



## Day 45—STAY IN THE BATTLE. We war, we win.

By Janet Douglas

Dear prayer warriors:

Good evening! When I began to pray about what to say here on our last day of these prayer initiatives, I asked the Lord,

“What now?” **I am not giving up the fight for the PREBORN. WE ARE NOT GIVING UP THE FIGHT.**

For the most part, it would be easy to accept the defeat we’ve had as our state did not do what was right when they refused to vote to end abortion. In fact, I have had conversations with several around the state that said to me “we can’t win,” “there is no point,” and “we may as well forget it.” **I SAY NO.**

It’s times like this that we must be like David and encourage ourselves. **We may have lost this round but we will NOT lose the war, we MUST stay in the battle. I say to you today regardless no matter how long it takes to see this happen, we are in for the long haul.**

I was reading in 1 Samuel 30 where David and his men had come back from a battle only to find his entire family taken. In fact, all the women and children in their village were taken by the enemy. You know where I’m going with this, amen. This was a very discouraging day for David. His men wanted to stone him.

I am NOT suggesting we stone people. No matter how our flesh would probably like to do something to those who murder babies, we would never incite violence. PLEASE HEAR THAT. It’s an illustrative point in this article ONLY, part of this Old Testament story.

The distress David felt **was an emotion that was created by a combination of shock and anger.**

First, this was probably something very close to the emotions we felt when we heard the final bill just a few weeks ago. It was difficult to watch the powers that be shake hands across the aisle as they truly believed they had a good bill for all involved when you and I know it was a garbage bill.

Your first reaction, was likely like mine, an unbelievable shock. It was surrealistic, we could not believe that what our eyes were seeing was actually happening. Especially after the Supreme Court ended the 49 ½ year law of Roe V Wade. I will admit I was absolutely convinced our state would end abortion because it made sense to do so. We, as Hoosiers, are for life.

My second response was that of great anger against people who were so blinded by their opinions and their arrogance as they stood boldly to say babies should die. I confess I was angry, and I had to work through that realizing they are all so deceived and have been caught in the crossfire of “good and evil” or I should say “life and death” knowing that they could deliberately kill innocent babies. How could any human being think they have the right to decide to kill the preborn? We all understand there are principalities behind this and obviously a power grab among those who are seated in Indianapolis.

My next response was more rational. I thought that such irrational people must be stopped, for if they are allowed to continue in their murderous ways the world will be safe for no one.

I think these same emotions were going through David’s mind.

- A. **At first, he did not know who the enemy was.** (Like us, we truly believed some would vote to save babies, only to watch them cower to this spirit of Molech.)
- B. **David and his men cried until they had no more strength to cry.** (I don’t know about you, but I cried for several days until I had no more strength to cry.)

I could probably add many more to these comments but for the sake of time, I want to simply encourage you to read David’s story.

After several days of mourning, I had to rise up and get back into the battle. It was an internal battle for me. I

had to work through anger and hopelessness. I grieved for the babies that have been murdered and I grieved for the babies that will be murdered in the future UNTIL WE SEE THIS END, but honestly, I just wanted to quit. I had to do some talking to myself. I had to rise up and I began to do what David did as he began to encourage himself in the Lord in this passage. Like David, there was nothing else that could bring me comfort but to worship the Lord and praise Him through it all. **I then reminded myself of God's Word that says He knows the beginning from the end and this isn't over until GOD says it's over. I have no doubt that we will see this end in Indiana. I don't know how long it will take; I don't know who will lead the way in the future, but I DO KNOW that it's not over.** I can't say that I could have said that the few days after the vote ended and I watched and listened to the fake news in Indiana and in the national news that Indiana was the first state to end abortion. SUCH LIES. I had so many people texting me, calling me, emailing me saying, "Great Job, y'all did it, now the rest of the nation will follow." ALL because the bill that was settled was so distorted, it looked good from the headlines. Many of you who are reading this may have felt the same way.

But when I turned back to the Lord for comfort and encouragement, **I began to rise up as a victor again. I began to shout out into the atmosphere, "It's not over!"**

Friend, let me encourage you today. **It's NOT over! It's not the end. They may have won this round, but the battle is still on. We will do what David did. We will inquire of the Lord, and we will seek His plan and we will keep fighting as He leads us. Friend, there is no other way to battle. We MUST seek the Lord, hear His strategy, and implement His plan (not ours). We don't and won't fight the way the world fights because this is not a battle with flesh and blood, and we won't win the battle in the flesh.**

Our battle is in the spirit realm and when we can understand this and get the blueprints from Heaven on how to go about this in the days ahead, we will see abortion end. **I have so much faith even as I type this that I can say to you, if you have lost faith in this today, let my faith be your faith until you can believe again. I'm telling you; God is not finished with this issue in Indiana. We must seek Him with our whole hearts.**

It is amazing how much encouragement we can receive from the scriptures in times of loss.

I'm not just praying for the babies to live but I am praying for the women who feel this is their only hope. **We must do better as the Church to love as Jesus does. We must love the moms and, in my opinion, when we as the Church rise up and truly walk in the fullness of the love of God, we will be able to reach these young women and we will be able to pull them out of the line as they line up to abort their babies. Friend, I believe this with my whole heart.**

I recently talked with a young lady who had two abortions before she found Jesus. I asked her to be honest with me and to help me understand why she made the decision to abort her babies. I braced myself as I listened to her. First, she said, "I felt so much shame, and guilt for letting my parents down because they were Christians, and I didn't want to disappoint them and I didn't want them to be embarrassed if the church found out that I was pregnant." Then she said, "I did not know where to turn. I was in a small town and there was nowhere to go for help." Lastly, she said,

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"I didn't have anyone to talk to but my boyfriend who also felt the same way about what his parents would think."

Now, hear me clearly. I realize that is not the case in many of the lives of these young ladies, but I also realize that we as the Church must do better. No wonder the opposite side has so much influence on these girls, it's because they are the counterfeit of the Church. They treat the girls with kindness and are open to offering an answer. Yes, we do that on a small scale, but we must get before the Lord as a body and seek Him as to what to do concerning this. I have no doubt that as David got before the Lord and began to encourage himself, he also inquired of the Lord as to what to do next. I also realize that this is not the case for many of you, but I still want to encourage you with God's Word.

**THIS is where you and I are right now. We must each seek the Lord and seek His plan, His purpose, and we must obey what He says to do. It's as simple as that, but it's not that simple to implement. I am asking Holy Spirit to show us how to move forward. Obviously, we must be doers of the Word and not just hearers of the Word.**

That said, I am encouraged as David was. I want to pass on to you how I've been encouraged. How did David encourage Himself in the Lord? By praying. We read: "And David enquired of the Lord."

- A. Through prayer he received directions from the Lord. *You are to pursue after them.*
- B. Through prayer he received the promise of the Lord. *You will overtake them and recover everything that was taken.*

**We will always be comforted and strengthened through prayer and friend, this is where you and I must begin. The battle begins in the prayer closet. This is where we get Father's instructions.**

Jesus said that men ought always to pray and not to faint, but how often are we fainting instead of praying? And the reason we are fainting is that we are not praying. **We must pray for Father's plan. He knew how the vote would go. He knew how each one would vote. He knew we would see how our representatives voted and He knew that we would not forget how they voted especially in the days ahead when they're up for re-election.** PLEASE let me encourage you to keep your heart in check to keep it pure and not allow hatred to seep into your spirit. It can happen so easily without us even realizing it and we understand that we are to hate what God hates and love what God loves and God loves each and every one of us on both sides of this issue.

**David asked himself the question, "Why are you cast down Oh my soul, why are you disquieted within me? or why are you so upset?"**

**David then advised himself, "Put your hope in God, for He shall yet deliver you." This is encouraging yourself in the Lord.**

Why do we become cast down, and disquieted? Perhaps because we leave God out of the equation. Not in every step, but often times we do step outside the boundaries of God.

I know I have.

- A. We weigh the problem with our strength.
- B. We measure the difficulty with our ability.
- C. We consider the situation with our resources.
- D. Yes, it is too heavy for me, but not too heavy for God.
- E. Yes, it is beyond my capacity, but not God's capacity.
- F. Of course, I do not have enough resources, but God does.

**I promise you, my friends, this is not over!**

Just as David did, encourage yourself in the Lord. He shall yet deliver you and be the light of your countenance. God has given to us so many wonderful promises to be with us and help us in our trouble.



Here are just a few things that David prayed.

***Psalm 9:9,10—All who are oppressed may come to Yahweh as a high shelter in the time of trouble, a perfect hiding place. For everyone who knows your wonderful name keeps putting their trust in you. They can count on you for help no matter what. O Lord, you will never, no never, neglect those who come to you.***

***Psalm 27:5—For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hid me; He shall set me upon a rock.***

***Psalm 37:39 - But the Lord will be the Savior of all who love him. Even in their time of trouble, God will live in them as strength.***

***Psalm 46:1—God IS our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.***

***Psalm 54:7—For He has delivered me out of all trouble:***

- A. "Because He has set His love on Me."
- B. "Because He has known My name."
- C. "He shall call upon Me."
- D. Because I know Him and love Him, I feel the freedom to call upon His name.

**Lastly, in Psalm 118, David said, "The Lord is on my side, what can man do unto me?"**

So, what is the worst thing they can do to me? Kill me? Well for me, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

**Beloved of God, this is not over. I want to encourage each of us to stay in the battle. Stay in prayer, do due diligence as we go to the voting booths, and keep the heat on our senators. BUT most importantly, let's represent the King of Kings well. Let it NOT be said of us that we were barbaric and heartless and only care about winning. Let it NOT be said about us that we proclaim to be Christians but have hate in our hearts and in our actions.**

**God is still in charge. He will always be in charge, and He has called you and me to co-labor with Him to take out the giants and I know within every part of my being; that this giant will be taken out. I have absolutely no doubt and I have ALL the faith in the world that it shall happen!**

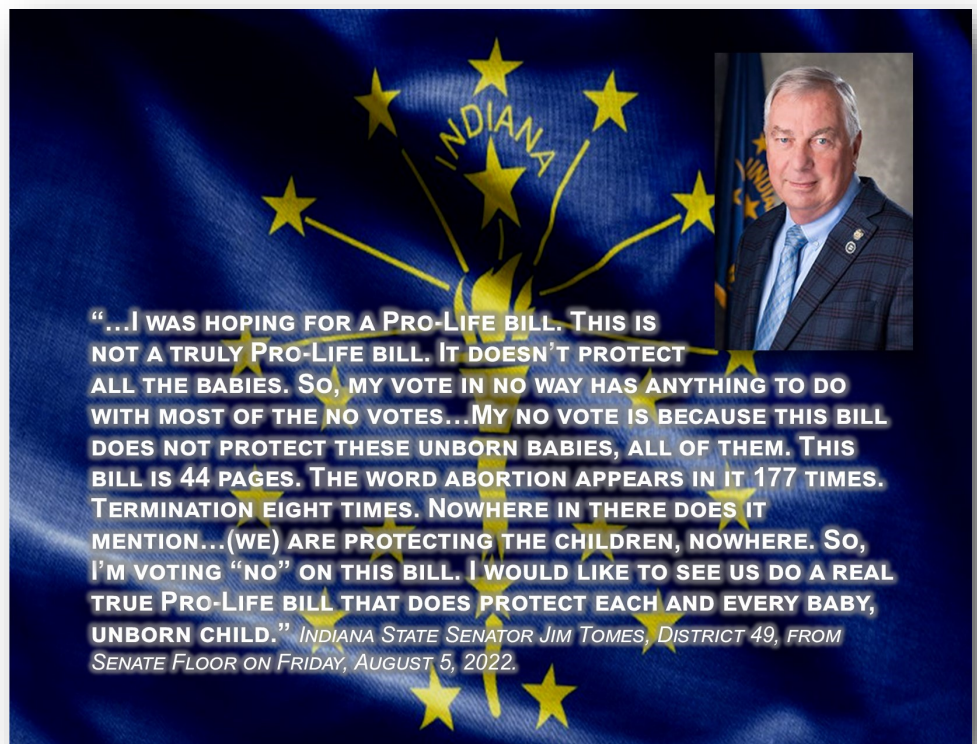
Let my faith be your faith! Let our faith be the faith that is needed as the remnant to stand on the truth of the Word of God as we march forward!

**We won't give up. Indiana will end abortion with no exceptions.**

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## COMMENTS BY BRAD SKILES

I've had the benefit of working with each writer in this 45-day series. What we thought was going to be a simple, easy project, became a BIG project. Thank you for taking the time to read these devotionals.

I've also had an inside view of these last eight years with Representative Curt Nisly. Then, since 2019, I've worked closely with Bryan Schrank who also mentored me on the theology of ending abortion, with no exceptions. As I've had questions about this political process, I've been able to ask the right people.

So, here is what I think about Indiana's new abortion bill and the subsequent media hype. If King Jesus had a 6-7 year plan to end abortion, then, this was a tremendous failure. If, on the other hand, King Jesus has a 10-12 year or longer plan for ending abortion, then we had a tremendous victory. Since the government rests on His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6), we now know Jesus has a longer term plan for ending abortion. With this perspective, our HUGE victory was described in [Day 36](#). We are right on track with God's plan and timetable!

Last summer, *The Breakfast Group* (Curt Nisly, Terry Wood, Bryan Spilmon, and I) studied the book, [The Indispensables](#), by Patrick O'Donnell. This is a historical account of the men who ferried George Washington and his men across the Delaware for their first BIG victory against the British. In the beginning, we weren't sure why we were reading this and whether it would worth our time. It was. We subsequently wrote [12 Lessons, click here](#). Our last point, is pertinent for our journey in ending abortion.

12. O'Donnell begins his story in April of 1769. He shows the seeds of rebellion. The Revolutionary War lasted from April 19, 1775, to September 3, 1783 (eight years, four months, and 15 days). When the Patriots won *The Battle of Trenton* and the momentum suddenly changed, it still took six years, eight months, and nine days to win the war. **LESSON #12: GOD'S TIMETABLE IS NOT OUR TIMETABLE. WE NEED TO PRAY AS IF IT DEPENDS ON GOD AND WORK AS IF IT DEPENDS ON US. GOD WILL ACCOMPLISH HIS PLAN, NOT OURS. HE IS LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO WILL JOIN HIM IN ACCOMPLISHING HIS PLAN. ARE YOU ON GOD'S TEAM?**

When I read the victories of Joshua conquering the Promise Land, I'm guessing every battle was not as spectacular as Jericho or the others in Scripture. God did miracles, yes, but we do not have an account of every battle over the 6-7 years it took to conquer the land.<sup>1</sup> I was one who, in 2017, thought *Protection at Conception* would pass that year. As Janet described tonight, I had to readjust my thinking when it seemed God did not answer our prayers in the 2017 Legislative Session. Leading up to this Special Session, if I were writing the script for what would happen, it would have included Curt and John coming back into the Statehouse to end abortion with no exceptions. Boy, would that have been a great ending!

But, King Jesus has a better ending. He has used the Special Session to shine His spotlight of truth on the *Indy GOP Supermajority Swamp* AND the *Indy Religious Swamp*. Jesus is the author of truth. What we don't like about politics are the backroom deals and the twisting of truth for political ends. "The ends justify the means." That is NOT God's way. When Janet says, "We war, we win," we will certainly win by speaking the truth.

One friend told me SB 1 was the best we could get due to this being a post-Christian era. I disagree. I do believe America is post-Christian. But that doesn't mean God is not ready to intervene. It's been my view that Indiana Christian leaders, both inside the Statehouse and outside, have sounded like the 10 spies. God used Indiana to be the FIRST STATE to introduce a bill to end abortion, but He had to go to Mississippi to find Christian leaders of faith who would use some of Curt Nisly's concepts to challenge the status quo. (See [Day 10](#) for this history). Now that we are past SB 1 and see how the *Indy Religious Swamp* has responded, I'm convinced they DID NOT share the same type of repentance, publicly, that Terry and I wrote about on [Day 21](#). Then, I'm guessing they do not see the connection with the repentance I described in [Day 22](#). Perhaps I'm wrong, but I think Jesus would like to see this type of humility and brokenness throughout our state. This is our starting point.

I'm ending these 45 days hopeful and optimistic. Clearly, Jesus has a plan. He is inviting us to join Him. Let's do it.

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