



## Day 17—Repentance and Action, leading to no abortion in Indiana, with no exceptions.

By Peter Albertson

Dear Prayer Warriors:

In early May there was a “leak” that a preliminary report from the U.S. Supreme Court indicated that the court was going to overturn Roe V. Wade. I can remember my wife talking about being home when the original decision in 1973 was made. She was alone with our 5-month-old son and just wept with sadness when the first decision was announced. Neither she nor I really knew the full impact this ruling would have in the following 49 years. So you can imagine the guarded joy we both felt when we heard about the possibility of this reversal.

However, as time went by, it became obvious that the work to abolish the plague of abortion from our country was actually just beginning. This ruling did not abolish abortions, but left the responsibility to states.

Now it would be easy to think that since Indiana is such a conservative state our representatives would construct a law that would reflect our views. But once I started hearing the statements that have been made by several legislators, and seeing the vicious demonstrations of the “Pro-choice” protestors, it became obvious that the battle had just begun in earnest.

With a little prompting by Brad Skiles, I began considering how to become involved in this process. As I thought about this, I was reminded that over 63 million babies have been slaughtered since the first Roe V. Wade decision. **The question came to me, “What was I willing to do to ensure that this terrible practice would be stopped in our state.” It is easy, and altogether too common, that we feel helpless in face of the gigantic task of influencing those who represent us in our state legislature.**

But I was reminded of the passage of scripture in Ezekiel (chapter 22) where Ezekiel heard “The word of the Lord” bringing judgement on Jerusalem for their sins. In looking this passage up, I discovered that the list of sins could have been written about any of our cities today. **“Will you judge this city of bloodshed? ...See how each of the princes of Israel who are in you uses his power to shed blood. In you they have treated father and mother with contempt; in you they have oppressed the alien and mistreated the fatherless and the widow. You have despised my holy things...In you are slanderous men bent on shedding blood...I will surely strike my hands together at the unjust gain you have made and at the blood you have shed in your midst.”**

That sure sounds like a situation that would seem impossible to remedy, just like much that happens in our society today. And in this passage, Ezekiel then hears God’s pronouncement of judgement on Jerusalem. It would be easy to pull our own robes of righteousness up around ourselves and cheer God on as He pronounces judgment on our society with all its godlessness. But in the midst of all this God said to Ezekiel (verse 30), **“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, BUT I FOUND NONE.”**

God is looking for men and women today who will **build up the wall and stand in the gap on behalf of the land (the unborn)!!** We **build up the wall**, by making our voices heard in our state legislature. We **build up the wall** by putting action to our faith and taking the risk of being rejected, misunderstood, disliked. We **stand in the gap** by praying, calling, talking face to face with our legislators, encouraging them to have the strength of conviction to abolish and eliminate the abortion business in our state.

**This is our time, as Christians, to build up the wall, based on Christian principles that support life, not the death industry. This is our time to stand in the gap for those precious unborn lives who are not able to stand for themselves.** As Churchill once said, “This is our finest hour.” I pray that this will, indeed, be our finest hour when we influence our legislators to protect all lives, because all life is sacred from the moment of conception to the last breath of the aged. **This is the time to correct a grievous error that was made almost 50 years ago, which has led to the murdering of millions of innocent babies.**

Can you hear the voice of God saying, “I looked for a man (and woman) among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land (the unborn babies) ...”. I pray that He will not have to say, as He did in Ezekiel’s day, “but I found none.”

**Pray with me: O God, forgive us for our neglectfulness, our busyness, our complacency that has allowed**

evil to run rampant in our nation. May you raise up an army of people who will hear Your voice calling out to us to build up the wall, and stand in the gap in this time of great need. There is an open door before us to affect the decisions of our legislators to write a life-saving bill for the abolition of abortion in the State of Indiana. O God, help us to put action to our faith and stand in the gap to prevent any more killing of innocent babies. Give us the courage of our convictions to follow your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to speak with grace and truth to those who would oppose our efforts.

All this we pray in the Name that is above all names, the powerful risen Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**AMEN!!**

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There comes a time and a place  
where you have to decide,

This is worth fighting for.

This is where I stand

This is who I am.

This is the life I have chosen

I will not run.

I will not allow fear to move me from where I should be  
to where it wants me to live.

I would rather die facing the challenge than exist running  
from it.

Erwin Raphael McManus

*The Last Arrow, Save Nothing For The Next Life, pages 124-125*

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Join us for the “Stand for Life” Rally at the Statehouse, on Monday, July 25th, beginning at noon. We know the opposition will be bussed in. A large opposition to the Nisly/Jacob bill, will likely be the “permission slip” for the GOP Supermajority Establishment to implement a weak abortion bill which keeps Indiana’s abortion mills functioning and pleases the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. If the Church wants to end the murder of baby Hoosiers, the time is NOW to ACT, [click here](#) and [click here](#).
- ◆ Our hearts were broken last week when we focused on Hudson Schrank. He continues to need our prayers. In addition to praying, we want to help, as a group, financially. We’re waiting for Holy Spirit to lead us to the right mechanism for this. Keep watching for information.
- ◆ **TO FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN INDIANA,** [click here](#).
- ◆ For an archive folder of these daily devotionals, [click here](#).
- ◆ For a list of 14 Indiana Prayer Requests, [click here](#).