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Dear Friends of the Preborn,

Today is the 42nd anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. And the slaughter of the preborn continues.

What is shocking is that during this time – not one governor, not one legislature, not one mayor, not one common council has defied the Federal government and interposed on behalf of the preborn. *All* have complied. All have complied with cold-blooded, brutal murder. Stunning.

But who is responsible for this slaughter continuing unabated for so many years? No doubt the pulpits in America carry the brunt of the cause, but let me submit to you another egregiously guilty party. I submit to you that it is the pro-life movement itself.

Just two weeks ago for example National Right to Life and certain Republican politicians heralded (with news stories nationwide) their “aggressive 2015 agenda to outlaw all abortions past 20 weeks.” *Seriously?* This is precisely why the slaughter has continued for 42 years now - nibbling at the edges of abortion rather than demanding total abolition. And until we act differently than we’ve acted in the past nothing will change.

Let me explain something to you about politics – if you offer politicians something less than what is needed and necessary – *they’ll take it!* What is needed and necessary for the preborn is immediate and total abolition of abortion. Why? Because the threat to their lives is immediate.

For decades now pro-life groups have nibbled around the edges of abortion. They spend huge amounts of money and people volunteer huge amounts of time – only to have a federal court trample their nibblings. Then the whole process starts again – with the same outcome once again. Many have wearied and left the field of battle because of it.

Consider the cozy arrangement the pro-life groups and the Republicans have created for each other. The pro-life groups offer legislation which nibbles at the edge of abortion – this assures their continued existence as yet another measure will have to be introduced and fought over the following year and the year after that etc.

The Republicans, who like to pay lip-service to the preborn and see value in having them used as political footballs, are more than happy to accommodate the worthless legislation proposed by the pro-life groups. This gets them votes.

“Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One form us both within our mothers?” -Job 31:15

So useful has this been to the Republicans, for example, that every four years they stampede pro-lifers into voting for their presidential candidate under the mantra that “if the Democrat wins – they will get to appoint Supreme Court justices and Roe v. Wade will remain in force.” Yet, the historical reality is that seven of the nine justices that made up the court that ruled on Roe v. Wade *were* Republican-appointed. *And*, during the next forty years, the Republican-appointed justices outnumbered the Democrats 7-2 or 8-1. Yet abortion remains legal via Roe v. Wade.

Bottom line: the pro-life organizations provide cover for the Republicans, and the Republicans provide cover for the pro-life organizations. They both win. The one who loses is the helpless preborn whom they both disingenuously claim to care about.

So what do we do?

First, we need to understand that there is *no* federal solution to the slaughter of the preborn. The federal government *is* the problem. They used raw judicial power to impose it upon our nation and they have upheld this evil through raw judicial power ever since.

Second, state legislators and governors need to be prodded to end their cozy relationship with pro-life organizations who seem more interested in prolonging their existence and filling their coffers off the bloody backs of the murdered preborn than they are in abolishing this killing.

Third, state legislators and governors need to know that we have their backs if they do what is needed and necessary and protect the preborn. We need to assure them that we will give of our substance and our very lives to support them – doing whatever is needed both publicly and privately to support them for making a stand.

Fourth, we need to demand that our state legislators and governors give total interposition for the preborn – total abolition of abortion. Frederick Douglas, a well-known abolitionist during slavery times understood how important it is to “demand” and to offer nothing less than total abolition. Douglas wrote: “*Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those who they oppress.*”

Here in Wisconsin state officials need to uphold our state statute 940.04 regardless of what the piece of paper detailing the Supreme Court opinion says.

Fifth, *we must offer nothing less to our state legislators and governors than total abolition.* Why? Because if we continue to offer less (these laws which nibble at the edges of abortion), *our state officials will take it.* We will never see the preborn protected until we demand that they are protected. *(continued on next page)*

(continuation of Pastor Matt's letter)

We have been taught that it is “wise” to take what we can get. We therefore feel weird about standing strong and resisting lesser actions than total abolition. We can *only* act differently than we have in the past if we look at the reality of what has been done *and realize - if we continue to take what “we can get” - the preborn will continue to be slaughtered as the same cycles repeat themselves for another 40 years.*

As for us here at Missionaries to the Preborn, we will continue to try and rally the lesser magistrates to do what is needed and necessary. We will also continue to speak up for the preborn in public places and outside the deathcamps themselves – trying to save some while we prod the state magistrates to do what is needed and necessary and use their lawful authority to protect the preborn.

Thank you for your support. May He be glorified in the earth!

Pastor Matt Trehella

Missionaries to the Preborn
announces...

INTERPOSITION

of the lower magistrates tour

Wisconsin

June 15th - 20th, 2015

Contact us 414-462-3399 if you would like to participate.

Pastor Matt's sermon to the legislators of Montana.

The Duty of Lower Magistrates in the Face of Tyranny

Listen at...

ProjectLibertyTree.com

Election Sermon preached by Pastor Matt causes no small stir!

On Sunday, January 4th, Pastor Matt preached an election sermon to about 40 Montana legislators at the capitol building in Helena. About 150 people were in attendance. You can listen to the sermon at ProjectLibertyTree.com. Dozens of news stories were produced including a front page article in the Helena newspaper entitled - *Wisconsin pastor urges Montana legislators to defy feds*. You can see another article on the following page.



Pastor Matt then spoke at nightly meetings in various Montana cities presenting the doctrine of the lesser magistrates via a powerpoint

presentation. He also did about a half dozen radio show interviews which caused the phone lines to explode with callers.

If you would like Pastor Matt to give a presentation of the doctrine to your group or church, contact us at Missionaries to the Preborn and let us know. (414-462-3399)



Sidewalk Counseling Training Session

Tuesday, February 10th

7:00 - 8:30 PM in West Allis

You are *so* needed! Each month we see preborn babies rescued from a brutal death by the efforts of those who stand outside the deathcamps here in Milwaukee and declare truth and offer help to those approaching. Now you can be trained in the simple procedures employed by those who do so. *The training will be held at Calvary Bible Church 1459 S. 81st St. in West Allis.* The training will be conducted by Anne Franczek who has over 25 years experience outside abortion clinics in various states across America.

No cost. Materials will be provided.

Wake Up Church! Conference

Saturday, March 14th in Wausau at the Cedar Creek Mall

Pastor Matt will speak at this conference at 12 noon.
The title of his message is "Ending the Status Quo."

Pastor Educates Lawmakers on Biblical Duty to Resist Tyranny

Written by Alex Newman - Thursday, 15 January 2015

In a revival of a centuries-old American tradition this month, a Wisconsin pastor offered a powerful election sermon to Montana lawmakers at the legislature urging them to do their biblical duty by standing up to escalating federal tyranny. Citing a broad array of Scriptures from the Bible and what is known as the “doctrine of the lesser magistrate,” Pastor Matt Trehwella told state legislators that they have more than just the right to protect citizens from growing lawlessness, tyranny, and wickedness in government — they have a moral and Christian obligation to do so. Increasing defiance of God’s law “is why you are watching Western Civilization crumble before your eyes,” he added.



The historic sermon at the state Capitol in Helena outlining the duties of lesser officials in the face of tyranny — to interpose between the intended victims, in this case, citizens, and the would-be oppressors — has already sparked headlines across America and even abroad. Pastor Trehwella told *The New American* that his sermon to Montana lawmakers on January 4 was “perhaps the most important sermon” he ever gave. “The Bible speaks to all matters of life, including matters of civil government, so to speak to the civil authorities themselves from the Word of God was an honor,” he added.

In the sermon, the pastor argued that government totalitarianism has already come to America. “In the course of human history, the abuse of authority by men through the arm of the State is not an uncommon occurrence,” declared Trehwella, who serves as pastor at Mercy Seat Christian Church in Milwaukee and founded the pro-life group Missionaries to the Preborn. “From time to time in the history of men tyranny reaches a point where it demands a response. We live in such a time in our day. Good men, who recognize the threat, want to be assured, however, that their response to tyranny is proper, that it is legitimate, and that it is sound and just.”

With that, the pastor, who wrote a book on the subject titled *The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates*, introduced the doctrine, which addresses “the duty of lower magistrates in the face of tyranny,” he said. The notion that lesser magistrates must defy anti-God ruling authorities was first articulated in its present form by John Calvin, who wrote that there are “popular magistrates” who have “been appointed to curb the tyranny of kings.” Even before that, the pastor explained, Western Civilization had a firm grasp of the concept, as evidenced by John of Salisbury’s 1159 work *Policraticus*, for example, among other works and writings.

However, as Trehwella pointed out in his sermon, there are also numerous examples of the doctrine at work throughout the Bible. In his sermon to lawmakers, the pastor cited, among other cases documented in the Scriptures, the midwives in the Book of Exodus who defied pharaoh’s orders to murder all male Hebrew newborns. Israel’s interposition on behalf of King Saul’s son, Jonathan, who was set to be executed for violating a decree he was unaware of, was also discussed. Daniel, of course, who at the time was a top government official, publicly defied King Darius’ decree against praying.

“Daniel took an open stand in defiance of this unjust law,” Trehwella explained, citing Scripture to show that Daniel knew of the unjust decree yet openly violated it. “And your duty is no different in our day.”

The Founding Fathers, too, spoke of interposition, the pastor explained to lawmakers, pointing to Thomas Jefferson’s Virginia Resolution of 1798 defying the federal government. The document declared that “the states who are parties thereto [parties to the U.S. Constitution] have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of evil.” James Madison, too, was a supporter of interposition and state nullification of unconstitutional federal statutes, saying that whenever the federal government usurps undelegated powers, “its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force.”

Federal tyranny in defiance of God, continued Pastor Trehwella, is already present in America. “It has been for decades and it is growing,” he explained. “We have a federal government that is out of control and has long ago spurned its constitutional restraints.” Among other examples, he noted that Washington, D.C., has “already attacked and abridged liberty.” It is now in the process of “plundering the American people,” he added. “They have assailed the Christian institutions and traditions of our people and seem to be at war with much of the American people.”

Other outrages in America imposed by an unconstrained federal government include the “cold-blooded murder of the preborn, the imposition of homosexual marriage upon our states, no-fault divorce, the decriminalization of adultery, the phalanx of laws created by the State to invade our domestic affairs, disarm the people, seize our property, and harass our persons.” All of it, he said, points to “the growing tyranny in America.” And it must be resisted if God’s just judgment is to be abated and liberty preserved, he said.

“Listen to me now — and this is important — by your act of interposition, when you as lower magistrates defy the higher authority, you remind the federal authorities that their authority has limits,” he explained to the assembled state lawmakers. “They are not to be blithely obeyed.... You need to understand — you possess authority. You need to understand the authority you possess is delegated authority. Your authority as a legislator was delegated to you of God. Romans 13 plainly declares you to be the servants or ministers of God.”

As God’s ministers, Trewhella continued, “you are to govern according to His rule.” That means, among other points, that officials must reward those who do good, and punish those who do evil. “You are not to make law or policy which contradicts His moral law or His Word,” he said. “And, if the higher authority makes unjust or immoral law you have a duty not to sustain his rebellion against God by obeying the unjust law. Rather, you have the duty to use your authority to resist his unjust or immoral law, and thus remind the higher authority in all their arrogance that their authority has limits.”

God is the ultimate authority, the pastor noted. “Men need to understand that the State is not God,” he continued. “They do not get to rule by mere fiat. They do not get to just make up law as they go.... The State’s authority is not autonomous, nor unlimited. Rulers are not to contravene — violate, oppose, or contradict — God’s law. Citizens are not bound to hold unlimited obedience to the civil government. Nor are lower magistrates to give unlimited obedience to the higher authorities.”

In practice, Trewhella said, the doctrine of the lesser magistrates means that the primary duty of those lesser magistrates is threefold. “First, they are to oppose and resist any laws or edicts from the higher authority that contravene the law or Word of God,” he said. “Second, they are to protect the person, liberty, and property of those who reside within their jurisdiction from any unjust or immoral laws or actions by the higher authority. Third, they are not to implement any laws or decrees made by the higher authority that violate the Constitution, and if necessary, resist them.”

Especially important, Trewhella concluded, is to stop pretending that federal courts possess unlimited authority to trample on the U.S. Constitution and even God’s law itself. He cited the purported re-definition of marriage to include homosexual relationships on states by federal judges, as well as the purported legalization of abortion by the Supreme Court, as two of the most egregious examples that require interposition by lesser magistrates. ObamaCare, too, should be resisted, he said.

Speaking to *The New American*, Trewhella said he was trying to tell lawmakers “what they needed to hear at this dire time in our nation’s history, rather than flatter them.” Election sermons “have a rich history in our nation,” he continued, saying they were regularly preached from the mid-1600s until the mid-1800s. And they are important. “The church pulpits were the historical means whereby the people were instructed, from a theological foundation, in the purpose, functions, and limits of the State,” he said.

“If a citizenry does not know the purpose and limitations of the State, then the civil government can misuse its power because the citizenry is unable to measure when something improper is occurring,” Trewhella told *The New American*. “For there to be any indignation towards acts of tyranny by the State, one must be able to recognize that tyranny is taking place. The result of election sermons ceasing in our nation is that we now have a federal government that is bent on imposing more socialism, bigger government, and further decadence and immorality. Therefore, the interposition of the lesser magistrates is needed and election sermons need to be revived.”

There is also what Trewhella described as a “huge” role for citizens to play in the fight. “They must prod their state, county, and local authorities to stand in defiance of federal tyranny, and then they must have their back when they do stand — offering their substance and very bodies for all that is needed both publicly and privately in support of them,” he concluded.

Photo: Montana State Capitol

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