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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

A LEGACY THAT ECHOES THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

Reading my Mom's life story two days before the family gathered for her funeral on October 13th, I reflected on the meaning of having a legacy and my purpose on earth. In her book, I Walk with Jesus, Mom wrote about following God's design for her life. She said, "I had planned my life so different than I had lived it. I wanted to be a school teacher or a beautician. He needed me to be a mother."

Mom raised seven children who gave birth to 16 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren, with number 25 being born the week after her death. Amazingly, at the end of the ninety-three-plus years of her life, all but one of her many descendants were still living.

As a single mother since I was very young, Mom often had to work three jobs to make ends meet. I frequently rose before dawn to accompany her when she drove a tractor-trailer rig to pick up sod, or later when she had a paper route. Mom's life was filled with personal hardship, and she struggled to support her family.

When Mom died, she had only a handful of possessions that had little monetary value. Seen through the eyes of the world, she died with nothing. She

certainly had no material wealth to pass on to her children, but Mom's legacy to me and her other descendants was far
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Against a backdrop of mounting national anger and protest (bottom right) over the ObamaCare healthcare "reform" legislation, Liberty Counsel's lawsuit challenging its constitutionality is making its way forward in the federal court system. At left, under a photo of our 59-page response to the Department of Justice's (DOJ) motion to dismiss our lawsuit, Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver is shown emerging from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia on October 22nd after oral arguments. Shown at the left of the courthouse portico is Liberty University Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. Liberty University is one of nine plaintiffs in this pivotal case. At the top right, Mat is shown with Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli who has also brought an action against ObamaCare on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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greater than mere material things!

Mom taught me how to persevere and press forward in spite of hardships. Most of all, Mom taught me about God. And she taught me to trust Jesus in the midst of the many storms life inevitably brings.

Mom's legacy lives in me and in all of her children and their progeny. What Mom gave us was far greater than gold or silver. She encouraged us to trust in the Lord and taught us that His will, not our will, was to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Today Mom's hardships are over and she now celebrates with the Lord and his Holy Angels in the Heaven she carefully taught us about.

In the meantime, I remain on earth, called for the purpose of doing His will. *My resolve is greater than ever to wisely use the time that God has entrusted to me. I have learned to trust in the One who wrote the last chapter of the Book!* I follow the Creator who can turn apparent adversity into incredible opportunity, as He faithfully did for my Mom.

LIBERTY COUNSEL IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO DEFEND THE FAMILY

The God who gives us life gives us family. The family unit with a mother, father, and children is the foundation of government. *If the family is destabilized, then civil government will follow. When families are torn apart through divorce, children suffer and society declines.*

I saw the pain of divorce in my own original family. Unfortunately, I was raised without a father figure. As a result, Mom struggled just to feed and clothe her children. I learned firsthand why we must always fight for strong families!

Of course, pornography and the misguided attempts of pro-homosexual activists to redefine marriage also threaten to destroy the family. *Liberty Counsel is more committed than ever to challenge today's youth to live pure lives.* During our annual Day of Purity on Valentine's Day, we emphasize the dangers of sexual promiscuity and encourage young people to wait until marriage for sexual activity. Working in



Dedicated to the life and legacy of my Mom, Rose Staver
May 19, 1917 – October 9, 2010

close collaboration with Liberty University and its law school, we have a keen appreciation of the need to minister to America's youth. We are blessed to touch literally thousands of young people's lives every day!

Liberty Counsel has defended the only true definition of marriage as "being between one man and one woman" in nearly 50 litigated cases to date. We just filed an extensive *amicus* brief defending marriage in the California Proposition 8 case, which is now at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. We believe the push for same-sex "marriage" and the radical homosexual agenda pose the greatest threats to family and freedom we have faced in our lifetime.

LIBERTY COUNSEL IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO DEFEND LIFE

Mom gave birth to me at age 39 against her doctor's advice. She was told that I was a threat to her life and that I probably would not be born alive in any event. But Mom trusted in God. She told me that during my delivery, the doctor shouted to her to stop pushing. My umbilical cord was wrapped around my neck twice, and I easily could have died if she had maintained the pressure. He was able to stop her efforts, unwrap the cord, and I was born! For this and other reasons, Mom always told me that God had a special purpose for my life.

Two things I know for certain: God loves children and abortion is murder. The legacy we must pass on to our own future generations is this culture of life – a culture in which children are welcomed and loved, not mercilessly destroyed through the atrocity of abortion!

Two weeks after Mom died, I appeared in federal court to argue against the massive ObamaCare healthcare "reform" law. It is ironic that if it had been fully implemented, this law would have rationed my Mom's healthcare during the final months of her life. While she might have been considered a mere statistic to someone who weighs life on a cynical "cost-benefit" scale, she was my Mom and God's child, made in His image.

I assure you that Liberty Counsel will fight the ObamaCare legislation until it is ruled unconstitutional! I am confident that it will be struck down by the Supreme Court when it reaches that level.

LIBERTY COUNSEL IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO DEFEND LIBERTY

Another invaluable lesson my Mom taught me was how to pray. When I was a little kid in school, God was welcome in our classrooms for the most part. People didn't get upset when they recited the words "under God" in the Pledge or saw the Ten Commandments

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displayed on the wall. No one questioned the fact that our First Amendment rights applied in public school settings, just as they did everywhere else.

At Liberty Counsel, we are fully committed to defending our beleaguered religious freedom. Just a few days ago, we filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court on a Ten Commandments case

we have been defending against the ACLU since 1999! Prayerfully, we will soon be back before the High Court on this critical case.

As I reflect over my Mom's life, I am deeply grateful that I was raised by a woman who trusted in God. Likewise, I believe He has raised each of us to reflect His love in our generation. Thanks in large part to the impact of my Mom's godly example, I am more committed than ever that my life be a legacy of blessing to future generations.

We are living in unprecedented times. America is truly at a crossroad. God gave us life and He blessed us to live in the United States of America. We must pass that blessing on to future generations! At Liberty Counsel, we are more committed than ever to aggressively fight for life, liberty and family.

Join with Anita and me and the Liberty Counsel team as we rededicate ourselves to do God's will, no matter the consequences.

Become a "legacy partner" with Liberty Counsel by committing to regularly support our God-given mission. Together, we will overcome the challenges and pass on the blessings of liberty to future generations! ✂



Mathew D. Staver, who founded Liberty Counsel along with his wife, Anita, in 1989, serves as the organization's Chairman. A leading constitutional attorney, widely read author, and sought-after speaker and cultural apologist, he also serves as Dean of the Liberty University School of Law and as Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. Staver is among the core leaders of a national effort to rebuild the conservative movement in America.



Prayer Requests

❑ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's litigation team as it continues to protect the pro-life "Personhood Amendment" in Mississippi from attacks by the ACLU and Planned Parenthood while also developing strategies for other states. Please continue to intercede for our ongoing legal challenge to the ObamaCare legislation. Please also pray for favor for our petition to the United States Supreme Court to hear our defense of the Ten Commandments in Kentucky.

❑ Pray for Liberty Counsel's extensive campaign to limit the damage that will be done by the 111th Congress in its "lame duck" session in late 2010 and for our upcoming efforts to hold the 112th Congress accountable to "We the People."

❑ Please continue to pray for our pivotal litigation in Santa Rosa County, Florida. Pray that the ACLU's strategy of bullying public school administrations into signing "consent decrees" leading to criminal penalties for simple expressions of the Christian faith would be completely defeated. Please also pray that the ACLU's arrogant disregard of ethical standards of conduct in this case would be fully exposed.

❑ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's many speaking events, expanding citizen education efforts, rallies, and publishing outreach. Please pray for special protection for Liberty Counsel's team members as we accelerate efforts to positively impact public policy.

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the science of *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), has been celebrated for his role in the conception and birth of four million people. Yet, his involvement in the deaths of many millions more who were created, but not allowed to be born, is never mentioned.

People are not valuable just because they can be shown to be productive or able to make contributions to society, but because they are made in God's image! And we must never forget that we "matter," because while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. His precious Life is the only true measure of our value!

So how do we accelerate the restoration of a culture of life in America? We must stop deceiving ourselves about the hard truths concerning abortion, assisted suicide, and other crucial life issues. Join Liberty Counsel in studying the facts,

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talking about them with others, doing an even better job of educating our youth, and supporting political leaders who respect life.

Above all, let's agree with the Lord that *all* human life is precious, whether "productive" or not, and make full use of our God-given opportunities to advance a culture of life in America. ✂

Anita L. Staver, Liberty Counsel's President, cofounded the ministry in 1989 along with her husband, Mat. Anita is a member of the bars of the state of Florida and the District of Columbia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals in the nation, and six federal district courts.

From Anita Staver, President

RESTORING A CULTURE OF LIFE IN A THROW-AWAY WORLD



Don't you see that children are God's best gift, the fruit of the womb His generous legacy? —Psalm 127:3

Perhaps the best news from the culture war in many years is that we now have an unprecedented opportunity to restore respect for life in our nation!

This is true because the new generation of Americans is more pro-life than in previous years. As we have long known, change starts with education, which can then be reflected in laws and policies that recognize the value of each person, no matter how small, powerless, poor, or old.

The changing view on the value of life brings hope for the future. Laws in a pro-life America would not go easy on criminals involved in sex trafficking, pornography, or other exploitation. As hope for a change in our nation's laws on abortion and other life issues increases, dissatisfaction with the *status quo* and its unlawful persecution of life is also increasing.

For instance, our current top law enforcement official, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, is part of the problem. His agenda is clear: He would rather prosecute innocent Christians who peacefully stand at abortion clinics than target real criminals!

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Liberty Counsel is representing Susan Pine, a pro-life sidewalk counselor, who is one of Attorney General Holder's latest victims of politically motivated prosecution. Holder recently filed a flimsy 3½-page complaint alleging that Susan "obstructed" a car entering a Florida abortion clinic driveway on November 19, 2009 – nearly a year after the fact. The allegations are loosely based on the report of a police officer paid by the clinic to keep pro-lifers at bay. Susan is adamant that she never obstructed anyone near the

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clinic and only engages with those who are willing to talk to her.

Using the federal law known as FACE (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances), Holder is seeking the maximum fine of \$10,000! We believe that the outrageous charges against Susan will be dismissed, because we have obtained evidence that totally contradicts Holder's allegations.

Please pray for Susan, the Liberty Counsel legal team, and the judge who will hear the case. Pray that a victory in this case will stop the Obama administration from

harassing other innocent Christians. *Even more important for the long term, pray that voters will begin consistently electing pro-life leaders, because elections create consequences in all of our lives.*

A pro-life leader would never appoint someone like Eric Holder. We need pro-life leaders who will not stand for laws being wrongfully used to harass peaceful sidewalk counselors, spend tax dollars for abortion on demand, encourage embryonic stem cell research, mandate rationing and control of "healthcare" by bureaucrats, or allow physician-assisted suicide (which has already killed nearly 500 people in the states of Oregon and Washington).

During the time we have been plagued with anti-life leaders, we have become a nation that carefully recycles papers and plastic but considers human life disposable unless it provides some tangible benefit to society. Here is a strange, but true, example of this misguided thinking: A baby boy was born this year after being frozen for 20 years as an embryo. Fertility clinics often freeze viable embryos in liquid nitrogen until they are wanted by a prospective mother. Scientists claim that the little frozen humans can survive for at least 40 years before implanting.

But the obvious question becomes, "What is done with the 'leftovers'?" Many embryos are thrown away or used in experimentation. Dr. Robert Edwards, who was awarded a Nobel Prize for pioneering

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