

Day 26—First Responders prayed at the Statehouse, yesterday. A Report.

By Terry Wood and Brad Skiles

The two of us had two completely different perspectives. Terry arrived at the Statehouse by 8:00 a.m. Brad arrived at just about noon. Terry eventually took a prayer position inside the Senate Chamber's balcony. He missed what was

happening with the *Stand for Life Rally*. Brad documented what he thinks may have been 10,000 outside and inside the building.

Yesterday, Faye challenged us to run to the fire. We are Jesus' "First Responders." Faye Sant'Anna challenged us in <u>Day 25</u>, "We are the Jonahs of our day. Instead of running from our destiny, we are running toward it. We want to be on the front row. We want to fight against this evil plot and release the restoration of God's will. We call forth the destiny of Life from Indiana, today. In Jesus name!"

We say, "Amen, sister!" That is what happened yesterday. We were well represented. Were there more in the *Death Party* than the *Life Party*? Absolutely. But, Brad writes, "I think I probably saw far more of the crowd than anyone else in our Liberty Movement. I don't think I walked 30-seconds without seeing pro-life people. What I also saw were many, many Christ-followers engaged in talking with people in the Death Party. We prayed that this would be evangelistic. I have no idea what happened in the "rally," but there were so many personal and small group interactions. Most may not have seemed productive, but we can't judge that. We never know which seeds God will germinate."

From Terry's indoor experience, he writes, "For starters, there were over 350 people registered to offer public testimony on Senate Bill 1 this afternoon. Only around 50 actual testimonies were given with eight of them coming from clergy, nine of them from Liberty Patriots, and 15 or 16 from medical professionals. (The majority of the medical people were for killing babies.) The remaining testimonies were a minority that testified in opposition to the bill. Common themes heard today ranged from a bill with no teeth, to ambiguous language, non-determined definitions, and vague generalities in language and application. It appears this bill was offered up in haste with very poor direction and definitions. It is understood that the bill's author sought input from pro-life groups, lobbies, or proponents. It doesn't seem that helped.

"I'm not sure if I heard a single testimony offered in favor of SB 1 in its original rendering. Much of the discussion on behalf of the Senators resonated among one of the Democratic representation on the committee, Senator Greg Taylor (District 33 Marion County). He was targeting any clergy that were seeking to apply the Scriptures in their testimony and grew steadily frustrated with each presenting pastor. His rebuttals/questions were given as if he was an expert on Scripture and his poignantly obnoxious questions were offered as a way to entrap each speaker into declaring their need to support Democratic legislation within the Senate (currently consisting with 39 Republicans and 11 Democrats). The GOP has a Supermajority by controlling the Senate, House, and Governor seat, which renders the Democrats politically/legislatively neutered. The reality is, the GOP could end this in 2 weeks if they really wanted to save babies."

The two of us talked on the phone as we drove back. Not having the opportunity to discuss this with Curt, John, or others, here are our thoughts on the political nature of today. We could be completely wrong on this, but it does come from Terry's experience with past hearings and both of our eight years as activists. The first lesson, especially for newbies to Indiana politics, is that the hearing is NOT designed to change the mind of the Senators. It is more likely the Committee is doing this so the public "feels" like they have been heard. In other words, Terry's observation was that the Senators really didn't seem engaged and were not there to learn. They were simply passing time and doing their duty. They already know what they are going to do, they just want both side to "feel" like this is an open process. That doesn't mean there is not a purpose in those testifying. Here are 12 minutes (from cue point) of testimony from today, *click here*. (For the testimony Terry wanted to give, *click here*.)



A HUGE answer to prayer, today, is that Pastors/activists Bryan Shrank, Dave Hewitt, and Seth Leeman (of the recent video to Governor Holcomb) spoke in the hearing. These are "random" selections among the 350+ people who signed up. Please go back and review Terry's count of pastors and Liberty Patriots who testified. All were significant and all were "random" choices. Of course, we know King Jesus arranged this. Be sure to listen to our earlier link where Bryan Schrank rebuked the Senators. If any staff person arranged for these pastors and Liberty Patriots to participate, they would be fired. This is King Jesus putting the right people into these opportunities.

As we write this on Monday night, we do not know what the House is planning for a bill. Our guess: No abortion with one exception, the life of the mother. Let's assume that happens. Then, we have two bookends. On one side is a great bill which, let's say, has the very good language for the real health concerns of a mother. On the other side, the piece of trash called SB1. Now, the task is for the two to come together. This sounds really bad, but our experience is that the Senate is helping the House have the "cover" of a conversative bill and the "plan" is a compromise, somewhere in-between that keeps the abortion industry profitable and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce happy. This would give the RINOs the basis for saying, "We tried...we just couldn't get this done the way we wanted. We have to work with what we have, differing views."

So, let's say we are right. Let's say there is actually collusion between the two chambers to "con" the pro-life voters. Let's say the GOP Supermajority comes out of this appeasing pro-life voters and still being heralded as the "#5 Top Pro-Life State." Let's just assume we're being scammed. (In all honesty, this is what the GOP Supermajority has demonstrated. If we follow Reagan's "Trust but verify," then we can say this is a well played scam. In other words, we have no basis for thinking the leaders of the two chambers are trustworthy. We believe this is not about saving babies, this is about saving face with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

We could be wrong, but if we're right, then the next question is, "Why try? If there is a master plan already laid out that protects the abortion industry and makes Indiana more like Michigan and less like Florida, then why try? Aren't we wasting our time and effort?"

From a human side, that's a very good point. If all we only had was a human side, then we should quit. The question for every activist is whether our God is big enough to overpower the human political side? Is your head shaking up-and-down? Are you saying, "Amen"? We have examples of God doing just that, in Indiana politics. We have plenty of examples of God building momentum for this very point in time. One of our friends, Pam Hall, told Brad it is like a "crescendo." Many of us believe God has been orchestrating events and drawing us into His story for Indiana. We believe God is asking us to join Him in what He is doing. In the end, we'll step back and be amazed at what our God has done. When the Children of Israel had their backs to the sea, did they think it was hopeless? Yes they did, unfortunately. Then, God intervened. When Israel was on the other side of the sea and they saw the chariots coming toward them, our guess is that they still thought they were doomed. Our guess is that for most of them, they didn't put their fear to rest until they saw God close up the sea and annihilate the Egyptians. On the Nisly Prayer Page (Facebook) this week, we encouraged people to restudy Joshua 10:9-11, 2 Kings 7:5-7, and Romans 1:18-32, and then pray accordingly. If you are a regular reader of these devotionals, you may be impatient since for 25 days we have been building this foundation of faith. We are only making this point to emphasis that we will only get to "no abortion with no exceptions" if God intervenes, shows our state mercy, and decides to use Indiana to impact our entire nation. If that is the Master's plan, then every Senator and Representative

better get out of the way. Our elected officials cannot stop God. Neither can the Death Party. It makes no difference how many morally sick people are bussed to the Statehouse. "We War, We Win," says Janet Douglas.

Brad began his day with an emailed prayer from his sister. We will use parts of her prayer to close us out.

Pray with us:

We declare, in Christ, we are always on the ground of victory with the banner of Jehovah Nissi firmly planted.

Father, You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. We join David as he said to Goliath, "...I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." We ask you, Father, to deliver the enemy into our hands, in such a way that the whole world would know that there is a God, just as David declared. Lord, You are our rock, and our fortress, and our deliverer; our God, our strength, in whom we will trust; our buckler, and the horn of our salvation and our high tower. We are calling upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall we be saved from our enemies.

We take our position on this spiritual wrestling mat, standing firmly with the whole armor of God on. We will not be moved; we are strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Through God, we are pulling down strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

Father, we ask that You would hedge up the evil path of abortion with thorns, and make a wall that the demonic-charged opposition cannot find the path to evil. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek to kill babies. Let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise evil against children in the womb and out of the womb. Let them be as chaff before the wind; and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery.

Father, as the new day has started in Indiana...(we ask) Your Holy Spirit to awaken people all over the world to stand in the gap for these precious babies. Give us the Scriptures to pray, knowing that your word is as a fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. With God's Word we break the abortion rock in pieces. Specifically, (we are) asking that You would abolish abortion completely, starting in Indiana. Nothing is too difficult for You, Lord. You take the impossible and make it possible. Now to You God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we have asked or could even think, according to the power that works in us, unto You, God, be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, the world without end.

(We) ask these things in the mighty name of Jesus, Jesus of Nazareth, who is the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, and by His victorious blood...Amen.

Believing God can still part the sea and that NOTHING is too difficult for Him,

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Additional Information

- 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!
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