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"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." 2 Cor 3:17

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## A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman Dreams from My Founding Fathers

*Ronald Reagan famously referred to America as a "shining city on a hill," but he got this phrase from our Founding Fathers who believed God providentially raised up America as a beacon of freedom to the world. Those of us who love America often use the term "American exceptionalism," but there are those who look upon America with disdain as though we were an oppressive empire. They want to "remake America." The kind of America we will pass on to future generations is up to you. Time is of the essence!*

In his farewell speech in 1989, President Ronald Reagan emphasized a phrase he used often throughout his career. This phrase came from Puritan preacher and statesman John Winthrop who, in 1630 aboard the ship Arbella, admonished the Massachusetts Bay colonists that their community would be a "city on a hill."

*These powerful words originated with Jesus in His "Salt and Light" parable recorded in Matthew 5:14. Winthrop's use of the concept in his sermons led many to believe that God was founding a unique community,*

"God's country" on the American continent. Thus, the inspirational notion of "American exceptionalism" was introduced into our national discourse.

John Adams, our first vice president and second president, said, "I always considered the settlement of America with Reverence and Wonder, as the Opening of a grand scene and design of Providence...."

The fiery orator and patriot, Patrick Henry, perhaps best known for his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, said, "The American Revolution was the grand operation, which seemed

to be assigned by the Deity to the men of this age in our country."

*But today, there are those who want to "remake America."* We all remember the sermon Reverend Jeremiah Wright delivered at Trinity Church, "Confusing God and Government," in which he painted America as a colonial oppressor and then said, "not God bless America, but God damn America!"

This statement is shocking, and I find it difficult to even repeat it in writing. How could any American want God to damn America? I am

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**Liberty Counsel believes in the dreams of the Founding Fathers and aggressively advances the religious freedom, sanctity of human life, and family values that form the foundation of our nation. Further, we celebrate and emulate the godly humility the Founders undeniably demonstrated in their statecraft, as depicted by Jacob Duche in his famous painting, The First Prayer in Congress, seen above.**

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proud to be an American, as I'm sure you are. *We love this country and, like the Founding Fathers, believe America was brought forth to be a "shining city on a hill."*

But think back to 2008, when Michelle Obama said in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, "For the first time in my adult life I am proud of my country because it feels like hope is finally making a comeback." In case you thought that was a slip of the tongue or a misstatement, she repeated the thought in Madison, Wisconsin, a little later: "For the first time in my adult lifetime, I'm really proud of my country...because I think people are hungry for change."

*"Change" to what? To be proud of America for the first time in your adult life because people want to "change" it is odd. Such a statement only makes sense if there are two competing dreams for America... the dreams of our Founding Fathers and a completely opposite dream.*

Either you believe America has been blessed by God and is thus a blessing to the world, or you believe America is a curse and God should "damn America."

George Washington believed America was blessed. He said, "The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations..."

He saw God's design in the founding of America. During his First Inaugural Address, Washington said,

**"The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics or the Lord will curse them...Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter. But the time has come when they must act differently...God will bless or curse this nation, according to the course Christians take."**

**— Rev. Charles G. Finney (1792-1875), revivalist in the Second and Third Great Awakening, College President**

"No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States. Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency."

*The Founders believed that "Religion and Morality" were the twin pillars upon which America was built. By "religion" they meant faith that arose from a Judeo-Christian belief system.*

John Adams said, "Our Constitution is made only for a moral and a religious people." George Washington, in his Second Farewell Address, said that anyone who undermines these twin pillars is not a patriot.

*Many contemporary patriots agree with the Founders and say that Christianity is the single foundation upon which American public morality was based and the only foundation for our "republican" or representative government.* They agree with Founder Benjamin Rush, who said, "The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in Religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments."

Yet our public schools, which originally taught people how to read so they could read the Bible and taught Christian morality and the Ten Commandments from the *New England Primer*, have been turned against God. Politicians, education bureaucrats, and groups like the Freedom from Religion Foundation are

seeking to remake schools into religion-free zones. They want to indoctrinate students in secularism and teach sexual promiscuity as a virtue!

James Madison referred to religion and freedom of conscience as *unalienable* rights. Yet today, we have the shocking assault on religious freedom from the infamous Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate which will force religious employers to fund abortion, sterilization, and contraception. Surely, this is not the dream of Madison regarding religious liberty!

Instead of strengthening the family, politicians and those whom George Washington would deem unpatriotic seek to destroy natural marriage by redefining it to include same-sex unions. The radical homosexual agenda

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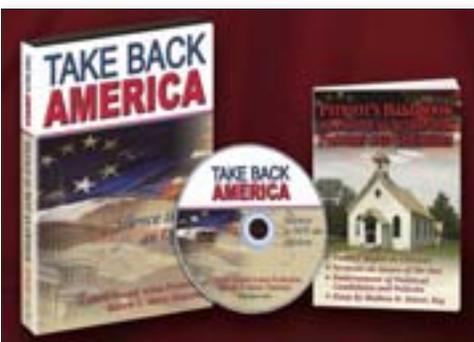
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has shown itself to be intolerant to Christianity and morality. The recent Chick-fil-A matter is just one of many examples of this explosive intolerance.

*Tragically, there is an obvious clash of two competing dreams in our nation today. Make no mistake: One will win and one will lose.*

Some of our Founding Fathers dreamed America would have a unique role in relation to Israel. Former President of the Continental Congress, Elias Boudinot, wrote in 1816, "Who knows but God has raised up these United States in these latter days, for the very purpose of accomplishing his will in bringing his beloved people to their own land."

Boudinot's dream came true. America was the first nation to recognize Israel in 1948 and has remained a loyal friend of Israel. But today there are politicians and activists who view Israel



**Liberty Counsel's powerful "Silence is Not an Option" Action-pack** (pictured above) contains a DVD entitled "Take Back America: Silence is Not an Option" and our newly released Patriot's Handbook of Political Action for Pastors and Churches. *The contents of this valuable resource are crucially important to every pastor, Christian leader, and layman in America. Because of the large number of Action-packs we are producing, they are available for a gift of just \$10 to support this campaign. Visit our website at [www.LC.org](http://www.LC.org) and click on "Online Store" to order Action-packs for yourself, your family, and Christian leaders in your community!*

as a colonial oppressor, just as they view America. For them, Israel and American exceptionalism are not part of their dream as it was for the Founders.

*Our Founding Fathers had big dreams for America that have been passed down through the generations. These dreams have shaped the values of millions of Americans for over 200 years.* As a result of these dreams, America has been viewed by the world as a "shining city on a hill," a beacon of hope. Empowered by those dreams, America quickly became the most literate nation in the world, the most productive, and in turn, the most powerful.

But there is a competing dream that goes in the opposite direction as the dreams of our Founding Fathers. Sadly, it has emerged inside our nation in our time and has brought America to a crossroads. Which dream will we follow?

The answer to that compelling question lies in your hands and mine. At Liberty Counsel we believe in the dreams passed down from the Founding Fathers. Whether in the courtroom or the classroom, city hall or the halls of Congress, from governors' mansions to the White House, and whether by litigation, education, or policy – we are aggres-

sively advancing the dreams of our Founding Fathers!

*We need your help to continue – we simply cannot do it alone. Yet, working together, we can fulfill the dreams of the Founders!*

We need you to take immediate action with us. We have prepared an Action-pack entitled "Silence is Not an Option." The Action-pack contains a DVD, the handbook "Political Action for Pastors and Churches," and other informative material. I urge you to order the "Silence is Not an Option" Action-pack! Provide this information to your pastor, and mobilize your church and community. Time is of the essence!

Please also pray for the ministry of Liberty Counsel. Give a generous gift that will stretch your faith and enable Liberty Counsel to continue fighting for the dreams of our Fathers.

I believe in America and I know you do, too. We cannot take our blessings for granted!

*We must fight to preserve our liberty and pass it on to the next generation. We must not let the dreams of the Founding Fathers die in our generation!* 🇺🇸



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*If all those who truly love God and follow Him would commit to pray, vote, and work for justice, peace, and prosperity in their own city, there would be no evil leaders in public office within ten years.* Our great nation would completely turn around! Every neighborhood association, school board, county commission, city council, and any other governing body would be

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filled with godly men and women. The change for good would be astounding!

*Yet no matter what happens this year or the next, we are forbidden to give up the fight!* Of course, we will not have complete victory over sin and death until Christ's return. But while we are still here, we are to seek justice, avoid violence, work for peace and prosperity, and pray for our neighborhoods, our cities, and our nation.

So, what should we do as our beloved America suffers such lamentable and alarming decline? *When the foundations are being destroyed, the righteous get busy and make a difference!* 🇺🇸

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**From Anita Staver, President**

# SECURING SOUND FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES' FUTURES



*When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? — Psalm 11:3*

**L**ook America – your foundations are crumbling!

Anyone can see the many glaring symptoms. The national debt has reached 16 trillion dollars. Gas prices are more than a dollar per gallon higher than just two years ago, while the median household income, adjusted for inflation, has fallen to 1996 levels.

And look – large portions of your future generations are dead or dying! Collectively, we are paying for the killing of innocent preborn children at an increasing rate by funding organizations that provide abortion “services” overseas and at home.

In 2010 alone, taxpayers gave Planned Parenthood more than \$363 million to kill our future. That rate will soon increase dramatically due to the

federal healthcare takeover known as Obamacare, under which insurance companies will collect a fee from each and every customer – no matter their moral objection or personal revulsion – to fund abortion.

*Meanwhile, the insidious evil of pornography is destroying families at a stunning rate.* Yet during the past several

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years, our Justice Department has failed to bring a single new case against the distributors of illegal pornography. Indeed, an appeals court struck down a law requiring commercial pornographers to block their sites from viewing by children, and the Supreme Court refused to even weigh in on the case. And never mind that a leading secular psychologist, citing a 2011 survey of 20,000 men, concluded that widespread online porn is ruining relationships wherever it is present.

Beyond doubt, our families are facing perilous times in early 21st century America. *So, as believers, what should we do when we see our nation crumbling around us?*

King David asked that very question in Psalm 11:3: “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” A clue comes in the subsequent verses. The Lord hates violence; He loves justice; He watches everyone; and He will reward or

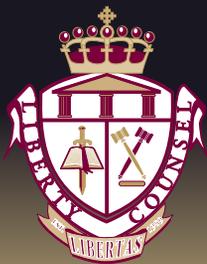
punish accordingly. Therefore, we should avoid violence, pursue justice, and act as if the Lord is watching – *because He is!*

God also spoke through the prophet Jeremiah during the Babylonian exile and gave instructions on how His people are to live their lives in oppressive cultures: “Work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare” (Jeremiah 29:7). Believers must face this immutable fact from God’s Word: Our future here on earth is directly tied to the future of our nation!

*In summary, we are to avoid violence, pursue justice, and seek peace and prosperity wherever we have been planted.* Yet we cannot effectively advance these ideals if we are following leaders who lie to us by promising results apart from embracing godly principles. Therefore believers, above all people, should beware of idle promises of a better tomorrow from politicians whose actions undermine truth and justice, even if those politicians say they have faith in God.

*Doesn’t God’s Word warn against believing in the dreams of leaders who only tell people what they want to hear?* Jeremiah 29:8-9 says, “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name.” Surely we’ve heard enough lies from politicians that we should be able to recognize them by now!

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