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"To make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:17)

Dear Champion of the Lord and the Preborn,



Macedonian Call

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He is looking for guardians at the gates, watchmen upon the wall that will give God a reason to show mercy to a nation that is drowning in a sea of blood and perversion.



Just recently, I had the privilege to address over 20 pastors at a luncheon to prepare the way of the Lord in New Orleans for Operation Save America's national event. The dates set for our visitation are July 19-26, 2014. Some of the pastors who attended are prominent men of God who wield considerable influence in their city. It was an open effectual door that I pray bears good Kingdom fruit as the saints go marching in to New Orleans.

The opening passage was Acts 16:6-10, which states:

Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

This passage defines for us the essence of The Macedonian Call. The Apostle Paul was bursting with the revelation of the Gospel of the Kingdom, and yet, he was prohibited by God to go to certain places. Finally, Paul received a vision from the Lord. This vision provided the next step in his mission. This "marching order" from heaven became the basis of what we call today The Macedonian Call.

Similar calls were granted throughout Holy Writ. In fact, if you are trusting Christ for the salvation of your everlasting soul, you answered God's call on your life. When God restored Israel back into their lands after the Babylonian captivity, the man in charge of the operation (Nehemiah) made this call, "Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, The work is great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another

on the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us" (Nehemiah 4:19, 20).

Nehemiah positioned families at the exposed areas to repair the breached walls and burned gates. Regardless of their trade, calling, or vocation, every able bodied person was marshaled to restore the fortifications that provided safety for the entire community. They were placed on alert with their ears ready to hear the call. Wherever there was perceived a threat, a trumpet blast was sounded and a rally call was heralded. The New Testament version was articulated by the Apostle Paul. He stated, "For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle" (1 Corinthians 14:8). Good question, indeed, as most of the church in America seems content to remain silent and inactive as the Enemy of our souls exploits our exposed areas to savage our nation.

As in the days of Nehemiah, so it is in our day. America's walls are down and our gates have been burned. We are vulnerable to attack from within and from without. Where are the watchmen on the wall willing to put the trumpet to their mouths and sound the alarm that Christians may prepare to engage in the cosmic conflict for the souls of men, the lives of children, and the future of our bloodstained land? It is high time for the church to fulfill Isaiah 58:1, which declares, "Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

In our day the exposed areas are child sacrifice, the shedding of innocent blood, the homosexual agenda, and the rise of Islam in America. What should be our response to these dangerous threats? God's call remains steadfast. He calls His people to stand in the gap and make up the hedge.

Biblically, we all should know the importance of this call. Ezekiel 22:30, 31 states, "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads, says the Lord GOD."

It is not enough for the church to point out the gap, write about the gap, or sing about the gap. The Lord calls for us to actually stand in the gap. We see this intervention powerfully displayed through the lives of Moses and Aaron. As you may recall, several times Israel tempted the Lord with their unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion. With the advent of Korah's revolt, they crossed a serious line that cost them dearly. God's hammer fell.

The ground opened up like modern sink holes today and swallowed up Korah and his rebellious contingency. They were never heard from again. On another front, fire broke out and consumed others as the people dared to complain once again to Moses, "You have killed the people of the LORD" (Numbers 16:41b). Afterward, another plague ran rampant

to consume the rest of the congregation. It was at this critical moment, a powerful interposition took place. Moses instructed Aaron:

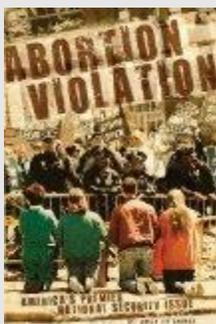
Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun." Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped (Numbers 16:46-48).

This powerful example of intercession and intervention from Scripture is what is needed in our day. We have an American holocaust that is invoking God's wrath upon our nation. This situation endangers all Americans, Christians and non-Christians alike. Plagues, violence, wars, disease, tyranny, unjust laws, and natural disasters are increasing in frequency and intensity. Where are the courageous Christians who will stop running from the roar of the enemy and like David of old run towards the enemy? Is there not a cause? Who will answer the call to stand between the living and the dead to end heaven's fury against our bloodstained, perverted nation?

God challenged Jeremiah, "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; See now and know; And seek in her open places If you can find a man, If there is anyone who executes judgment, Who seeks the truth, And I will pardon her" (Jeremiah 5:1).

As you can see, a life well lived life for the glory of God and the benefit of others is pleasing to the Lord. He is looking for guardians at the gates, watchmen upon the wall that will give God a reason to show mercy to a nation that is drowning in a sea of blood and perversion.

It is my sincere prayer that today, this message will make a certain sound, a trumpet blast that will hopefully inspire the church in New Orleans to answer a modern day Macedonian Call. We need your help to address the exposed areas that are providing openings for our enemy to kill, rob, and destroy lives and souls. These exposed areas have placed our future in great jeopardy.



I heard this trumpet blast years ago. The following testimony can be found in our book called [*Abortion Violation*](#). It is the Introduction chapter.

"Love and pain become one and the same in the eyes of a wounded child...And you shouldn't have to pay for your love with your bones and your flesh. It's all so confusing, this brutal abusing!" According to Pat Benatar, "Hell is for children." Unfortunately, I did not comprehend this reality until confronted with the Word of God and graphic images of aborted babies, put to her song on child abuse.

It was in the fall of 1988 when my journey of conviction began. The Lord lovingly, yet firmly, broke my heart, opened my eyes, and recruited me into the battle against the culture of death. At the time, I was a pastor in St. Petersburg, Florida. Though I was a preacher of righteousness and spoke out against the burning issues of the day, I was not involved, to the degree needed, in the battle for the souls of men, the lives of children, and the future of our beleaguered nation. Neither had I any conception how the sin and crime of abortion personally affected God.



That all changed when a good pastor friend of mine, Franco Gennaro, from Tampa, Florida, handed me a videotape and encouraged me to watch it. Eric Holmberg produced the video entitled, [*The Massacre of Innocence*](#). Soon afterward, I found myself alone one night and decided to view its controversial contents.

The professional format was impressive. Initially, Holmberg took the time to trace the roots of abortion and child sacrifice biblically. The Old Testament tribes that first introduced this pagan practice were Moab and Ammon. These tribes were the progeny that came from the incestuous affair between Lot and his daughters (Genesis 19). After establishing this biblical line, Holmberg proceeded to delve into the social, political, and cultural fallout this sin against God and this crime against humanity produced in our nation.

It was the second part of the tape that dramatically influenced my life and changed my service to God forever. Yes, there were times as a pastor that I had spoken out against abortion from the church pulpit, but up until the time I witnessed this tape, abortion was just a word to debate. It was a term bounced back and forth by pro-lifers and pro-choicers. Even though I was saying with my lips, "Abortion was murder," I had never acted as if someone was truly dying. Somehow the reality of child killing never struck the proper moral chord that would move me to fulfill my biblical responsibility—a responsibility to rescue those unjustly sentenced to death and to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 24:11-12, 31:8-9).

As the documentary continued, the conviction of God upon my soul increased. Suddenly and without warning, the song performed by the female rock star Pat Benatar screeched, "Hell is for children." This disturbing song addressed the reality of child abuse. As it sounded forth, images of aborted babies, the ultimate victims of child abuse, flashed upon the screen. To admit I was overwhelmed would be an understatement. Little arms, legs, heads, and severed torsos revealed the harsh truth and the depravity to which America had sunk. The intensity of the assault upon my soul was excruciating. My heart could not absorb the evil that I was witnessing before my very eyes. Again, abortion at this point was a word bantered about by those who held opposing viewpoints. Now the hellish reality was impressed upon my mind. And I could not erase it.

The force of these images was so immense; I rushed to turn the tape off. Proceeding to the bedroom, I fell prostrate before the Lord. A wailing began that was so intense that my physical chest hurt. For the life of me, I could not come to grips with how our nation established on the inalienable right to life could descend into this wicked condition, one that was drowning us in a sea of blood and perversion. Like Isaiah of old, I was undone (Isaiah 6:1-5).

Holmberg's *The Massacre of Innocence* had done its work. I had seen the Lord's mind concerning this abomination, and it left an indelible mark upon my soul. As a result, I have spent the last three decades fighting this grave wickedness. Right after the viewing of this video, I helped organize nine pro-life "rescues" in Florida. I then moved on to join the national rescue movement. By God's grace, I ended up serving as the assistant director to Rev. Flip Benham, national director of [Operation Rescue/Operation Save America](#).

It has been quite a ride following our Lord into this battle against the culture of death: arrested on numerous occasions, beatings, fines, imprisonments, death threats, demonic manifestations, charged with four counts of FACE (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances), shunned by churches, financial ruin, and numerous other trials too many to mention have been endured. Through it all, God has been faithful. God has delivered, is delivering, and I trust He will yet deliver until this evil is driven back to hell from whence it came (2 Corinthians 1:10).

Back in 1995, pastor Bill Shanks (One of our local OSA leaders in New Orleans) gave a national call to come to New Orleans. He put his mouth to the Lord's trumpet and blasted a certain sound that mobilized Operation Rescue/Operation Save America to come to New Orleans. At that time, there were 8 death camps operating within the city and New Orleans was designated the murder capital of our beleaguered nation.

A miraculous change took place as the church came out of the four walls to be salt and light. The death camps shut down and murder ceased in New Orleans. Half way through the event the local media on one broadcast commented on our visit to the city. One anchor said to the other, "Did Operation Rescue/Operation Save America tell our city that if the abortion clinics shut down, God will stop murders in our city?" The other anchor answered

in the affirmative. The first anchor replied, "Guess what, there have been no murders since they came." The other anchor responded, "Incredible."

The police also connected the dots and gave us a salute as we left New Orleans after the event. The major in charge told us that it was the most peaceful week he had experienced in 4 years serving in New Orleans.

Today, there is one death camp left in New Orleans, another one in Metairie, and New Orleans is no longer the murder capital of America. We rejoice in these victories, but we have some unfinished Kingdom business to attend to this July. Another national Macedonian Call is sounding forth. We are inviting good soldiers of Jesus Christ throughout America to come to New Orleans to join us from July 19-26.

We are praying for a double portion to be upon this event as the church intervenes to rescue lives and save souls. We need your help pastors. We are asking you to lead your flocks to the exposed areas. Our divine purpose is to expose the hidden works of darkness and set the captives free.

Know this for certain, we do not go out in the arm of the flesh, but prayerfully, in the wisdom of God and under the anointing of His Spirit. We merely do the same things on the streets that we do in our churches, which is praise, worship, prayer, and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom. This is the Lord's battle, but he calls us to show up, so He can show off (2 Chronicles 20:15). Psalms 60:11, 12 declares, "Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies."

If you plan on becoming involved in some capacity, please contact Pastors Bill Shanks and Dale Sochia. They are our local leaders of Operation Save America. Together, we can seek the Lord to make New Orleans abortion free in Jesus' name!

This was the message delivered to the pastors of New Orleans. Their response was promising. How about you dear reader? Do you love the Lord, hate this evil, and desire to make a difference in our nation? You are invited to come as well. If you cannot make it, there are two things you can do. First, you can become the guardian at the gates of your community to stand between the living and the dead to stop the hemorrhaging in your sphere of influence. Second, there are some things you can do to assist us.

Pray

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). This call to New Orleans needs intercessors that will undergird this project with fasting and prayer. We need prayer warriors to bombard the heavens and break the strongholds of the

principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places that rule the abortion industry in New Orleans.

Labor

"Then said he to his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:27-38). There will be opportunities during this event to join with different ministries to be a true witness to love our preborn neighbor as ourselves and exercise true and undefiled religion. James 1:27 states, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

Funding

"And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem. And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that worked in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house" (2 Chronicles 34:9-10).

The magnitude of this mission will require sufficient financial backing. We believe where there is the Lord's vision, provisions will follow. Operation Save America is prepared to do the heavy lifting, fight the battle, and minister at the exposed areas. It is vital that the supply lines necessary to support this vital work be established. There will be considerable expense to meet the needs and fulfill the mission. Will you help?

If you are willing to pray, come to the event, or support financially contact me at rusty@elijahmin.com or Rev. Rusty Lee Thomas, P.O. Box 3126, Waco, TX 76707. Thanks!

Contact Builders

Recently, we received a praise report from New Orleans. One of the sub-contractors pulled out of the job to build a Planned Parenthood mega killing center in New Orleans. Our best chance right now to stop this Planned Parenthood from murdering babies in New Orleans are the concrete companies. There are three in New Orleans and all have refused service. Planned Parenthood cannot go out of state and there is a certain distance from the site that cannot be violated. Otherwise, it would compromise the integrity of the concrete and would not be allowed to be poured. Please continue to pray and contact the two companies still involved in trying to set up this death camp in New Orleans.

The following companies are still involved in building this monstrosity. Politely, but firmly, beseech them to follow the example of the other companies that have backed out of building this death camp.

Louisiana Contractors and Architects

For more information: LA Coalition for Life - www.lacoalitionforlife.com

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Last Item is Good News

As stated throughout this article, New Orleans is the location set for OSA's National Event this year from July 19-26. What you may not know, however, is the Lord, it appears, is going before us. Soon a law may pass, which will shut down 3 of the 5 remaining death camps in LA. All three are the ones we were planning to address while in New Orleans for the week set apart for our event. We make our plans, but God directs our steps. Instead of a battle, we may march to a victory celebration. Saints, we covet your prayers and still pray you plan on coming to New Orleans for such a time as this in Jesus' name!