

Day 24—Pray for unity as we vote for no abortion with no exceptions.

By Curt Nisly

Dear prayer warriors:

I am astonished by what our great God is doing. When I met with Jason Arp, Amy Schlichter, and others to begin to draft

our "Protection at Conception" bill (see the video here), I thought this would be a long fight. Maybe 10 years, probably longer. I knew God wanted me to hold the plumb line. The plumb line, for me, has always been "no abortion with no exceptions."

In 2016, I was shocked to learn the State of Indiana passed a law in 2011 defining life beginning at conception. As much as I was excited about that, I was sickened that our same GOP majority that defined life at conception, then went throughout the criminal code and changed EVERY LAW related to murder so a "legal abortion" would not be considered murder, even though they agreed innocent life was being killed. I am still saddened by this. But that's not what I want to talk with you about. I want to describe why I am so excited for this upcoming Special Session. (Editor's note: for more information on the history of this bill, click <u>Day 10</u>, for more information on this Indiana law with life beginning at conception, click <u>Day 15</u>.)

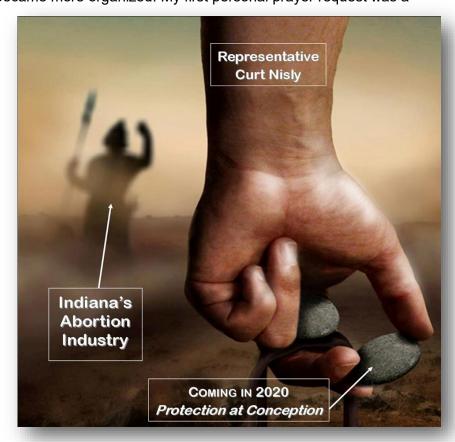
If God gives us the victory we are praying for, this journey will have been six short years, not 10-15! If we count it from when the bill was filed in January of 2017, it will be five years and eight months! Do you have any idea how miraculous this is? I'm not sure there is any record book for this type of thing, but NO HUMAN would have thought this would be accomplished in 5-6 years! This is certainly a God-sized miracle.

The 2018 primary losses were discouraging for me. In the primary, there were several GOP House candidates committed to helping me. They all lost and I had to look, once again, at being the sole Representative to trumpet "No Abortion with No Exemptions." I nearly lost hope. I always knew people were praying for me, but in January of 2019, it became more organized. My first personal prayer request was a

renewed vision and God answered that by changing me from the inside out, like the graphic at the top of this page.

Fast-forward to the 2020 primary and the win by John Jacob created interest. I did not really know John and there is always the issue of whether people really do what they say they will do. I should have known better, but I do like what President Ronald Reagan said, "Trust but verify."

In the 2021 legislative session, Rep Jacob hit the ground running. With a second very strong team member, I had more fun than I should be allowed to have. From the *Baby River* bill to *Constitutional Carry*, we changed Indiana history. Then, in our 2022 primary, we both got promoted to more influence. Having both lost our primaries, we are both excited to be in new roles which will have, we believe, an even greater impact



on our grassroots movement. Someday soon, you will learn more about that.

What is before us, beginning tomorrow, is a divinely appointed Special Session that brings John and I back into session to culminate our work on saving Hoosier babies. We are so excited to end our current political careers with this historic session.

Now, I want you to see this through my eyes. Last week the Senate proposed an "abortion bill" that is full of excused to keep abortions legal. If passed in its current form, Indiana will become the leader for "abortion tourism" in the Midwest. That bill MAY save 1% of aborted babies. The Senate should be thoroughly embarrassed by their lack of vision. It would appear the Liberty Movement's next political point of pressure will be on Senate races. I'm pretty confident the Senate will feel the pain the House has been experiencing.

On the House side, I think we will come down to a bill that makes abortion illegal, with some type of exceptions. I have mixed feelings about that. I AM SO EXCITED that the topic is "making abortion illegal." I think this session will come down to whether or not there will be exceptions. What do you think God wants? That's really the question. I've heard the arguments that we need to compromise. I've heard the arguments that we are a blended state, spiritually, and we need to accommodate both sides of the political aisle.

I can tell you with great confidence, that is not what our Founding Fathers did. They did not compromise their beliefs that America would be founded on biblical principals. Our Founding Fathers welcomed people who did not accept Christianity to be a part of this great country. But let's be clear, those who did not embrace Christian values had a very difficult political time trying to change those values. The bedrock of our country is the Judeo-Christian faith. Why is it that from 1776-1972, it was understood abortion was murder? Why is it from 1776-1972 we valued human life, as a government, beginning at conception?

If you are a regular reader of these devotionals, I'm sure you agree with me that the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling devalued life. We have created an environment now where life is no longer sacred. To us with clear minds and spiritual understanding, we know it is not guns that are killing people. It is our school system that has brainwashed students and taught them life has no value. We have generations of Americans who have no moral compass, largely due to what they have been taught in our government school system.

Indiana can change that in the coming weeks. We are a battleground state. All eyes are on Indiana! Tomorrow, this spiritual war intensifies as the enemy of our souls will not easily yield his death grip on our state. You, my friend, as a prayer warrior, continue to have a key role. We are not in a political battle. We are not in an ideological battle. We are not in a human battle. We know, as people with shared faith, that this is a spiritual battle. We will only win with the spiritual army having victory first. Perhaps, that has already happened. We're about to find out. This is the most exciting time to be a Hoosier.

All of this is not easy. I have never seen God simply part the waters for us to easily walk through. I know our God can do that. But it is more likely He wants us to work, and work hard. I believe God wants us to enjoy His intended victory by having us exert enough effort to create ownership, while still recognizing only He can bring the ultimate victory.

I'm excited for these coming days because rather than having the plumb line move to a six-week heartbeat bill, as Ohio has implemented, Indiana is faced with whether to end abortion, beginning at conception. From the beginning, this has never been about me. I do not care who gets credit for the final bill. I do not care who is the author and what will motivate my peers to vote for no abortion with no exceptions. For me, this has always been about saving babies. You may not like me for saying this, but I will take the most carnal motivations by my peers if they vote for no abortion with no exceptions. For me, it is all about scoring the touch down. I want to see the ball in the end zone. "I want all babies to breathe," as a friend posted.

Before I pray, I also want to prepare you for this process. No matter where we begin this process—with whatever the bill may be—it is not over until it is over. NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER STOP PRAYING. NEVER LOSE FAITH. The legislative process starts with Committee Hearings, then a Committee Vote, then Floor readings and amendments and votes, and finally each chamber will decide on final language. Then, we

cross over and debate the bill from the other chamber. Then, there is often a Conference Committee to try to take the results from both chambers and bring them into unity. At that point, it is still not over! If both chambers agree on the same language and pass the bill, then it goes to the Governor's desk. At that point, it is STILL NOT OVER. If the Governor signs the bill, it is over. If he vetoes the bill, then we have a continued process. So please, stay active. Stay alert. Stay engaged. Stay on your knees.

I've always said all that I can do and all that John and I can do is propose legislation. It takes the people, the grassroots to get it done. Without your prayers and without your activism, nothing good will happen. With your prayers and with your activism, God can do something special here in Indiana that will impact our entire nation.

Pray with me:

Father, we humbly come to you and we ask you to help us pass a bill that saves all babies. Help us pass a bill that makes abortion illegal with no exceptions. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thanks for your teamwork! Let's do this!

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Although it couldn't have happened without
His help, God did not build the wall.
Nehemiah and the people did.
Nehemiah 3

Pray as if it depended on God, Work as if it depended on us.
What are you doing for the Kingdom of God, today?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Join us for the "Stand for Life" Rally at the Statehouse, on Monday, July 25th, beginning at noon. If the Church wants to end the murder of baby Hoosiers, the time is NOW to ACT, <u>click here</u> and <u>click here</u>.
- Our hearts were broken on <u>Day 8</u> when we prayed for **Hudson Schrank**. Brad Skiles has created a Facebook Fundraiser that can be found by <u>clicking here</u>. Thank you for considering a gift!
- ◆ To find your elected officials in Indiana, click here.
- For an archive folder of these daily devotionals, click here.
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