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“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness.” (Exodus 18:21a)

“Somehow conservatives have decided we always have to vote for the Republican nominee. Whatever happened to voting your conscience?” –Dave



Recently a dear brother-in-Christ sent an email saying he was leaving the Republican Party and joining the Constitution Party. He stated he was sick and tired of being betrayed by the GOP.

I know his frustration well. I first registered as a Republican back in 1980 and for 35 years I've watched the party apparatchiks betray its platform and base supporters. This has especially been the case in the last 15 years.

Many responses to my friend's email have been the usual pragmatic reasoning to stay in the party. Some of it I agree with, however that line of reasoning is becoming obsolete because

time is slipping away. My good friend Alan Keyes eloquently made this point responding to the emails.

I will share part of Alan's emails in From the Pulpit.

The question is, how does one deal with a conflict of conscience in our current political climate? I'll address this in To The Streets.

We will look in From the Founders at George Washington and others' warning against the factionalism that has brought us to this point in our relatively short history.

The remedy for all of this is in revival. Turn the page to find out why.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



We are told by the political pragmatists that the two-party system is the only remedy to prevent extremism on both sides of the political spectrum. In actuality, it prevents a true representative government resulting in party oligarchies.

“Extend the sphere, and you take in a greater variety of parties and interests; you make it less probable that a majority of the whole will have a common motive to invade the rights of other citizens; or if such a common motive exists, it will be more difficult for all who feel it to discover their own strength, and to act in unison with each other.” James Madison, [Federalist #10](#)

The two-party system has become so corrupt that most days I doubt it can be fixed from within. Party leaders only wish to stay in power, whether they are the majority or minority party. I believe the Republican Party leaders actually desire to be in the minority because it is always great for fundraising and keeps them somewhat free from blame.

In his farewell [address](#), President George Washington warned against party factions:

“All obstructions to the execution of the Laws, all combinations and associations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, control, counteract, or awe the regular deliberation and action of the constituted authorities, are destructive of this fundamental principle, and of fatal tendency. They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation, the will of a party, often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community; and, according to the alternate triumphs of different parties, to make the public administration the mirror of the ill-concerted and incongruous projects of faction, rather than the organ of consistent and wholesome plans digested by common counsels, and modified by mutual interests.”

I realize that is a lengthy quote, however the Father of Our Country’s words never rang truer than today.

FROM THE PULPIT

“The first step toward actually building an alternative is to realize that what the first patriots did - that it’s better to risk losing in the fight to uphold good conscience and the true cause of liberty than to join the living dead in submission to a system that lives by lies and the sacrifice of faith and principle. God is trying so hard to wake people up. Our present trials attest to that. But it seems that no matter what disasters and betrayals we suffer, people must go on worshipping false idols instead of simply standing (in fact and policy) by the nation’s God-acknowledging principles, without apology or corrupt compromise.” Ambassador Alan Keyes, June 16, 2015 email response

Okay, this isn’t your typical sermon, but as we say down here in the South, “That’ll preach!” My dear friend Alan has been [writing](#) on the subject of factionalism for years.

If we are people of faith, and we say that we stand on the authority of God’s Word, why do we live our lives in fear of political outcomes and compromise biblical principles almost daily? Even Benjamin Franklin knew God could be trusted:

“I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?”

My question is this: If God has blessed America in its great history, and He has, and if He did so because we embraced His biblical principles, and He did, then can we continue if we refuse to trust His benevolence and trash His rules for us?

I contend we cannot. We are at the state of our union where no longer are biblical principles allowed in the public arena, much less adhered to. Even the so-called conservatives in office daily compromise the [first principles](#) of our founding, which were grounded in biblical truth.

Alan is right in that we worship false idols, and most of us do so unaware. I’ve said this hundreds of times before, but Christians must stop placing all their trust in the G-O-P and once again trust G-O-D to bring the revival we so desperately need.

Turn the page to find out how...

TO THE STREETS

Our nation needs a Third Great Awakening. I am greatly encouraged by my denomination's, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), [call](#) for spiritual awakening, the defense of marriage, and the preservation of religious liberty. The SBC has placed its finger directly on the source of our nation's slide towards Sodom and Gomorrah. As Christian citizens, the three-part plan found in the SBC's key themes is the remedy for America. Here's how it applies to each of us:

1. Spiritual awakening starts with personal revival. Random House Dictionary defines revival as the "restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength, etc." Wikipedia defines Christian revival as "increased spiritual interest or renewal in the life of a church congregation or society, with a local, national or global effect." This begins with all who calls him or herself a Christian. A great resource I love is from the late revivalist Leonard Ravenhill's [website](#), whose son Paul now maintains. Be sure to visit the "Messages" link and read his amazing sermons. I highly recommend [buying](#) Ravenhill's "Why Revival Tarries: A Classic on Revival."
2. When the US Supreme Court (USSC) rules in favor of gay marriage, we must in mass [contact](#) our elected officials at all levels and tell them to ignore the ruling. The USSC's ruling is not rule making nor does it become "the law of the land." Let your representatives know that if he or she utters those words they will lose your vote. Also [contact](#) the Department of Defense and demand they not embrace gay marriage nor require service members who oppose such to be subject to any "diversity" training.
3. If WE the People do not defend our First Amendment rights, then who will? Obviously those currently in power won't do so. This must become a key campaign issue in 2016. We must make it so. Additionally, a full frontal defense against the [ACLU](#), Americans United for the Separation of Church and State ([AU](#)), and Mikey Weinstein's [MRFF](#) must be established. They can no longer win the day. Encourage your pastors and lay leaders to join our free [website](#), Taking Back Right Ground.

Our time is limited; our republic is slipping away. This does not mean we do nothing; it means we stand and fight for our great nation. Let's get busy!

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