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Standing Strong Together

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**“Though one may be over-
powered by another, two
can withstand him, and a
three fold cord is not
quickly broken.”**

Ecclesiastes 4:12

In 2010, the battle we face is a humanistic attack against the American Constitution and the Judeo-Christian values we hold dear. More than ever Christians must stand strong together in the battle through prayer and action. I submit 2 Chronicles 20 and 7:14 as a blueprint for God’s divine intervention in the battle and healing of the land through the prayers and actions of His People, called by His Name, who humble themselves, pray, repent, praise,

and trust Him for strength and deliverance. “FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS BUT GOD’S.”

In 2 Chronicles 20 with excerpts from verses 3-12, we read when faced with a multitude of armies against him: “Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek help from the Lord, saying ... ‘Power and might are in Thy hand so that no one can stand against Thee. Should evil come upon us... we will stand before this house... and cry to Thee in our distress, and Thou wilt hear and deliver us. For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us, nor do we know what to do, but we will keep our eyes on Thee.’”

Like Jehoshaphat, we are often left feeling afraid and powerless against the multitude of humanistic attacks and decisions made by our government leaders. These were my feelings in 1995, until I providentially received an issue of *Family Voice* in the mail. I read how CWA’s founder and Godly woman of prayer, Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, gathered nine

women together in 1979 to discuss actively opposing the Equal Rights Amendment through prayer, education and action. Like Jehoshaphat, Mrs. LaHaye did not stand alone in the battle. In her book, *Who But a Woman*, she writes, “I sincerely believe that God has called the Christian women of America to draw together, in a spirit of unity and purpose, to protect the rights of the family ... to work for a spiritually renewed America.”

I was inspired to start a Prayer/Action Chapter in my home in 1995 as a way to battle government decisions and to no longer be a silent voice, but to join the more than 500,000 CWA members as a united voice to pray for our leaders and restore Biblical values to our country. During those early years as a new Prayer/Action Leader (PAL) I envisioned influencing large numbers, hundreds of women to pray for our nation. So when my prayer chapter of 12 women dwindled to a few, I became discouraged. In the absence of a



state organization, I called CWA’s national office and was encouraged to hear the average size of a prayer chapter, at that time was three (now five to eight). But it was during those early years as a new PAL that I learned it was not about having large numbers at my prayer chapter, but I learned from God’s Word in Matthew 18:20, it is “Where two or three have gathered in My name that I am present and in their midst” and from I Timothy 2: 1-5 that we are to “Pray with thanksgiving for all men, kings, and all those in authority to be saved and to come to knowledge of the Truth through Jesus Christ, that we might live in peace.”

Regarding two or three gathered in His Name, Rosemary Trible in her book, *Fear to Freedom* quotes Ecclesiastes 4:12, “Though one may be overpowered by another, two

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can withstand him, and a three fold cord is not quickly broken.” Mrs. Tribble tells the story that when an African elephant is wounded or ill and falls down, it will die because of its heavy weight. So two elephants will often come alongside the wounded one and literally hold it up for days until the elephant is strong enough to stand alone — much like Aaron and Hur did for Moses, supporting his arms in the battle.

My supporting elephants are the state and national organizations of CWA. Standing strong together, through prayers and actions, we are a three-fold cord not quickly broken.

What Christian soldiers must remember, while fighting through prayer and action to protect the Constitution and the Biblical values we hold dear, is not to be surprised by the fiery trials against us. For our battles are not against flesh and blood, but against Satan and the principalities of evil and darkness.

L.B. Cowman in *Streams in the Desert* writes, “The adversary attempts to push God’s people toward despair and hopelessness over their condition. It has often been said that a discouraged army enters a battle with the certainty of defeat ... we need to better understand these attacks of the enemy on our spirit and how to resist them. If he can dislodge us from our proper position, he then seeks to wear out the saints of the most High (Daniel 7:25) through a prolonged siege, until we finally out of sheer weakness, surrender all hope of victory.”

Soldiers do become weary of long battles and apparent unanswered prayers. 2 Corinthians 4:8 and 9 encourages us “we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed.” Do not lose heart! Do not let Satan and the harshness of the battle rob us of the joy of Jesus Christ manifested in our bodies.

Returning back to the text, 2 Chronicles 20, with excerpts from verses 15-27, the Lord told Jehoshaphat, “Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but

God’s ... you need not fight in this battle ... for the Lord is with you. Put your trust in the Lord your God ... Give thanks to the Lord, for His loving kindness is everlasting. And when they began singing and praising ... the Lord set ambushes against the multitude. And every man of Judah and Jerusalem ... returned with joy, for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.”

The following is a testimony of one man’s prayer and God’s intervention on Capitol Hill in the halls of the United States Congress.

In 2003 Rep. Chris Smith of New Jersey had introduced an amendment to stop U.S. tax dollars from funding China’s forced abortion program. Rep. Jim Greenwood of Pennsylvania co-chairman of the Pro-Choice Caucus led the opposition.

A Congressional staffer who was there writes in **Would God Intervene in Congress?**

“On the morning of the vote ... the debate was heated ... it could go either way. I don’t mind saying that I was in a bad mood at this point. I hadn’t eaten for more than 24 hours ... and it made me angry that it was going to be a close call and that we could even lose ... And then I thought of the passage I had read in the Bible that morning, about prayer, fasting and Jesus rescuing a little boy in Matthew 17: 18-21. Then it hit me, said the staffer, I was there in the Congressional Chamber to pray and fast. The one thing I kept praying over and over was for confusion.

“Confusion was granted. I looked up and noticed that Congressman Greenwood had not yet voted. What was he doing? I couldn’t understand. As the fifteen minutes for the vote expired, I saw Congressman Greenwood look up at the screen with a terrified look that crossed his face when he noticed no vote tally next to his name. He forgot to vote on the very amendment where he led the opposition. Four other Congressmen, who would have voted ‘no,’ for some reason did not vote.”

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Legislative Update

by Shari Rendall, Director of Legislation and Public Policy

The pro-abortion feminists are holding a series of meetings and briefings on the impact of U.S. policy restrictions on women’s “reproductive health.” They are broadcasting their intention to make abortion a fundamental right not only here in the United States but also abroad regardless of whether abortion is illegal in those countries.

Concerned Women for America’s staff are attending these events to monitor the abortion movement’s goals. By being there, we learn their language and are better able to counter the pro-abortion initiatives.

According to a propaganda report from the Center for Reproductive Rights, “Where access to safe and legal abortion is limited, women resort to unsafe abortion, with devastating consequences for their health, lives, and families.

This is further illustrated by Alicia Maulensteen in her blog on the Reproductive Health Reality Check Blog. Women die “because the world’s commitment to ending maternal mortality does not extend to making abortion safe.”

She continues by saying, “abortion is a reality of many women’s reproductive lives. The underlying political gap is standing in the way of women’s access to comprehensive reproductive health

care.”

When these pro-abortion groups talk about “safe” abortions, people need to understand that their definition of “safe” is that there are no political or legal consequences to abortion. However, it doesn’t mean that there are no medical consequences.

And, with the most pro-abortion President and Congress ever, this should be cause for concern for everyone. These pro-abortion groups seek to mainstream abortion. They strongly believe that the way women achieve “health” is to have unfettered access to abortions. And their goal is to ensure worldwide abortion-on-demand courtesy of the American taxpayer. These pro-abortion groups with the help of President Obama and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) and her political pals in Congress (like Rep. Louise Slaughter [D-New York]) are targeting every revenue stream for money for their political agenda.

Their goal is to fully integrate women’s “reproductive health” (abortion) into every health system so they can gain greater access to federal funding. Domestically, \$11 billion has been allo-

cated to Community Health Centers. While Community Health Centers do not currently provide abortions, the health care legislation that was signed into law by President Obama could in the future allow funding for abortions. Internationally, these pro-abortion groups are working to access the billions allocated for HIV/Aids and Malaria prevention and treatment to use for “reproductive health” which includes abortion.

As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated, “We [the current US administration] happen to think that family planning is an important part of women’s health and reproductive health includes access to abortion that I believe should be safe, legal and rare.”



Pray: That women and children will not be used as political pawns and be injured mentally and physically by the devastating consequences of abortion.

Act: Call your Representative and Senators and ask them to ensure that all monies appropriated by the federal government are subject to the Hyde and Helms Amendments which preclude using taxpayer money to pay for or subsidize abortions.

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With a 216 -211 win for Congressman Smith's amendment, \$25 million that would have gone to support China's forced abortion program instead was used to fight human trafficking. The staffer concluded, "No one can tell me that God does not intervene in important policy matters and in individual lives. He cares deeply about both. And no one can tell me that prayer does not matter."

Prayer is crucial to restoring God's righteousness to our nation. According to 2 Chronicles 7:14, it is "When my people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

CWA believes that we will see change in our nation only when we as Christians, called by His Name, commit to prayer, repentance, praise, and action. During this election year as a united voice for Truth, our prayers, our actions and our votes will make a crucial differ-

ence in America's future and for generations to follow.

We have read how God divinely intervened in Congress and in the battle, healing the land in 2 Chronicles 20 and 7:14 through the prayers and actions of His people, called by His name.

In 1996 when Pastor Joe Wright opened the session of the Kansas State Senate with a prayer, everyone expected the usual political correctness. Instead Pastor Wright took action as a voice for Truth and called this nation to repentance and righteousness and prayed the

following prayer. May it also be our prayer:

Search us O God and know our hearts today. Try us and see if there be some wicked way in us. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent and ordained by you to govern this great nation. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. We ask it in the Name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ Amen.

To order the brochure *Would God Intervene in Congress* give us a call at 1 (800) 458-8797 and ask for Michelle or contact your state director if applicable. The cost is \$.15.

This is a great resource for your Prayer/Action Chapter.

To print on your home printer go to <http://www.cwfa.org/brochures> for this brochure as well as others.



Praise & Prayer

PRAISE for the failed attempt of Faisal Shahzad, the Times Square bomb suspect, who revealed he had thought about targeting other landmarks in New York.

"We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near." (Psalm 75:1)

PRAY for the Supreme Court Justices. **PRAY** that the Lord will influence the selection of each new replacement. **PRAY** that Godly judges will be chosen who will judge morally in every matter brought before them. Pray that our Justices will make righteous decisions.



"Then he (King Jehoshaphat) set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, 'Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgment.'" (2 Chronicles 19:5 & 6)

PRAY that the Lord continue to raise up wise lawmakers, persons of skill, morals, and understanding that will run for office in local, state, and federal governments this year.

"Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!" (Psalm 80:17-19)

Continue to **PRAY** against CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women). It is an international convention adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly. Described as an international bill of rights for women, it came into force in 1981. The United States is the only developed nation that has not ratified the CEDAW. Under the guise of "eliminating discrimination against women," it threatens our freedoms of religion and association by intruding in our private lives.