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If the Foundations be Destroyed

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"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
Psalm 11:3

In Psalm 11:3, we are faced with a very sobering question. It demonstrates how troubling it is when foundations are being destroyed. Whether it's the foundation of a house, a life, or a nation, nothing can endure for long once the foundation is destroyed.

In Genesis, God established what He intended to be the first three foundation stones upon which all mankind was to be built. The sanctity of life (Genesis 2:7); the sanctity of gender (Genesis 1:27); and the sanctity of marriage and family (Genesis 2:22-24; 1:27-28). In the beginning, God defined and established them.

In fact, any life, family, or society that tampers with or alters the foundational integrity of God's defined standards by disregarding,

disrespecting, and redefining them does so at their own peril! It's only a matter of time before clear signs of an impending implosion will start to manifest.

Jesus warned about the consequences of the foolish man who refused to obey God's Word. Jesus likened his life to a house built upon sand. And when the opposing elements of wind, rain, and waves beat against the house, it fell. Jesus emphasized, "GREAT WAS THE FALL OF IT!" (Matthew 7:27)

For over five decades, America has become more threatened by its internal enemies than by any external ones. The internal enemies of anti-God philosophies of secularism and humanism have indoctrinated the minds of generations, leading them away from God's moral foundations. This has done far more damage than we can imagine. While at the same time, Biblical Christianity has become increasingly marginalized in the public square.



The statistics concerning the status of America's youth, families, mental health crises, depression, addictions, and teen suicides are all screaming loud and clear ... WAKE UP AMERICA, YOUR FOUNDATIONS ARE BEING DESTROYED!

A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING: AMERICA'S HOPE

During one of the darkest times of Israel's history, their hope was captured within one verse:

"Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." Isaiah 1:9

We must never underestimate what God can accomplish through a remnant of His own people!

The Holy Spirit is bringing a fresh spiritual awakening within the hearts of many during this critical hour. We recently watched as Asbury University in Kentucky was immersed with students weeping, repenting, and getting right with God. We've also seen revival spreading to other campuses and churches across our nation. When it looks like darkness is winning the day, God promises that His glorious light will shine upon His remnant! (Isaiah 60:1-2)

Amid the darkness and the erosion of the Judeo-Christian foundations of our nation, the Lord has called each of us to be His ambassadors, shining forth His love and truth to the lost and hurting world around us. Expect Him to move in the circles of influence where He has called you!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Is Corporate Radical Gender Ideology Influenced by ESG?

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Mandates to use a male coworker's preferred pronouns "she/her." Orientation for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Employee coverage for hormonal or surgical interventions to look like the opposite sex.

These corporate policies may sound familiar to you. But what are corporations' interests in pushing these extreme ideas? Can it be attributed to Environmental,

Social, Governance ("ESG") Scores?

The answer is yes.

We must first consider the Corporate Equality Index ("CEI" or "Index") by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The Campaign [touts](#) the Index as

"the national benchmarking tool on corporate policies, practices, and benefits pertinent to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer employees."

Notably, [Target Corp.](#) is a "Platinum" level National Corporate Partner with HRC. Target received a 100/100 score in 2022, and so did Walt Disney Co. and Kohls.



We know that among other criteria, the Index [scores](#) whether a company supports “shareholder resolutions reasonably aimed at encouraging the adoption of inclusive workplace policies.”

While the specifics may vary, [we know](#) that the Index is interested in workplace policies (and thus shareholder proposals) that advance some of the following:

- ◆ “Equal health coverage for transgender individuals without exclusion for medically necessary care”
- ◆ “LGBTQ Internal Training and Education Best Practices”
- ◆ Diversity Councils

We also know that due to the volume of proposals that shareholders vote on, some shareholders contract with “proxy advisory firms” to “vote their shares.” There are only two real players in town for proxy advisory firms—Glass Lewis and Institutional Shareholder Services. (Together, these firms [comprised over 90%](#) of the proxy advisory market in 2017.)

[Glass Lewis](#) is on the ESG bandwagon. Per its [2023 Policy Guidelines](#), “companies should ensure that boards maintain clear oversight of material risks to their operations, including . . . matters related to . . . human capital management [and] diversity.”

So what? Well, according to the [American Accountability Foundation](#), “Glass Lewis president Carrie Busch lists membership in the Human Rights

Campaign (HRC) Federal Club on her LinkedIn page.” Any reference to “human capital management” or “diversity” can thus reasonably be expected to be defined according to that which HRC approves.

ESG definitions are notoriously “[fluid](#),” in the words of one authoritative business school. Support for “diversity,” though noble in concept and in a vacuum, means support for “diversity” as Glass Lewis—and thus HRC—defines it. Human Rights Campaign is already a [seasoned player](#) in using shareholder powers to influence company policy. While there is momentum in the culture to adopt these policies, ESG undoubtedly creates opportunity for radicals to pressure and reward corporations to “get in line.”

PRAYER: Pray for waning influence of the Human Rights Campaign on corporate decision-making.

ACTION: [Read](#) about model policies to tackle ESG.

GAVEL WATCH

Witnessing the Debased Mind

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I wrote this for you as we awaited the critical First Amendment decision from the U.S. Supreme

Court in *303 Creative v. Elenis*. CWA activists were at the Court (just as we were on the day of oral arguments) with signs, ready to celebrate the decision, but it was not handed down that day. The decision is now out, though, and it was a big win for freedom and liberty, and for you and CWA. I have a summary of the opinion for you at [this link](#).

But here is a short recap of what was at stake there. Lorie Smith owns 303 Creative, a design studio specializing in graphic and website design. She left the corporate world to start a small business in 2012, wanting to use her skills to promote causes consistent with her beliefs. She wanted to offer website design for marriages between one man and one woman, but the state of Colorado, once again (you may recall it is the same state that viciously [discriminated](#) against Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cakeshop), wanted



to prevent her from doing so, unless she promotes same-sex weddings, too, regardless of her religious convictions.

Lorie, like Jack, works with all kinds of clients, but she always decides which projects to design based on the message she will be conveying. The Supreme Court has now said that, "The First Amendment prohibits Colorado from forcing a website designer to create expressive designs speaking messages with which the designer disagrees."

But the Tenth Circuit had ruled against Lorie, holding that Colorado could force her to create websites promoting messages that contradict her religious beliefs about marriage. That is why she had to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But I want to go a bit deeper with you. What is behind this desire by the LGBTQ+ lobby to use the force of law to compel all Americans to agree with their perverse views of marriage and sexuality? We are long past the days of "live and let live." Remember when they would argue, "Why do you care who I marry?"

Now they demand we [hand over our children](#) or face the full wrath

of being branded a bigot in the culture and a racist or an abuser in law. What is behind all this?

I submit that you can find an inkling in Romans 1:28 where Scripture tells us that "since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done." We are witnessing the practical effects of that debased mind at work in our culture. This explains why you see this strange connection between the LGBTQ+ movement and satanism.

I recently told you about the whole [Target debacle](#), which is illuminating in and of itself. I hope you have held off on buying there throughout June and will consider continuing to shop elsewhere. But let me show you another revealing event. These are some pictures from the diabolical themes at the 2023 "[Pride](#)" parades, which repeatedly attack and mock our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

That is the product of the debased mind which has been given up to follow its own warped desires and can no longer tell light from the darkness.

We need to understand what is happening so that we can have the

appropriate response to this evil. We cannot simply adapt to a new normal and continue our lives. In the 12th chapter of Romans, Paul tells us plainly we cannot "conform to the pattern of this world" (v.2). Instead, he tells us we need: mind renewal. We must "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This is the work of the Holy Spirit in us through His life-giving Word (see Romans 10:17).

PRAY: We must pray for God's graceful intervention as we shine the light of His salvation wherever we go.

ACT: We must stay in the Word daily, as it is the sword of the Spirit for our battle (Ephesians 6:17).

Praise & Prayer

Praise God for His enduring faithfulness!

"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Pray for the growth of existing chapters and for the birth of new ones.

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4



CWA IN THE NEWS

Celebrating Life, Not Pride

June 7: *Fox News* – **Biden’s Title IX Debacle is so Horrible Even His Own Administration is Admitting it** – CWA Senior Advisor Doreen Denny’s [piece](#) on the Biden Administration’s delay in finalizing a radical new rule on Title IX was placed in *Fox News*.

June 11: *Daily Caller* – **NANCE: Corporations Like Target and Bud Light Have Embraced a Dangerous Alternative Religion That Worships Sex** – Penny’s op-ed on Target and Bud Light was [featured](#) in the *Daily Caller*.

June 15: *Live Action Media* – **Live Action Leads Pro-Life Movement with Coalition Demanding Equal Protection for Children in the Womb** – CWA was [mentioned](#) for signing a coalition letter demanding equal protection for children in the womb.

June 15: *Fox News Radio* – **Penny Nance Saves Your School Choice** – Penny [joined](#) *Kennedy Saves the World* to share how CWA is fighting for parents to have a voice when it comes to their children’s education.

June 21: *Newsmax.com* – Penny’s monthly [column](#) for Newsmax titled “No Pride in Biden Policies Disenfranchising the Nation,” takes the White House to task for allegiance to the “pride” flag and the radical gender ideology rather than to the nation.

June 23: **Concerned Women Today podcast:** Kylee Alons, a North Carolina State swimmer, is a 31-time All-American, 2-time NCAA national champion and 5-time ACC champion. In 2022, Kylee was forced to share a locker room with University of Pennsylvania swimmer and biological male Lia Thomas. Kylee sits down with Concerned Women for America CEO and President Penny Nance to [share her story](#) for the first time.

June 23: *The Washington Times* – **Pro-lifers Debate Total Abortion Ban vs. 15 Weeks; Activists Pushing for Federal Minimum Standard** – CWA [was mentioned](#) for supporting Sen. Lindsey Graham’s (R-South Carolina) 15-week abortion ban bill.

June 23: *Fox News* – **The Ingraham Angle** – Young Women for America Ambassador Kylee Alons and Penny [joined](#) Laura Ingraham to share about Kylee’s experience having to change in a utility closet at last year’s

NCAA Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships to avoid sharing a locker room with Lia Thomas.

June 23: *Fox Business* – **The Bottom Line with Dagen and Duffy** – Young Women for America Ambassador and NCAA volleyball player Macy Petty [joined](#) *Fox Business* after Chat GTP censored a fairness in women’s sports tweet she composed.

June 23: *Fox News* – **Fox & Friends** – YWA Ambassador Macy Petty [joined](#) *Fox and Friends* to discuss her censorship with Chat GTP.

June 24: *Christian Post* – **Post Roe World: What We Need to Do Now** – Penny’s [op-ed](#) on life in a Post-Roe world was placed in the *Christian Post* on the anniversary of the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

June 24: *Newsmax* – **Saturday Report** – Penny [joined](#) *Newsmax* live from the Lincoln Memorial at the Celebration of Life event commemorating the one-year anniversary of the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.



June 24: *The Daily Mail* [reported exclusively](#) on Kylee Alons story of being violated in the locker room and takes the NCAA to task for not

protecting women.

June 24: *C-SPAN* – **Washington This Week** – Penny’s speech [featured](#) in

livestream of the Celebrate Life event at the Lincoln Memorial.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA Life Wins, Remembering Title IX, and Tabling Throughout June!

Morgan Schlesselman, YWA National Director



June was a big month for YWA as it marks conference season, as well as the anniversaries of Title IX and the *Dobbs* decision!

This month, YWA

tabled at Stoa’s National Invitational Tournament of Champions in Southern California, Turning Point USA’s Young Women’s Leadership Summit in Texas, Centennial Institute’s Western Conservative Summit in Colorado, and Faith & Freedom Coalition’s Road to Majority in Washington, D.C. We were able to speak with young women from coast to coast who are looking for a way to be involved in this cultural battle from a Biblical perspective and make like-minded friendships.

June 23 was the 51st anniversary of Title IX, and YWA continues to

advocate for the protection of girls’ sports. Seven YWA leaders signed onto a “Keep Women’s Sports Female” [open letter](#) to athletic governing bodies and public servants to protect women’s sports. YWA Ambassador Macy Petty created a [video](#) highlighting how ChatGPT censored a fairness in women’s sports tweet she wrote.

June 24 was the one year anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision which brought an end to *Roe v. Wade*, and YWA staff and more than a dozen leaders attended the National Celebrate Life Day [Rally](#) in Washington, D.C. While we know that the fight to end abortion has truly just begun, it was a great day to celebrate the work the Lord has done in overturning *Roe v. Wade* and thus saving tens of thousands of babies in the last year! YWA leaders continue to be a voice for the voiceless, whether that’s

through volunteering at their local pregnancy center, donating their money, or reposting pro-life messages. Earlier this month when Rep. Norma Torres (D-California 35) claimed that young women in America support chemical abortions, [our leaders organized](#) to refu those claims and share the dangers of chemical abortions.

PRAY: As we celebrate the first anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision, please pray for our YWA leaders to be lights for Christ and bold advocates for the unborn.

ACT: If you know of any young women ages 16-27 who may be interested in spending a weekend in Washington D.C. to build friendships and community while diving deep into the cultural issues facing our nation today, learning valuable leadership principles, and growing deeper in faith, please send them [here](#) to learn more and apply!

