's say you have had sex with one or multiple of these guys, I would be wanting to go home.”* Hannah became indignant, claimed he was judging her, and stated she had had sex with other contestants on the show (later proudly boasting of having sex four times with one of the men) - but declaring to Luke, “I've had sex and Jesus still loves me.” The phrase “Jesus still loves me” is now a coined phrase in social media.

Hannah later stated: “I can do whatever -- I sin daily and Jesus still loves me. It's all washed and if the Lord doesn't judge me and it's all forgiven, then no other man, woman ... can judge me.”

Does Jesus still love His children when they fall into sin? Of course He does. However, the more telling question Hannah might want to ask herself is, does she loves Jesus? Jesus said, **“If you love Me, you will keep my commandments”** (John 14:15).

Professing to be a follower of Christ but continuing to engage in sin unrepentantly is presuming upon His grace. Romans 6:1-2 presents this question, *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”* We should never claim that God's grace allows us to

do the very things for which Christ died. Sin should be the exception in the life of a believer; not the rule. Christians can, and do, commit sexual sin, but not without the Holy Spirit convicting us of our sin. And while those sinful choices cannot separate believers from the love of Jesus, they do stand in the way of enjoying fellowship with Him.

And sadly, Hannah's “theology” is prevalent in American Christianity. **According to the ‘2014 State of Dating in America’ report ... 61% of Christians said they would have sex before marriage.**

Pastor JC Mejia of Vida Church Delan in Los Angeles believes there are three major factors contributing to the decline in purity: lack of Bible reading, lack of mentors, and societal pressure.

John Cooper of the Christian rock band, Skillet, recently wrote in a blog that went viral, ***“We are in a dangerous place when the church is looking to 20 year old worship singers as our source of truth. We now have a church culture that learns who God is from singing modern praise songs rather than from the teachings of the Word.”***

As Jesus instructs us in the Great Commission, we are to make disciples, not just “believers,” “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” When churches and Christian parents fail to teach and preach the full counsel of God, we have generations of Hannahs being catechized by the culture instead. As David Robertson cleverly writes at Christianity Today: “those who adopt this cultural Christianity end up not knowing Christ, not being able to love ... and caving into the culture. Sermonettes make Christianettes and Christianettes make Bachelorettes.”

***“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.”*** ~ Amos 8:11

If we long for Christianity to once again influence the culture, we need the church to act like the Bride of Christ, rather than the Bachelorette.

## The Battle for Our Children



Israel Wayne was a real blessing to the American Decency Association and all who attended our event, *The Battle for Our Children*. His presentation was eye-opening, alarming, and a call to full-time parenting.

There should be nothing more important to us than doing all we can to assure that our children make it into heaven; and although there are no cookie-cutter guarantees, there are dangers we should avoid and steps we can take to do our part in helping them to gain an eternal victory.

Recognizing that the two biggest influences on our children's lives come from whoever they spend the most time with and whoever gives them the most affirmation, comprehensive positive parental involvement is vital to passing on our values and Christian experience to them. **The schools and the world we live in are NOT the same as those we grew up with.**

You'll want to follow the lead of an attendee who left saying that she was going to order several copies of this presentation to give to her adult children and friends. And why not? The battle for your children/grandchildren is a very real battle on many fronts. It's particularly a spiritual battle that's leaving carnage across an ecclesiastical wasteland; it takes no prisoners—it only leaves victims.

Praise God that He is sovereign and merciful, full of compassion.

Don't miss out on this invaluable teaching and the well documented facts that are a part of it. **See the enclosed order card and get yours today!**

## Jim Simpson Comes to West Michigan

By Steve Huston



Frank Gaffney and the Center for Security Policy recently brought together a "Truth-Squad" to expose "*Why Attacks by Radical Left, Islamist 'Hate Group' Should be Disregarded.*" The main focus of their talk was to shed light upon these two groups: the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Among these well-known and highly respected individuals that made up the "Truth-Squad" were Lieutenant General William "Jerry" Boykin (Ret.), M. Zuhi Jasser, Robert Muise, John Rosomondo, and, American Decency's upcoming speaker for our September event, Jim Simpson.

Jim Simpson is a political and spiritual warrior who is well-informed and tells it like it is; he pulls no punches. He's a brother in Christ whose background as an investigative journalist keeps him digging deep and wide searching for the truth. He's put these skills to good use, writing two books, which can either be purchased or freely downloaded as a PDF from [www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org](http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org).

His first book is [The Red-Green Axis Refugees, Immigration and the Agenda to Erase America](#). The second continues his work from the first: [The Red/Green Axis 2.0 An Existential Threat to America and the World](#).

This bold truth-teller's expertise has been drawn upon by many who hunger to know how and why America is being taken in and taken over. A few examples would be: by Curtis Bowers in his film *Agenda: Grinding America Down*; by Trevor Loudon in his film *The Enemies Within*; oft times by Frank Gaffney's Center for Security Policy; and now by the American Decency Association for all who will come and learn.

### Don't miss out on these events:

Register: call us at 231-924-4050 or email [kimberly@americandecency.org](mailto:kimberly@americandecency.org)

**When: Friday, September 13 at 7 PM**

**Where: American Decency  
(203 E. Main St., Fremont)**

**When: Saturday, September 14 at 9 AM**

**Where: Doubletree By Hilton  
(4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids)**

Mark your calendars and register for this informative event; knowledge is power. **Register one of three easy ways: by calling kimberly at (231) 924-4050, emailing her at [kimberly@americandecency.org](mailto:kimberly@americandecency.org), or go to our website, [www.americandecency.org](http://www.americandecency.org).**

### Other Venues to see Jim Simpson:

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Christ the King Church  
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# Framing the Foundation

by Chris Johnson



Conservatives in the United States have always rallied around our nation's history, appealing to our founders' wisdom, morality, and reliance on the God of the Bible as evidenced in the documents, letters, and speeches on record.

Sources supporting our founders' belief in God – and their belief that the nation they founded owed its existence and subsistence to God – are so plentiful that they cannot be convincingly explained away, although that hasn't stopped the left from trying.

For example, there's George Washington's farewell address: *"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."*

*"...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."* This comes after Washington notes that the whole country has, *"with slight shades of difference ...the same religion."* **That religion which was the foundation of the nation's morality was, unarguably, Christianity.**

Presbyterian pastor and signer of the Declaration of Independence John Witherspoon said this in a sermon two months before signing the Declaration: *"Have you assembled together willingly to hear what shall be said on public affairs, and to join in imploring the blessing of God on the counsels and arms of the United Colonies, and can you be unconcerned what shall become of you forever, when all the monuments of human greatness shall be laid in ashes, for 'the earth itself, and all the works that are*

*therein shall be burnt up."*

Witherspoon took the occasion of the Continental Congress and the interest that his audience naturally had to ask them, "are you here for a political update? You should be more worried about your souls!"

Of course, John Adams gave perhaps the most pithy example of the founders' reliance on God: *"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution is designed only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for any other."*

Some of the most important figures of our founding passionately insisted that **God and His standards are central to the structure of the United States.** These quotes simply cannot be explained away.

Yet, appeals to history are powerful, studies of these men reveal their wisdom and understanding of how the world works, and so liberalism must deal with this history somehow, and the idea that the founders were all a bunch of Deists who didn't care what god we worshipped cannot stand on its own two feet.

So, if revising history will not work, what is the next tactic for them to try? The queen of news media, the pinnacle of journalism: The New York Times has the answer: The 1619 Project.

Byron York of the Washington Examiner, who broke the story, says this: *"In the Times' view (which it hopes to make the view of millions of Americans), the country was actually founded in 1619, when the first Africans were brought to North America, to Virginia, to be sold as slaves."*

*"This year marks the 400th anniversary of that event, and the Times has created something called the 1619 Project. This is what the paper hopes the project will accomplish: 'It aims to reframe the country's history, understanding 1619 as our true*

*founding, and placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are.'"*

The Times plans not just to write a few columns on the subject, but to weave it throughout every subject, including sports, business, and travel, as well as speaking of it on their podcast.

**Most egregiously, The New York Times plans to push this "reframing" into schools by putting together a curriculum for teachers to bring it into the classroom and even sending writers on a tour of classrooms to speak on the subject.**

As columnist Cal Thomas explains, *"Not satisfied with practicing what used to be called journalism, it appears the newspaper's ultimate goal is to change what is taught in public schools so that children will no longer think highly of their country because of the "stain" of slavery, a stain that has been more than paid for in blood and federal programs, which have attempted to lift some descendants of slaves out of poverty."*

And what happens to us admirers of the Founding Fathers when they've all been painted as racists? We're suddenly no longer patriots, but racists ourselves! There is no room for nuance with the far left. We are not allowed to admire Thomas Jefferson's ideas while condemning his slave ownership, because slavery has become the new foundation of the United States, rather than the religious principles which ultimately lead to slavery's undoing, and unless we distance ourselves from those roots we are just fruit of a poisonous tree (to co-opt the legal term).

With this project, the New York Times is throwing off any semblance of balance or objectivism or journalism and turning instead to activism – only adding to America's distrust of its media.



## Dragging Art Down



In 2009, Grand Rapids, MI launched its first Art Prize, a city-wide art competition which became a huge draw to the city and has been continued annually ever since. The community loved it, but art snobs sneered at the elevation of talent which failed to provoke.

So this year Art Prize has been replaced by another city-wide artistic event called “Project One” and the theme of that event is “Crossed Lines.”

And what lines will be crossed throughout this event? How about a Down syndrome drag show, in which mentally impaired performers dress up in often sexualized regalia of the opposite sex and dance erotically for the entertainment of the audience.

It’s abusive and unconscionable, yet the organizers of this event consider that to be art!

This is not “art.” Rather, it is a shameful exploitation of these most innocent and vulnerable human beings. Using the mentally impaired as pawns to push the LGBTQ agenda is contemptible.

The “performance” is by a London-based troupe which goes by the name Drag Syndrome. Although there are those who would say there is no agenda, read this group’s stated purpose in presenting their perversion. *“Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from and talk to the artists, producers, and organizers involved in this unprecedented event which promises to **replace and rearrange our assumptions about gender, sexuality, and disability.**”* (emphasis added)

**We have little time to act** - this Down Syndrome Drag Show is scheduled to come to Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 7.

Down Syndrome affects a person’s ability to reason and understand. As local channel, Wood TV, reported: *“some people may be concerned because people with Down syndrome have limited mental capacity that they might not have the ability to decide to take part or understand what they are taking part in.”*

One of the organizers of the event, Jill Vyn of DisArt, a Grand Rapids organization that connects art and people with disabilities, stated: *“The work that we do is really rooted in raising the visibility, the voice and value of the disability community.”* Yet if their goal was really to raise the value of the disabled, they wouldn’t be dehumanizing them in this degrading way. If Project 1 and DisArt see the disabled as persons to be respected, they would showcase the musical or artistic accomplishments of those with Down syndrome, not manipulate and exploit them to promote a sexual fetish.

Those whom God has created with Down syndrome bear His Image, they are worthy of dignity and respect. There is no doubt that the individuals who make up this troupe have abilities which deserve to be appreciated; there is also no doubt that those abilities are being taken advantage of by radicals to push the acceptance of perversion in our community. [Join us in speaking out on their behalf!](#)

As we denigrate one member of society, we are all denigrated. Or as Frederick Douglass stated, *“No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck.”* Which in turn takes us to the words of Jesus in Luke 17:2 *“It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.”*

Has it really come down to this - that we will allow these image bearers of Christ to be used as unknowing “props” to promote the reprobate LGBTQ propaganda? Will we be a nation that guards and protects the most vulnerable among us – or one that takes advantage of their innocence and childlike trust?

One of the DisArt co-founders, the group organizing the drag show, is Chris Smit, a professor at Calvin College. Yes, you read that right. [Why is a Christian college tied to this event?](#)

Good question, we urge you to **mail the enclosed postcard to the president of Calvin College**, Dr. Michael K Le Roy, and/or call him at 616-526-6100 to express your deep concerns regarding this issue. We must remember that our contact should show Christian charity and concern.

Stand with us against this atrocity against the God who created male and female, against nature, against West Michigan, and against this nation. Your voice is urgently needed to speak for them and be salt and light! **See additional action points on page 7.**

**Listed on the following page are the corporations complicit in bringing the Down syndrome drag show to Grand Rapids.** Please join us in holding them accountable and urging them to use their influence to bring about the cancellation of this degrading drag show. **With the event scheduled for September 7, our time is short. Call or email these sponsors today!**

This Down syndrome drag show was scheduled to be held at Tanglefoot, a building owned by Peter Meijer, grandson of Meijer stores co-founder Fredrick Meijer. While Meijer is listed as a sponsor of Project 1, just before this newsletter went to press we learned that Peter Meijer has written to DisArt stating: *“after deep reflection on the nature of Drag Syndrome’s performance, I cannot approve of their use of Tanglefoot’s facilities,”* due to *“potential exploitation of the vulnerable.”* DisArt states they will find a new venue and the show will go on.

[Call Meijer and thank them for this decision and ask that they use their influence to seek the cancellation of this show.](#)

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# Standing Firm or Leaning Leftward

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Enjoy country music? These words may sound familiar. “...if we don’t see eye to eye there’s something we can do. I’d start walking your way; you’d start walking mine. We’d meet in the middle ‘neath that old Georgia pine. We’d gain a lot of ground ‘cause we’d both give a little; and there ain’t no road too long when we meet in the middle.”

That advice may work for a snappy country tune or even a lover’s spat; but it’s no way to approach Constitutional Law or Biblical, God-given standards. **Both of these are set standards, meant for our good, to be attained to, not compromised with.**

Of course there’s a time and place for discussion and some compromise; but recent history has been full of accommodation to Leftist demands when standing firm was the necessary call of action. Whether it’s about border protection, illegal immigration, national debt/spending, dealing with international threats (China for one), or even the Second Amendment, the Republican Party has acted more like a controlled opposition for the Marxist Left than a conservative force of preservation for our freedom, liberty, and the Constitution. When the Right is complicit by attempting to “meet in the middle” with ever-Leftward moving Marxist ideals and the Democrat Party which espouses such national dangers, we must stand firm and demand that those we have elected to represent us do likewise.

In other words, we can’t look at the ultra-Left Democrat freshmen and thereby accept aligning ourselves with Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) because she’s a moderate. She may look moderate compared to the swinging pendulum but she still falls far Left, is NOT a moderate, and her positions aren’t either. **We must look to the standard - to the Bible and the Constitu-**

**tion - and hold fast to God and to the form of government which has protected us and been good to us for over two and a quarter centuries.**

The Deep State keeps getting victories with the help of Republicans; this must stop. We must stand firm and stay true to our American ideals, the Constitutional process, the liberties that have been fought and died for, and to the ideal that others look to with hope (Hong Kong for example).

Only one side has been gaining ground and only one side has been “giving up a little” (or a lot). It’s been to our nation’s detriment as we’ve become divided, falling further and faster into chaos, and bringing about a cyclical violence which is ramping up on both sides.

The only way to break this cycle and begin a healing process is to return to and stand firm in our Christian and national roots, to elect those who stand with us, and then to stand firm in holding them accountable. If our system seems to be broken, it’s not the system but rather the broken individuals who are abusing it.

That’s another hurdle we must jump—recognizing that **the church has been leaning Leftward instead of standing firm.** We’ve been compromising with a hell bound culture instead of complying with Christ’s call to holiness, to love the Lord our God with all that we are, and in that framework to love our neighbor as our self. We don’t “stand having done **all** to stand in the evil day.”

Sometimes oppressed from the outside culture, other times withering or rotting from within due to lack of spiritual feeding and heavenly nutrient, what should be a bold, loving, holy church appears more like an anemic, fearful, anything goes “religious” club.

Standing with Christ and for Christ will necessarily pit us against the false and unholy. It will also necessarily bring us to daily devotion and a holy ferociousness for the souls of our family and those in our hell-bent culture.

Let me close with a lengthy quote from Francis Schaeffer’s book, *The Great Evangelical Disaster*. Let his prophetic warning bring you to soberness and a holy discontent that drives you to cry out to the Lord.

*“... evangelical accommodation has constantly been in one direction—that is, to accommodate with whatever is in vogue with the form of the world spirit which is dominant today. It is this same world spirit which is destroying both church and society. Balance must be considered constantly. But the accommodation we have been speaking of has constantly taken the form of giving in to the humanistic, secular consensus which is the dominant destructive force of our day. And if no change in this comes, our opportunity will be past. Not only will the compromising portion of evangelicalism go down in collapse, all of us will be carried down with it.*

*“We cannot think that all of this is unrelated to us. It will all come crashing down unless you and I and each of us who loves the Lord and his church are willing to act. And so I challenge you. I call for Christian radicals, and especially young Christian radicals, to stand up in loving confrontation, but confrontation—looking to the living Christ moment by moment for strength—in loving confrontation with all that is wrong and destructive in the church, our culture, and the state.*

*“If there is not loving confrontation, but courageous confrontation, and if we do not have the courage to draw lines even when we wish we did not have to, then history will look back at this time as the time when certain ‘evangelical colleges’ went the way of Harvard and Yale, when certain ‘evangelical seminaries’ went the way of Union Seminary in New York, and the time when other ‘evangelical organizations’ were lost to Christ’s cause - forever.”*

**Regardless the national legacy our generation leaves, make sure to leave your children and grandchildren a spiritual legacy of standing firm. Live out a Christian life which is real, full of passion, and devoted to the only One who brings true freedom - Jesus Christ.**