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Dear Friends of the Preborn,

The doctrine of the lesser magistrates continues to grow! The book keeps selling - about 15,000 copies now; radio interviews; speaking opportunities; and numerous meetings with magistrates at the state, county, and local levels.

Enclosed is my article *Three Reasons Why You Cannot Embrace Both Immediatism and Incrementalism*. Please take time to read it as it is of huge importance. The article begins on the back of this page and then continues on another page.

Also enclosed are some photos from the effort by *Abolish Human Abortion* that we participated in out in Washington, D.C. Our truthruck spent 12 days in DC!

Please consider before the Lord being a part of the upcoming campus tour. The brief details of this tour are in the box below.

*Thank you for your continued support. May Christ be glorified in the earth!*

*Pastor Matt Trewhella*

## Wisconsin Campus Tour

October 10th—13th, 2016

Monday, October 10th = UW-Eau Claire

Tuesday, October 11th = UW-River Falls

Wednesday, October 12th = UW-La Crosse

Thursday, October 13th = UW-Madison

If you would like to participate with us in this effort, contact us by email or phone. Campus Tours provide the opportunity to speak up for your preborn neighbor to young people who are entering the realms of business, politics, and academia. Please remember this effort in prayer.

# Three Reasons Why You *Cannot* Embrace Both Immediatism and Incrementalism

*By Pastor Matthew Trehella*

When I first began my involvement in the abortion fight, I was an immediatist. We would actually go to the deathcamps themselves and interpose at the doors – placing ourselves between the preborn child and the abortionist’s murderous tools. That’s about as immediatist as you can get.

I was soon introduced to pro-life politics. The model there was incrementalist, not immediatist. Over the next ten years, I spent countless hours working on legislation that nibbled at the edges of abortion. Most of it accomplished very little, sometimes nothing at all, and often the courts would rule it unconstitutional.

In other words, I did what countless others have done. I embraced both immediatism and incrementalism. But over the years, I learned that you *cannot* embrace both when it comes to political involvement.

For those not familiar with these terms, politically speaking, immediatism or abolition calls for the immediate interposition and total abolition of abortion. Only legislation that proffers complete abolition of abortion and protection of the preborn – and nothing less – is embraced by abolitionists.

Incrementalism, on the other hand, calls for chipping or nibbling away at abortion. Passing small measures to curtail the number of abortions being committed now with the hope of finally outlawing it completely. This has been the paradigm of the pro-life movement for 43 years now.

Some people only embrace immediatism and others only embrace incrementalism - and others – they embrace both.

I am writing to show that you *cannot* embrace both. As someone who has embraced both in the past and as someone who has been involved in this battle for nearly 30 years now, here are three quick reasons that brought me to the conclusion that I could *not* embrace both.

## **#1. Proffering less than what is needed and necessary.**

First, you must understand that if you offer a politician something *less* to do than what is needed and necessary – *he’ll take it every time*. This is huge. I realized this after watching it played out before my eyes by politicians and pro-life organizations countless times.

I realized that if I continue to offer politicians something less than total abolition, we will never see this killing outlawed because the politicians will just keep taking the *less* that I offer. And as long as we continue to do this – we will see yet another 40 years of this bloodshed.

Abortion is cold-blooded, brutal murder. Therefore, we must *not* offer... (*next page*)

something less than immediate interposition and total abolition to bring justice to the situation.

When you proffer legislation that just regulates abortion, you provide the escape for them; you remove the pressure they need to feel in order for them to interpose for the preborn and proclaim total abolition. If rape were legal, would we proffer legislation which demanded that only certain men could rape the women at certain locations or demand that it be outlawed completely?

My point is simple but profound: if we continue to offer the magistrates something less to do than what is needed and necessary – the immediate and total abolition of abortion – they will continue to take the lesser measure every time.

This alone should convince us to abandon incrementalism.

## **#2. Undermining your moral high ground.**

Second, when you proffer legislation that is less than immediate interposition and total abolition, not only do you undercut your political standing, but you undermine your moral high ground.

If you say “abortion is murder”, but then proffer legislation that treats it as less than murder – you completely discredit your assertion that “abortion is murder.”

For example, even The U. S. Supreme Court in their Roe v. Wade opinion used the lack of punishment to the woman and the low punishment to the abortionist as proof that abortion must not be murder.

For decades now, the pro-life/pro-family organizations have proven they only want to regulate abortion and nibble at its edges. When we do this we are communicating to the magistrates that abortion really is not murder, rather, it is simply something that is “not nice.”

## **#3. Misusing your time.**

Third, there is the matter of time. The matter of time was instrumental in persuading me to abandon incrementalism. I realized that all the time that I put into incremental legislative efforts – which only resulted in nibbling at the edges of abortion or being ruled unconstitutional by yet another federal court – was time taken away from me working for immediate interposition and total abolition.

Now that I am 56 years old now – I see how much time I wasted on the incremental approach in trying to abolish abortion. I realize I must use my time strategically; and not undermine my moral assertion that abortion is murder; nor provide opportunity to politicians to do less than what is needed and necessary in the face of murder.

The incrementalists have had plenty of time to prove their method is correct – they have had over 40 years. Their policy and paradigm is a failure. In fact, many incrementalists now see that the incrementalist approach is an *exhausted policy* as nearly every nibbling bill they bring is ruled against by the federal courts. What can be done under that paradigm – has been done under that paradigm. (over)

This is why immediate interposition and total abolition by state governments is important. The federal judiciary simply must be defied. This should have been done in 1973 – it must be done now.

Most prolife/pro-family organizations hate such talk and have repeatedly proven that they will put time and money into *opposing* any effort that would actually stop abortion cold. They have much to gain through the current paradigm that has been followed for decades now.

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 incremental legislation proposed by the pro-life groups. This gets them votes – *and* it gets them labeled “pro-life” with good ratings from the pro-life organizations.

For example, earlier this year in Oklahoma when abolitionists gathered and demanded total abolition of abortion – SB 1118 resulted from their efforts – a bill that would have outlawed abortion in Oklahoma; made it punishable as an act of murder; and had no exceptions. The bill was killed by the GOP and pro-life organizations. *Many of the senators who refused to support SB 1118 had 100% pro-life voting records from the pro-life and pro-family groups.*

The pro-life organizations legitimize the Republicans and make them appear “pro-life,” and the Republicans legitimize the pro-life organizations and help them keep their coffers full of money off the bloody backs of the preborn. They both win. The one who loses is the helpless preborn whom they both disingenuously claim to care about – but whose suffering they refuse to end.

I don’t say these things to be mean or to belittle. I say them because they need to be acknowledged – and we need to repent. I accepted the model or paradigm which was handed to me and devoted countless hours to the failed policy of incrementalism. But once confronted with these facts, we must change what we do.

We need a paradigm shift. What stops all this (the fruit of our repentance if you will) – stops the slaughter and ends the cozy arrangement - is the doctrine of the lesser magistrates. The preborn wonder when we will demand immediate interposition and total abolition – and accept nothing less.

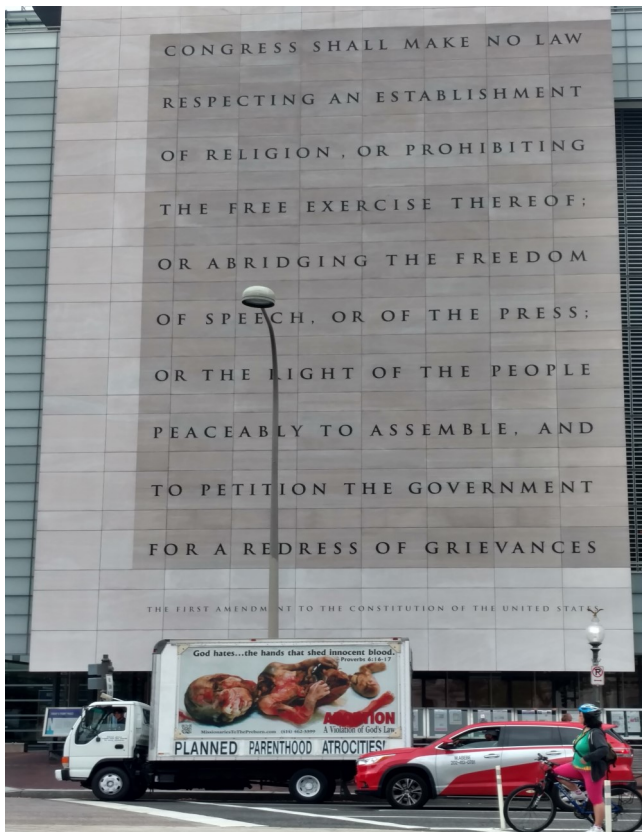
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# WASHINGTON, D.C.



We sent our truthtruck out to Washington, DC from September 7th through 17th in order to take the plight of the preborn child to the feds. We believe that since this slaughter of the preborn is public policy, their suffering should be publicly displayed.

The truthtruck was outside the *Value Voter Summit*; circled a *NARAL* pro-death rally which included a speech by Bernie Sanders; was outside the *Black Caucus Annual Dinner* which Hillary and Obama spoke at; was present at the *Donald Trump Hotel* grand opening; parked outside the sodomite *Human Rights Campaign* yearly dinner; participated in the *Abolish Human Abortion* effort; and was all over the DC area!





The weekend of September 16th through 18th, Missionaries to the Preborn joined with abolitionists in DC. *There was no small stir!*



Monthly Tour Stop

## Milwaukee

Saturday, October 15th, 2016

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 76th St. & Mill Rd.

No need to bring anything—we will provide the literature and signs.

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