

Pro-Life Strategy has Failed Us

For too long, we Christians in the pro-life movement have been shackled by the cumbersome *armor of King Saul*. We have been sold the idea, by friend and foe alike, that if we ever intend to win the battle for the lives of pre-born baby boys and girls, we must do it through changing the laws.

For the past six years, we have had a Republican President, a Republican Senate, and a Republican House, yet abortion on demand remains the Law of the Land. Why? Our strategy has failed us. The giants of abortion, homosexuality, and Islam will never come to an end by political resolution. It is only God's Church that is called to tear these strongholds down. Abortion is a Gospel issue.

Republican Strategy is Saul's Armor

Remember King Saul? He was the one who should have fought Goliath, the Philistine giant. After all, Saul stood head and shoulders above everyone else in Israel. He was the anointed King. He was the government of his day. He was the one who should have taken on the giant, but he had absolutely no intention of fighting that battle. Though he had a sword, he had no intention of wielding it. King Saul is a perfect representation of the Republican Party today.

The giants of abortion, homosexuality, and Islam have made cowards of us all. In particular they have made a coward of the Republican Party. It is so worried about stirring up their wrath or losing an election, that all three have been given a free pass. The Republican Party has absolutely no intention of taking out these giants.

Oh, they may speak against them, or come up with some anemic piece of legislation like the partial-birth-abortion ban, or the marriage amendment, or a war on terror, but they will never fight in the Name of Jesus. They will never wield the sharp double-edged Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) to cut off the heads of these giants and utterly destroy them.

They will not plead the case of the fatherless to win it. They will only plead it to get your vote!

You see, fighting the battle in *Saul's armor* makes us wholly dependent upon elected officials to fight giants that only we Christians can slay. The giant of abortion will never come to an end by political resolution, compromise, or bridge building. Most of the bridges we have built need to be blown up.

The gates of hell will forever prevail against the Republican Party. They cannot, however prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ.

That's right! The Partial Birth Abortion Ban; Parental Notification; Parental Consent; the 24 hour waiting period; common ground; rape, incest, life of the mother clauses; etc., are all *Saul's armor*. We cannot slay the giants wearing *Saul's armor*.

A Christian Strategy—Tried and True

Legislative enactments, though well intentioned, may stop some *abortions* but they will never slay the giant of ABORTION. The devil loves it when we try to outsmart him on his own turf. If he can keep us fighting the battle in *Saul's armor* or in the political arena, he will win every time. What he cannot stand up against are those who are willing to come against him in the Name and the power of Jesus Christ.

Five smooth stones were all that David needed to slay a giant that all Israel feared. Though King *Saul's armor* was offered to him, God had given David a different way to bring down and slay the giant. **Clear vision, singleness of heart, faith in God, and the empowerment and blessing of Almighty God upon his life was all that was required.**

Relying upon elected officials to fight the battle that is reserved for the Church of Jesus Christ is futile. It is Saul's armor. Presidents, congressmen, and judges won't and cannot slay the giant of child killing. They have no desire to do so. It's too costly! They may try to reason with him, or build bridges to him, but they will never slay him. This job belongs to another. It belongs to those who have truly heard the voice of God and are unashamed to stand for Him, wielding the Sword of the Spirit against all odds.

Compare Reagan with Clinton

Consider 12 years of Republican pro-life leadership in the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush (1980-1992). The number of abortions increased exponentially during their tenures. Now consider the 8 years of William Jefferson Clinton's presidency (1992-2000). He was, without a doubt, the most pro-abortion president ever, yet the number of surgical abortions decreased dramatically during his tenure.

Why?

Because gentle Christians across America realized that under the Clinton Administration there would be no help from the political arena so they threw off the cumbersome armor of Saul and took the

battle to the streets. As they did, Almighty God showed up in power.

William Jefferson Clinton was probably the best thing that ever happened to the Pro-Life movement. He forced the theology of the church house to become biography in the streets.

Encouraging Statistics From an Enemy

Even the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the statistical arm of Planned Parenthood, has noted this fact. In its annual report in 2002 it recorded a 20% drop in the number of surgical abortions done in America since 1992. It also noted that the number of facilities offering abortions has decreased almost 50% since 1992.

Wow! All of this while, in the political arena, legislation funding the abortion industry had increased and laws outlawing the Christian witness outside mills had become more hostile. **Yet, the battle for the lives of pre-born children was being won! Why?**

Again, it was because gentle Christian warriors threw off the idea that there was a political solution to the murder of little children in America. No more would we fight with the cumbersome **armor of Saul** (trying to elect governmental officials to legislatively fight the battle for us). We just began storming the gates of hell.

Does this mean that we don't vote or participate in the political process? Absolutely not! It simply means that we are now fighting the battle the way God intended us to and He is pushing back our enemies.

"Through you we push back our enemies, through your Name we trample our foes."
Psalm 44:5.

God is demonstrating, for anyone who has eyes to see, that the battle is His. He is simply looking for a people who will believe Him and run to the roar of the enemy! We will slay the Goliath of *Roe v. Wade* when we remove *Saul's armor* and take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the gates of hell.

The gentle revolution that is turning the abortion industry upside down is one that begins in the heart. The laws of this land will one day reflect this revolution, but only after the battles are fought and won in the streets. Jesus is calling the salt of the earth out of the salt shaker. It is a command!

We are not waiting for the approval of our brothers and sisters who are shivering and hiding in caves, hoping the giant will not see them. We want the giant to see us! We want him to see the great and mighty God we serve. We want him to see theology becoming biography in the streets of America. The enemy's doom is sure. He is finished and we are going to wield this truth until Jesus takes us home.

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