

Friends & Fellow Believers in Christ,

We did what we ought to have done. We contended for life. We worked tirelessly. We hoped. We prayed. We fasted. We expected God to intervene. And He did...just not in the way we had hoped.

We have not failed. We have been obedient to what He asked us to do. The results belong to God.

I cannot thank you enough for your diligence, your sacrifice, your obedience to God to do everything you could to protect the most vulnerable among us. You are my friends and fellow soldiers in Christ. Be assured that God sees everything you have done and He feels the pain of your broken heart at this moment because it is the pain of His own broken heart that you feel. We had hoped and prayed that He would spare us from judgment. But He has a different plan.

Being the consummate gentleman, God allowed the people of Ohio to follow their chosen path, mirroring the historical behavior of ancient Israel. He will never and has never forced His will on anyone. He wants humanity to choose Him of their own free will. To choose Truth. To choose life. Throughout their history, the Israelites repeatedly rebelled against God, forsaking Him in favor of false gods and offering up their children as human sacrifices on the altar of Molech. This pattern was evident in events such as the construction of the golden calf in Exodus, the episodes of wandering in the wilderness chronicled in Numbers, and the numerous rebellions documented in the book of Judges.

Now, in a similar vein, Ohioans have rejected God by voting for the destruction of life and embracing moral decay. In their ignorance and self-interest, they have put their children and grandchildren at significant risk.

Like the prophet Jeremiah, we will now witness the judgment of God. First, it will fall upon those within the faith community who failed to intercede for those heading toward destruction. Second, it will extend to the godless who embraced a culture of death.

I'm not going to sugar-coat it, it's going to be a rough ride. The GOOD NEWS is that judgment - pain caused as a result of sin and rebellion toward God- leads to REPENTANCE AND REVIVAL!

Additionally, God will always provide new ways for His people to fight evil. It is what He has created us to do! He has replaced our stony hearts with hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26) and He has prepared us for every good work! (Hebrews 13:21).

It is interesting that the deliverance cycle for an individual is similar to the deliverance cycle of a state and nation. Following Christ/Adherence to Biblical Principles ➡ Moral Clarity ➡ Invention ➡ Prosperity ➡ Forgetfulness of God ➡ Decline ➡ Cry Out to God IN REPENTANCE ➡ Revival ➡ Deliverance ➡ Moral Clarity. And the cycle goes on.

As believers, we are NEVER to despair. And NEVER to give up hope. We keep on fighting, praying, hoping, and believing because we serve a God who will never fail us.

Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation. Psalm 62:1

"Be Still, My Soul; the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still my soul; Thy best, Thy heavenly Friend Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end."

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Onward!

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