

Day 7 - State Representatives Curt Nisly and John Jacob

By Janet Douglas

Greetings fellow warriors,

I'm excited to have you join me today as we have the honor and privilege to pray for two very special men. They have

been leading the charge to change the laws to protect preborn Hoosiers. I am thankful for both Curt Nisly and John Jacob because they have continued to stand up under tremendous pressure.

In Chapter 1 of Joshua, we find where he was encouraged three different times to be strong. First was to be strong and courageous. The second was to be strong and very courageous. Lastly, in verse 9, he was commanded to be strong and courageous.

Three times he was told to be strong and courageous. Would you agree that Father was telling Joshua to be strong and courageous? The word "strong" in Hebrew means **to be or grow firm or strong**, **strengthen**. While the word "courageous" in Greek means **to be stout**, **strong**, **bold**, **and alert**. I see these words in the meanings and they go hand-in-hand.

Both adjectives describe Representatives Nisly and Jacob. I'm especially thankful for these two men because of their unashamed stand for life.

My good friend Brad Skiles, who is a cohort of these prayer initiatives, has an interesting view of both men. I love how he spoke about how these two couldn't be more opposite, yet God put them on two paths that eventually merged onto the same road. Brad says that their giftings complement each other. They are a model of 1 Corinthians 12.

They demonstrate to us how different theologies, personalities, and giftedness can come together and focus on Kingdom objectives.

Brad wrote, "Curt grew up Amish. John grew up Catholic. Curt had an early understanding of biblical values and the grace of Jesus. John came out of "religion" and into the grace of Jesus in his 20s. Curt is a gentle strategic planner. John is a genuine people-loving street preacher. When Curt was in the Tea Party studying the Constitution, John was auditing Government financial statements and becoming disgusted. In 2014, when Curt thought God was leading him to run for office, John was deciding he would never run for office. In 2017-2019, while Curt was standing alone in the House trying to move his 'Protection at Conception" bill into the legislative process, John was on the other side of the chamber's glass windows, holding a sign that rebuked the House Speaker and challenge him to repent. In the 2020 primary, Curt won by 59.2%, John won by 70 votes. The two men really didn't know each other until the summer of 2020. Curt was pleasantly surprised that John hit the House floor running. Together, the two men made history." God wants to use all of us in this way. We simply need to follow Holy Spirit's leadership.

I want to encourage you to look up Representative John Jacob on his Facebook page, *click here*. Skim Representative Curt Nisly's website, *click here*.

John and his wife, Angie, have been standing at abortion clinics for many years praying and helping young ladies reconsider their abortion decision. When they are not at the abortion mill, they may be in downtown Indianapolis meeting people on the street and sharing the gospel.

We're so thankful that these two men stood together when they co-labored on "The Life Bill," House Bill 1282. They stood together when it was shot down by our own Republican Party for the last six sessions.

I'll let you try and understand how that happened. Or better yet, call your representative and ask him to support HB 1282. Friend, hopefully, you have been seeing a common thread in these daily initiatives where I continue to say we have to RISE UP.

We must STAND UP and most importantly, we must SHOW UP. These two guys, with a handful of others, are fighting this on their own and we can no longer sit here watching them be slaughtered by the media and especially by their own "pro-life" party.

Please hear the clarion call that we are continuing through these prayer directives. We must show up if we want to win. Yes, you can call. Yes, you can email. Yes, you can send letters. We need all of that. However, showing up will be what speaks the loudest for these babies!

Do you realize since Kentucky and Ohio had trigger laws in place that abortion clinics were immediately shut down? Now they are coming to Indiana for abortions and clinics are seeing up to 60 women a day! It's heartbreaking! This is our responsibility. This is our state.

Please take a moment to listen to the latest 15-minute interview that Representative John Jacob did this week: *click here.*

He has valuable information that every Hoosier needs to know so that we are not deceived as they try to call the new watered-down bill "Protection at Conception" (purposely using Curt's original title to present something much less meaningful). We want House Bill 1282 passed!

Yes, send your emails and make your calls, but please seriously consider doing whatever it takes to be there inside the Statehouse on Monday, July 25, at noon. YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

Pray with me:

Father, we thank You for these two courageous men and their families, Lord. We thank You Father that they have been pioneers who have pushed for our state to be an abortion-free state. We thank You for their passion and their compassion, Father, as they not only have sat in the office writing bills, and standing on the floor pushing for the bills, but they fought this battle with the grassroots.

Lord Jesus, we ask that You strengthen them even now as we're facing another "kill the bill" as we approach the Special Session.

Father, as brothers and sisters to these men and their families, we come alongside them, and we undergird them with prayer and we ask that You supernaturally strengthen them in ways we can't comprehend. We ask You, Father, to give them the heart of Joshua.

We are the Joshua generation and are ready to cross into the promised land. We stand boldly with them, Lord, and we thank You that You reveal Yourself to them even in their dreams. Let them have dreams and visions. Give them strategies that can only come from Heaven, Father. Release the blueprints of how we go forward with this issue.

Father, we bless their families, and we ask that You surround them with Your love and grace and joy. Give them joy unspeakable, Father.

Cause them to know that as trailblazers they have paved the way for others to stand boldly in the days and years ahead. We give You praise for their hearts toward the preborn, Lord. We ask that you encourage them just as You did David as he fought for righteousness and justice in the land.

Lord, strengthen them for the journey ahead no matter what that is or what it looks like, Lord Jesus. We praise You for their willingness to make a way. We thank You, Jesus, that they have paved the way.

Decree with me:

We decree that Curt Nisly and John Jacob will never stop! We declare that there is more for them than against them. We join with You, Commander of the Army of the Lord, according to Your Word in Joshua 5.

We decree a line is being drawn in the sand over Indiana and You are for us and not against us. We say YOU ARE COMING TO TAKE OVER in Jesus' name. We say these men are strong and

courageous. They are just beginning to fight for righteousness and justice in Indiana.

We decree Your word that Curt Nisly and John Jacob walk in humility and compassion. They are growing stronger and bolder and will remain alert.

We decree these men walk with you. They hear clearly from You and walk uprightly before You with integrity and the character of You, Father God, today and in the days ahead in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

We decree You are more than enough for You are Jehovah Jireh their provider and You will supply every need in the days ahead as they submit to You and that which You are calling them to do in Jesus' name.

We say they will not be dismayed by anything that comes their way for we know that You have gone before them, and You are their rear guard. We call forth angels to surround them and a firewall as a hedge of protection around them and their families in the name of Jesus.

We serve notice to the powers that be in the spirit realm according to your word in Ephesians 6:12. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." We say you no longer control Indiana, and you are losing your foothold. You will be evicted as the Body of Christ and warriors continue to rise like these two and others in Jesus' name.

Scripture for Day 7, Joshua 1:6–9: "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

All for His glory,

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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 if NOW to ACT, *click here* and *click here*.
- ◆ ALSO, on Saturday, July 23rd, is a "Stand for Life" Rally at Planned Parenthood with State Rep. John Jacob. This could be one of the last rallies at Planned Parenthood, 8590 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis, IN. This is a great opportunity to pray and worship at the gates of hell. It will be memorable.
- For an archive folder of these daily devotionals, click here.
- For a list of 14 Indiana Prayer Requests, *click here*.