



Day 43: Pray for educated warriors, speaking the truth in love.

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Praying friends and fellow warriors!

In addition to being a pastor, I am also a Marine. Once a Marine, always a Marine. I'm a trained warrior. I take my oath to defend the U.S. Constitution seriously. It was NOT a temporary commitment.

We are in a spiritual war for the soul of our country. This is not a political war. It is a spiritual war. What we are seeing today, is evidence of a well-planned and implemented Marxist Revolution. Marxism is anti-God. Wake up sleeping Church. (If this is a new thought, I'd encourage to you listen to last year's Trevor Loudon's *Indiana Never Again* speaking tour. The playlist is [found here](#).)

Today, we are faced with continued battles and a myriad of battlefronts! One war, many theatres. On the battleground leaders crave information also known as intel. A good piece of intel goes a long way. Intel informs those who are making decisions to marshal forces in the area that is most effective. Leaders who covet movement are intel based. **Bad intel leads to bad decisions and improper planning and troop movements. Lives are at stake. Troops are disheartened and often fail to respond to further calls to action when intel is given that is bad. National "news sources" are marketing SB 1 as an earth shattering Pro-Life victory. Nothing could be the further from the truth.**

Do you know the truth? Do you have an authoritative source of truth on this bill?

There are Christian organizations that are saying "over 95% of babies will be saved" because of SB 1. Another Indiana Christian leader says it is over 98%. Who is right? How do we know? Suppose it is wrong intel, but we think it is right. Would that make a difference?

Time is of essence when on the battlefield. Quality information is paramount. **As we face the 2023 legislative session, for which our opposition is already preparing, how are we preparing? Do we have a plan to be better prepared over these next four months, to be more effective in fighting this battle? This IS LIFE AND DEATH.**

Utilizing tools that convey truth is essential. To conquer and win in the battle fronts of life, medical liberty, public school exit, constitutional sheriff, nullification, and many more areas of liberty we need to be NOT JUST SPIRITUALLY EQUIPPED, WE NEED TO BE MENTALLY EQUIPPED. Military grade factual information is needed for exposing the truth. On today's topic, we need to shine the spotlight of truth on SB 1.

General George S. Patton put it this way: **"There is only one tactical principle which is not subject to change. It is to use the means at hand to inflict the maximum amount of wound, death, and destruction on the enemy in the minimum amount of time."** Many are persuaded by those who desire to emotionally draw them in and strike emotional chords just to "irritate" them enough to respond. Patton responded to this: **"Many soldiers are led to faulty ideas of war by knowing too much about too little."** Educating ourselves and others is essential. **The Bible speaks of counting the cost prior to going to war.**

For too long the political right has twisted truth to evoke an emotional response. It seems like some people's battle strategy is to tick off the voters enough to get them to call or write to their legislators. This is not the way to win the war. **We need educated activists engaging, face-to-face with their State Representative or State Senator in a way that persuades these elected employees to follow the U.S. and Indiana Constitutions, and the Word of God. This requires enough knowledge for us, as their employer, to be effective in evaluating their performance. Then, we need to persuade others. We need educated activists who can win arguments, respectfully, kindly, and graciously, with their neighbors and friends. That will best happen over coffee or face-to-face and not just on Facebook or social media. Do you have enough knowledge to do that?**

In 2019, I was an activist pastor in the State of Washington. A friend introduced me to the *John Birch Society* (JBS). At that lunch, it was almost comical that what was most important to me were the very things JBS had been exposing and fighting for since 1958! From its beginning, JBS recognized that America's greatest threat was from within. Sixty-four years ago, JBS saw what we are now fighting. JBS has been on the right side of this battle for 64 years! It has a rich history of success, [click here to learn more](#).

JBS began as an organization to equip leaders, like you and me, to stop socialism and preserve freedom for future generations. **I embraced JBS because it enabled me to combine my spiritual weapons with powerful human tools which professionally shines the spotlight of truth onto these battlefields. JBS is the heavy artillery.** In many cases, JBS has done the research for us. JBS has the largest library of conservative liberty resources. Their investigative journalists and headquarters personnel create tools that expose the threats to our freedom and then people like me, field staff coordinators, work with a grassroots army in defending our God-given rights and the U.S. Constitution. Let's see what JBS has to say about SB 1.

In yesterday's JBS Constitutional Corner video, former trial lawyer and prosecutor Robert Owens uses Indiana and SB 1 as an example of how Pro-Life legislation is betrayed by Republicans! Are you hearing this from the Indy Pro-Life Groups? Owens says, the GOP strategy is to:

1. **PUT A FANCY TITLE ON THE BILL THAT SOUNDS SUPER PRO-LIFE.**
2. **PUT UP FRONT IN THE BILL SOME LANGUAGE THAT SOUNDS GREAT, LIKE THE BEST, MOST PRO-LIFE BILL THERE EVER WAS.**
3. **AT THE END OF A LONG BILL, IN THE MOST CONVOLUTED WAY POSSIBLE, PUT IN EXCEPTIONS THAT MAKE ALL THE FANCY LANGUAGE UP FRONT TOTALLY MEANINGLESS.**

Would you agree that is a framework for SB 1. Hear this seven minute video by [clicking HERE](#).

Rarely do we have a national JBS video focused on an Indiana bill. That worked out well for this article! But, earlier this week, JBS's print media arm, [The New American](#), produced this more detailed article, "[Indiana's New Abortion Law: Pro-life on the Surface Only](#)." This is written by Veronika Kyrlyenko, Ph.D., who is a linguist and a writer whose work has appeared at the *Western Journal*, *American Thinker*, *The Hill*, and other publications. When JBS produces their weapons of truth, they have top journalists and experts writing on this topic. I encourage you to click the hyperlink above for the full article. Here are some excerpts:

A closer look at the final bill reveals that it changes nothing in terms of prohibiting physicians from aborting pre-born children.

When the bill says that "A person who knowingly or intentionally terminates a human pregnancy with an intention other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus commits feticide, a Level 3 felony," a woman just needs to "request" an abortion—and the doctor will not be legally charged for that.

In other words, a physician can be charged only if he or she aborts a baby without a pregnant woman's asking for it. Once she says that she does not want to have a baby and asks a doctor to help her out, that doctor is good to go.

"If a mother took her newborn child to someone to be killed, we would all acknowledge that it would be complicity in a homicide. Complicity in abortion should be treated no differently," read a recent [opinion piece](#) in The New American.

*On the contrary, the author of SB 1, **Senator Susan Glick, proudly underlined the fact that her bill "would not criminalize women."***

*In addition to that, **the representatives nixed a provision** written by the senators that would have authorized the attorney general to prosecute abortion in counties in which a local prosecutor refuses to touch such cases.*

*According to The Tennessean, which closely followed the metamorphosis of SB 1, **the House Republicans significantly softened the bill**: The House broadened the exceptions—if by degrees. **The Senate had written an exception for abortion in cases in which the life of the pregnant person was in danger. The House amended that to include "permanent impairment" to the physical health, in addition to the pregnant person's life. The House also removed language***

supported by senators to require victims of rape and incest to get a notarized affidavit stating the reason for their abortion.

Finally, while the new law terminates the licensure of abortion clinics, such as those run by Planned Parenthood, women will be able to obtain abortions at hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers owned by hospitals.

Does this sound like a “[near-total abortion ban](#)”? Essentially, we can learn from our intel and reading the bill ([click here](#)) that the term “abortion clinics” is replaced with “ambulatory outpatient surgical centers.” **If IU Health, for example, wanted to buy a 51% interest in all Planned Parenthood facilities they would likely buy them at a discounted price and could reopen them as an ambulatory outpatient surgical centers, retain the Planned Parenthood staff, and continue the murder of babies by following the SB 1 regulations. If a mother said she had a rape, murder is not problem and no proof is needed of the claim, nor do police need to be involved. As reported above by The New American, the doctor has no legal liability for his or her actions as long as the mother asks for an abortion.**

Do our Christian Pro-Life leaders think baby murders are going to the follow the “spirit of the law,” rather than the letter of the law? These are people willing to murder babies! SB 1 is a bad bill.

This is not a bill Hoosiers should be proud of. **Rather, we should be infuriated that after 49.5 years of praying and working toward ending abortion, this is what we got!** Then, we should be disappointed in our Pro-Life leaders who are heralding this as a great victory. We are being conned by a very deep state.

My point today, we need good intel. We need educated voters who know the truth and can spot the lie. So, my challenge is, “What are we going to do during these next four months to better educate ourselves for the 2023 battle?” My suggestion: [join the John Birch Society](#), receive the monthly *The New American magazine*, and begin to use JBS resources so you can not just know your Constitution, but so you can live it. **As voters, we need to know our Constitution so well that we can hold our elected officials accountable to following the Constitution**

Let’s Pray:

Father, it is a good thing that SB 1 gives the image of a “near-total abortion ban.” Now, help us to get educated and then work and pray to make it a real total ban. Father, we know your will is to end this murder of children. We thank you that this bill will likely save some babies. Shine Your spotlight of truth on this topic. Help us to be equipped to speak the truth to pastors, neighbors, friends, and our elected employees. Help us to fight this battle both with our knees, hearts, minds, and voices. Help us to be Christian soldiers who are fighting this spiritual battle with spiritual weapons and truth. Give us wisdom. Give us discernment. Give us perseverance. Help us to expect more from our Christian leaders and from our elected employees. Help us to do the work of preparation during these next four months. Help us to grow in our knowledge. Help us to grow in our passion. Help us to grow in our relationship with You. Father, save these babies. Help us to end abortion in Indiana with no exceptions. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Fighting together,

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Since Wednesday, Hudson Schrank, who we wrote about on [Day 8](#), went back to the hospital. Your prayers continue to be needed. God continues to protect this little guy and the road continues to be challenging. Brad Skiles has created a *Facebook Fundraiser* that can be found by [clicking here](#). Thank you for considering a gift! We will close this fundraising after this series, on August 14th.
- ◆ Archive folder of these daily devotionals: [click here](#). List of 14 Indiana Prayer Requests: [click here](#).