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A large crowd of people, many wearing pink hats, is gathered in front of the US Capitol building at night. In the background, a line of riot police in full gear with flashlights is visible. The scene is filled with smoke or tear gas.

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Liberals want a New American Civil War. They want one party rule. They say the Republican Party, and Evangelical Christians must be stripped of power. They want to make America into California.

Peter Leyden, CEO of new media startup Reinvent, and Ruy Teixeira, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, said this in an article entitled The Great Lesson of California in America's New Civil War.

They say, "What about the need for checks and balances? Many Americans might be wary of trusting a political environment where one party has complete control of political power."

They insist that one party rule is an utter necessity: "America can't afford more political paralysis. One side or the other must win. This is a civil war that can be won without firing a shot. But it is a

fundamental conflict between two worldviews that must be resolved in short order." Are these wacko ideas from the fringe? No, they are mainstream leftist ideology.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey called the article "a great read." The captains of social media lean far left and wholeheartedly believe in a takeover of America. Twitter, Facebook, Youtube and most social media have been censoring Conservatives and Christians for years even though they deny it. Now, the voices of Christian Conservatives are being purged from all media.

To chant "make America California" is the height of self-delusion. California is dead last in quality of life rankings. It is a glaring model of what not to do.

The social media giants are in the San Francisco area. They have the proof of liberal implosion right

under their nose. San Francisco was once the crown jewel of California. Today, my home town is a smoldering debacle. I was there recently. Human waste, dirty needles, and the odor of marijuana and death hung over the city. All the result of liberal policies.

**Here is the point: In the left's world view, Bible preaching is hate speech.** California law will make it a crime to pray for a homosexual who wants to be transformed.

Don't tell me to stay out of politics. This is not politics, this a moral civil war. The politics are just a front. When they tell us they want to silence the church—when they tell us their opinion is the only one allowed—when disagreeing will cost you your rights, your job, and even your life—when they burn buildings, protect killers, and convict innocent people—the

church should have no response? Do we sit back and just give away our freedom of religion and speech?

Too many preachers today remind us, "it's all in God's hands." While that is a comforting truth it is not the one we need right now. That's been an excuse to be passive.

But everywhere you look in the Bible it is against passivity and advocates action: "fight the good fight of faith..." "Endure hardness as a good soldier..." "Resist the devil..." "Take the sword of the Spirit..."

**Here is the great promise: When God sees someone take up the mighty weapons of God—in the Name of Jesus—and attempt the impossible—God will muster all of the resources of heaven to bring that someone total victory.**

**It is time to pray different than we have prayed.** Stand between heaven and earth as a true intercessor. Invoke the Name above all Names to get to the very Throne of God with your petition. Do what Moses did who raised the rod of Aaron over the battle. When you pray, pray violently, pray exactingly, detailing the damage you want done and where you want it done. By the Spirit, speak directly to evil powers. Call them out and cast them down. Cut their power over America.

**It is time to preach with more boldness and miracles than ever before.** At the first attempt to silence the church Peter prayed this prayer: Acts 4:29,30 says, *"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your Holy Servant Jesus."*

Now our efforts take on a dramatic new urgency. Our tent crusades can't just be good meetings—they must do severe damage—they must show youth the evil of godless secularism. They must see proof of the power and love of Jesus.

I am in Las Vegas consumed with one passion: I know Satan attacked me to keep me away. Mechelle and I were trapped on an emotional roller coaster for almost twelve weeks. 7 weeks ago, I was tortured by the fear of never walking again. Until a few weeks ago, I faced

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the certainty of a surgical procedure that would go through my abdomen (leaving an 8-inch horizontal scar) to get to my lower spine and fuse vertebrae together. Then the surgeon took a fresh set of X-rays and overruled a previous diagnosis—hallelujah. I am now walking and ready.

**Our bank account was frozen.** Yes, it's true our bank account was frozen. Not by our bank, or the government—but by our own conviction. Let me explain. For the last several months we have raised funds for Las Vegas. That money is frozen. We will not use it for anything but Las Vegas no matter how urgent our other needs become. That conviction has been tested these last three months.

Because of my spine problem, we have not been able to receive general offerings since January 29th. We have stayed true trusting God.

**I know people who will not hesitate to use designated funds if the need is urgent enough. They have even told me God will make it up on the back end. That is not how we operate. When you tell people what their money is going to—it will go there.**

Since we are not a church we do not have the luxury of tithes and offerings being given whether or not we travel. We rely on the voice of the Holy Spirit to warm people's hearts to give.

I asked the Lord if I could present our need to you. I believe He wants to use you. The shortfall of the last several months will jeopardize our soul winning for this summer. That's because of our other conviction: never go into debt. That is why—after 50 years of soul winning—we have never left a debt in a city.

I am appealing to you for one infusion of finances to take care of our staff and keep our momentum strong. City after City is lining up for our tent crusades. We are ready to win souls like never before.

I am asking for you to be brave in your generosity. Send me that help I need to keep this miracle harvest going strong.

No one needs to tell you how desperate the hour is for America. No one needs to remind you of the power of signs and wonders soul winning. It is the very thing our youth need most. Give generously to help me push back the forces that would destroy America.





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