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**What A Determined Few Can Accomplish When They Just Show Up** By Dr Pat McEwen

Two days before Christmas some pro lifers decided to help out Matt Ferro, FSU college student from Tallahassee and president of Noles For Life. (“Noles” is Florida State vernacular for Seminoles). We met Matt in Orlando at the Florida Right to Life conference. Jay Rogers spoke about the many things we do stop abortion in addition to lobbying the legislature. He was excited about the idea of a neighborhood outreach so we promised to join him in Jacksonville.

At first we were disappointed because only four of us showed up, but the Lord often works with a few. We went to the practice, home, and hospital of an abortionist named Rasner who lives in Jacksonville and travels to Tallahassee on **Sundays** to kill babies! Matt goes to this mill on Sundays to be a voice for the preborn. He had never done a neighborhood outreach before. We drove about 3 hours to Jacksonville to help Matt expose abortionist Rasner and the Lord blessed it.

One of abortionist Rasner’s patients came out to ask why we were there as it was a Baptist practice – boy was she shocked to find out what Mr. Rasner did on Sundays. She began telling other patients and find a new doctor to deliver her baby. Several folks from Jacksonville drove by our Gospel proclamation never before seeing the graphic pictures and were greatly interested. One lady stayed with us the whole time we were outside the practice.

We were astonished when abortionist Rasner arrived and invited Matt to speak with him in his office. After prayer and setting up a way to record the conversation, Matt went in.



**Matt asking Jay if he should talk to abortionist.**

Abortionist Rasner had the typical excuses. *He is a “good abortionist” – if he doesn’t do it then bad abortionists like Pendergraft will!!!* Rasner wanted to know if he could set up a dialog with us. Sure, but we will keep coming until he quits!

After Matt came out safely from the gates of hell we headed off to Mr. Rasner’s home neighborhood. It turned out he owns many houses but rents most out. Next time we will go to his actual home. In the meantime we shocked a very yuppy neighborhood! His tenants were horrified to learn that their landlord was a baby killer. They are very pro-life and are considering moving.

Then we were on to the BAPTIST hospital where he works and has a second office. They were not pleased that we were there. We plan to write letters to the hospital board. In their conversation Rasner told Matt that *he knew sooner or later we would come*. I think Dr. Rasner is about to find that Matt is his worst nightmare. This guy has been hiding in plain sight amid a bunch of Baptists and we blew his cover! Matt was so excited. We were so pleased to see such energy and excitement for the Lord from such a young man. He didn’t just show up – he asked us to come and join him! We were only four, but look what the Lord did when we just showed up!

**Skip Spurlock home with the Lord**

Our brother, fellow laborer, and fellow soldier of the cross of Christ, Skip Spurlock is home with Jesus. Many of you did not know Skip as I had the privilege of knowing him, but you know his wife of fifty-one years, Brenda. Yep, Miss Brenda! What an extraordinary lady and what a God glorifying family they have given to us. The family did most of the home-going service with Pastor Gary Coleman, a longtime friend of Jesus’ precious preborn children, officiating.



**Skip Finished Well**

**Thank you Jesus for the absolute certainty of the resurrection! Goodnight for now Skip – We will see you in the morning!** Below please find the email I sent to Miss Brenda upon hearing of Skip’s passage into the arms of Jesus. The section of Scripture I shared with her has often been a great source of encouragement to me.

Dear Miss Brenda, We are so sorry to hear the news of Skip’s passing. He is rejoicing with Jesus and things are very well with him. But I am sure that things are a little different with you on this side of heaven. We love you and are praying for you, the kids, and grandkids. Faye and I received the news late last night from Dorrie.

Just got off the phone with you this morning and God gave me a few verses of Scripture for you. He revealed to Martha, for the first time ever, a truth that He could not reveal to Mary. Mary was offended perhaps that Jesus had not come to be with her brother Lazarus during his time of sickness. But Martha’s theology and faith brought her to Jesus and she, before anyone else on earth (including her sister Mary), received this amazing truth:

**“Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou had been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea Lord I believe that thou art the Christ the Son of God, which should come into the world.” John 11: 21-27.**

Yes, the same Martha whom Jesus chastised for being worried about many things and not taking the best part like her sister Mary, was the one to whom he revealed this incredible truth. Her strong and true theology brought her to Him. She was not offended, no matter the woes the world could bring. Mary came to him only later and, even then, had to be coaxed.

### **Birmingham, Alabama – Currently Abortion Free!**

Is David Lackey dancing right now in the “Church Triumphant?” I can only imagine that he is. We had our first National Event in Birmingham during Holy Week in April, 1994. At that time there were six thriving abortion mills in this city. Today, there are none. Praise the living God – Jesus!

To David in the “Church Triumphant”, and to all of the saints of the “Church Militant” in Birmingham – well done thou good and faithful servants!

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 15, 2014 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ --by Fr. Terry Genesmer (CEC For Life) Birmingham's Planned Parenthood Southeast (PPS), the last remaining abortion facility in the city, is currently closed. But will it remain so?



**Stomp on the Devil**

Local sidewalk counselors report that the facility does not appear to have performed abortions since before Christmas. One counselor confirms that she has only seen a handful of patients show up in the past four weeks, none of whom stayed long enough to have an abortion.

But that's just the start. On December 30th, after the facility was closed for several days, pro-lifers on the sidewalk witnessed the facility's director being escorted from the building, followed by a repairman changing all of the locks. Three days later, a sign from Planned Parenthood Southeast (PPS) appeared stating that the facility would be closed until January 6th, 2014. After the 6th, sidewalk counselors say the facility did reopen, but only briefly.

As of Tuesday, PPS posted yet another sign, now reading: "We apologize for the inconvenience, but this facility is temporarily closed." The PPS website also removed the facility's hours of operation schedule, as well as adding a note that reads: "Services at our Birmingham health center are temporarily slowed."

Fr. Terry Gensemer, Director of CEC For Life, hopes the closure will be permanent. He comments, "This Planned Parenthood should have been closed long before today. It already has a lawsuit pending from a woman left infertile after the abortionist ignored her ectopic pregnancy and performed an abortion on her empty womb. Before that, the facility was caught in a round of scandal for allegedly covering up cases of statutory rape. For the sake of everyone this facility continues to harm, we are praying it remains closed."

If the facility does remain closed, Birmingham will be the largest metropolitan area in the country free of abortion clinics -- a prayer that many in the city have waited decades to see answered.

*CEC For Life is a ministry of the Charismatic Episcopal Church (CEC).*

### **The Failure of Pro-Life Political Strategy to End Abortion**

Caveat: You will notice some pictures throughout the following. They illustrate plainly that God's ways are not our ways.

What one perceives the battle to be will determine how he fights it. God is dividing the Pro-Life movement in America. This comes as no surprise to us Christians, because we know that Jesus always divides His friends (**Luke 12:49-53**) and unites his enemies (Herod and Pilate) as He nears the cross. This division is manifesting itself most visibly between those pro-lifers who perceive abortion to be a political issue and therefore to be resolved *incrementally* by political machinations in Washington, D.C., and those who perceive abortion to be a Gospel issue to be resolved by God's Church wielding the Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) while storming the gates of hell and being a voice for voiceless children.

Political *incrementalism* is a lie birthed in the pit of hell that may stop some abortions but will never end abortion. It gives the appearance of progress, assuages our consciences, and is a good fund raiser, but it never deals with the sin of abortion.

This lie has infected the pro-life movement for the past 41 years. It has paralyzed the Church of Jesus Christ. It has moved us from standing on the Word of God to end child killing, to relying upon our own ability to make compromises with the

enemy of God in order to stop abortion. I now introduce you to the world's penultimate *Incrementalist*.

**The Devil Works Incrementally.** It is very telling that our enemy (the devil) never ceases his *incremental* push to bring sin into a human heart and into the heart of a nation. He always works *incrementally* – it is his way. Witness his first assault upon Eve in the garden in **Genesis 3:1**: “**Did God really say...?**” He begins the dialogue by bringing God’s Word into question. He does not outright challenge God’s veracity – he just casts doubt in her mind. It is his means to a far more diabolic end.



He then, *incrementally* pursues his plan by directly contradicting God’s Word, “**You surely will not die...**” **Genesis 3:4**. “Who does God think he is anyway,” asks the *Old Deluder*, “Who gives Him the right to determine who lives and who dies?” Finally, as he sees his prey listening, questioning, and doubting, he moves in for the kill. He calls the very character and motive of God into question, “**For God knows that when you eat of it (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God...**” God is withholding something wonderful from you. He doesn’t care about you and doesn’t want you to have it, but I am here to help you get it now.

This is the devil’s modus-operandi. It is called *incrementalism*. It works. He has led many hearts and many nations away from God with this calculated treachery. Witness the whole *Creation vs. Evolution* controversy in America. It gives us a perfect example of the devil’s incremental ways to overthrow Almighty God:

Charles Darwin wrote the “Origin of the Species” in 1859 –it was another lie birthed in the pit of hell. It cast doubt upon God’s Word, but most at that time saw it for the lie that it really was. As time passed, however, many intellectuals found it a convenient tool to remove God and His Word from man and his origin. It was just a small beginning of the devil’s plan to dethrone Almighty God and enthrone himself - *Incrementalism* at its finest.

Sixty-eight years later, the infamous Scopes Trial was held in Dayton, Tennessee in 1927. This very public trial, the whole nation was fixed upon it, quite literally placed God on the stand to defend Himself against Charles Darwin. The media of the day found God irrelevant to man’s creation and purpose. Therefore Evolution and Creation were now to be taught side by side in our nation’s schools. Both were considered equally valid. It was a slow and *incremental* process but the devil was carefully working his insidious plan. He’s got the time, but he is on God’s leash.

It was never the devil’s intention that Evolution and Creation remain side by side in a pluralistic state. Pluralism is never an end state. It is simply that middle ground found between two conflicting worldviews that move us from one God and rule of law, to another. It wasn’t long before Evolution was considered the only truly scientific explanation of creation and therefore the only theory allowed to be taught in schools.

Creation was considered (pseudo-science) and that is where we find ourselves today. Incrementalism works!

*Incrementalism*, however, is not God’s way! Some have posited that if *incrementalism* works for the devil, we ought to turn it back on him employing the same method. This is a fatal error because it causes us to compromise God’s Word. Witness the way we, in the pro-life movement, have attempted to overcome the lie of *Roe v. Wade*. Rather than fighting the battle with God’s Word, we have immersed ourselves in political strategy and legislation. Strategy has replaced Truth!

We have tried to overcome abortion by *incrementally* offering up compromising pieces of legislation: *Parental Notification, Parental Consent, Twenty-four Hour Waiting Period, Partial Birth Abortion Ban, Fetal Pain Legislation*, ad nauseam. These are certainly well intentioned pieces of legislation but each one of them violates God’s Word.

### **STRATEGY HAS INDEED REPLACED TRUTH!**

How so? Each of these cleverly crafted *incremental* legislative initiatives ends with a tiny unspoken caveat: “**...and then you can kill the baby.**” Surprised! You shouldn’t be. Who do you think inspired this kind of legislation?

If you notify the parents...**then you can kill the baby.** If you have the parent’s consent...**then you can kill the baby.** If you wait twenty-four hours...**then you can kill the baby.** If you anesthetize the baby...**then you can kill the baby.** If you draw a late term baby out of the mother’s womb feet first, you cannot kill him by sucking his brains out and then crushing his skull – you must rip his arms and legs off first...**then you can kill the baby.**

This is an abomination before Almighty God! Using the devil’s means to accomplish God’s ends is a fatal error. Neither will this political strategy ever bring an end to abortion. God will not bless it. Oh, *incremental* legislation may stop some abortions, but it will never end **ABORTION!** The devil would be happy to sign on to any one or all of these ridiculous pieces of legislation. Of course, he is the author of them all.

The lie of *incrementalism* is that we become as God trying to negotiate with the enemy the terms of peace. This is not our

job. The terms of peace have already been negotiated at the cross. The victory has been won through Christ. Jesus has made a public spectacle of the devil's defeat. Our sworn duty is to represent our risen Lord's commands to an already defeated foe. There is no need for negotiation. We win when we stand uncompromisingly on God's Word. It is the only offensive weapon we have been issued and the only one we need.

Working toward justice, no matter how well intentioned, is not being just. To be just one must wield the sharp double edged Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God, and let the chips fall where they may.

Let me explain: During slavery in the antebellum South, many did not believe slaves to be “persons” – same lie as abortion, just a different colored glove covering the same fist. As a matter of fact, the Dredd Scott Decision in 1857 legally rendered our black brothers and sisters the “property” of their slave masters. The problem was that property couldn't vote. This did not bode well in the South, so the Southern states came up with legislation that made slaves 3/5's of a “person.”

Seems like progress doesn't it? Instead of being mere “property” the slave was now considered 3/5's of a “person.” Of course this wasn't the truth, but it was progress right? Wrong! Why? Because political strategy had replaced the TRUTH of the Gospel of Christ! Our black brothers and sisters weren't 3/5's of a person; they were 5/5's of a person created in the very image of God. This truth divided our nation while the political parties grappled with strategy, compromise, and pragmatism in Washington, D.C. God, however, was going to deal with the sin of slavery. 650 thousand men died in a bloody Civil War. Truth finally prevailed! But at what cost?

We need to deal with the sin of abortion – not attempt to regulate it with the hope of one day ending it! We become the devil's joke when we *incrementally* try to outsmart him by our own political machinations. He knows it prevents us from standing upon God's Word—the only weapon he cannot withstand. The Truth of God's Word will always put an end to the lie! The one offensive weapon we have to tear down the strongholds of the devil is the Word of God. It is the very weapon that Jesus used during His temptation and it behooves us to do the same.

**God's Way is Standing Upon His Word.** We must never attempt to *incrementally* work toward justice by attempting to regulate evil. We are simply commanded by God to act justly: **“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8.**



Share the truth

This is called storming the gates of hell. They cannot prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ! They will, however, forever prevail against the Republican Party, Conservatism, and any other pretend salt one would care to offer up.

Abortion will come to an end in America when the Church of Jesus Christ makes up her mind it will come to an end – and not one second sooner! It is only then that the laws of our land will begin to reflect that victory – not vice-versa.

**We must never be duped into the incremental and pragmatic lie that our goals should be achieving only as much good as evil will allow. We must stand on the perfect Word of God and God's perfect standard of justice – Jesus!**

**Can a Christian support any legislation?** There are some pieces of legislation that we can support without compromising God's word. The first such bill was HB1 (now known as Personhood), introduced into the Georgia State house in 2007. It certainly encapsulated the principles of Scripture. It was truly an all out declaration that human life begins at conception and therefore is due protection under the color of Law. This was the beginning of something very significant. We are presently seeing a definite move from the foolishness of the “incrementalist approach” to an all out stand on God's Word. There was no stain of compromise in HB1. The Bill simply expands on our motto: **“Pro-life Without apology; Without exception; Without compromise!”** There are no escape clauses, no exceptions, no caveats that allow the killing of a child in the bill.

What criteria can one use to judge legislation? The easiest and most certain measure is, “*does this compromise God's word?*” Another measure, does this legislation contain within it the unwritten caveat, “*and then you can kill the baby?*”

Now, judge righteously!

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**Keep storming the gates of hell in Jesus magnificent Name!**

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