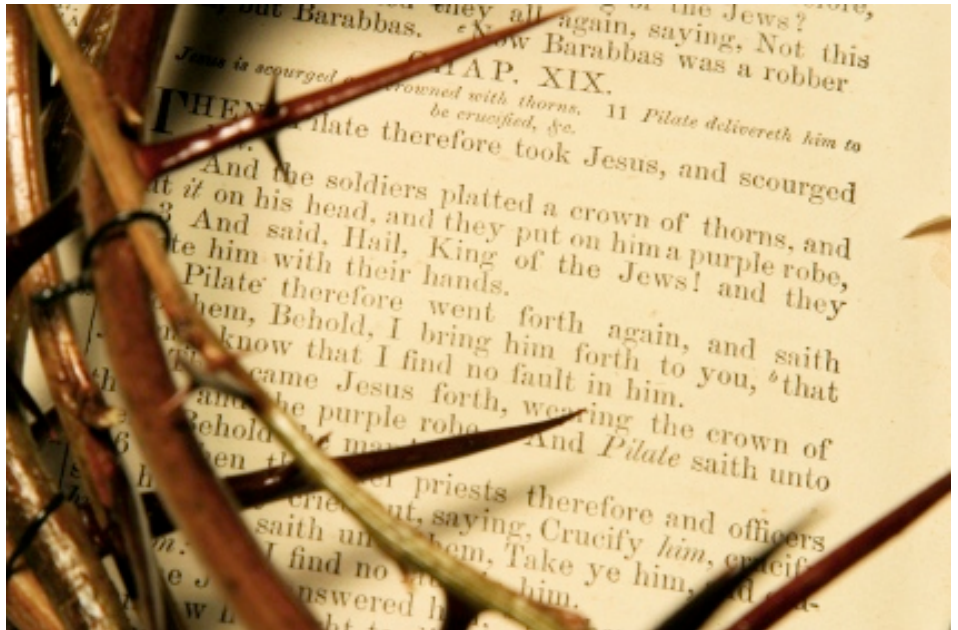


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This is not the article I wanted to write. This article was supposed to be about the theology of adoption and the obedience to which the Lord calls us. But the shooting of abortionist George Tiller this past weekend has caused a disruption in the course of things and I need to respond. Tiller was truly an evil man, who was committed to the murder of innocent children and perhaps the most extreme abortionist in the country. He would abort children who were one day from their due date. He specialized in partial birth abortions, where the child is partially delivered, and then the brains are sucked out of the infant, collapsing the skull and allowing the rest of the birth to take place. A horrible man has come to a horrific end.

Now I must say why his murder was an evil as well. The same scripture "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13) apply to Tiller as well as to his victims. There are no "good" murders. There is only murder. Since the Bible asserts that all human beings are made in the imago dei (image of God) then to murder another human being is to strike out at the very creator of all - God himself.

The argument promoting the act of this killer and Paul Hill and others is that this deed was not murder - they were protecting the innocent and so this act falls under the rationale of defense of the helpless. In the long history of the Christian argument of the "just war", there has always been the argument for justified violence in the case of defending those unable to defend themselves. However the just war theory demands that lethal violence only be used when there clearly is no other choice, something dramatically missing in this situation. Regardless of the current US administrations blatant disregard for constitutional law, we Christians here are under law. To be lawless is one of the oldest sins in the Bible. We cannot invent laws to suit our daily musings - we are under both God's laws and man's laws. One of the advantages Christians here have is that we have the ability to vote for the laws and those who make the laws. This ability means that lethal force is not an option for us. To change the evil abortion laws we must

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There are only two simple things that we are all called to do: Love the Lord our God and our neighbor as well. Some of those neighbors are very different and very far away. The American retirement ideal is not for the Christian. The Apostle tells us in Hebrews that our rest is in heaven. Until the day he calls us home, let us be faithful serving in every opportunity that the Lord opens for us. Sometimes we seek and find what He would have us do and sometimes we hide and hope it goes away. Which way will you go?

change the people who make them – either through the Gospel or through the political process. This has been one of my longstanding ministry frustrations – that Christians have spent so much money trying to bring about change through the political process and given the crumbs to the only real way to change people – the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is the Gospel that changed the woman who was the test case for Roe V Wade (the decision by the Supreme Court legalizing all abortions in the US). She became an articulate pro-life defender after she came to know the mercy of our Savior. So it needed to be with George Tiller and every pro-abortion in this country. Our current president is the most pro-abortion president we have ever had – he needs the mercy of our Savior as well.

But some say, “well there is no other recourse – there is evil and it must be stopped”. Well I say where do you stop? As Steve Taylor’s amoral ice cream truck driver said many years ago now in the song “I blew up the clinic real good”, “There’s nothing that a few plastic explosives won’t fix”. I agree – lets start blowing up and killing all the evil people out there. Feel free to start with me. I am evil. Left to myself I am capable of every evil deed that has ever been done on this fallen world. Make sure you get all my family as well – evil through and through. Then kill my pastor and staff at our church. I know most of them pretty well and they are evil as well. In fact I haven’t met one yet that wasn’t. Oh some of them aren’t as bad as some of the others – but I guarantee the depravity of their hearts is truly despicable. I have spoken at hundreds of churches, schools, conferences and so on and the one thing I am absolutely sure of in all of those settings in that the rooms were filled with evil people. So start blowing them all up and lets be done with it. And when you are holding the last explosive and there is no one else left to be killed, then maybe you will wake up and see the irony and know that the Christian is NOT the Angel of Death, the grim reaper, or any other name you want to use.

The Lord commends us to not be double minded. We are told that the same spring cannot produce fresh and stale water at the same time. There is never a time where the Christian is called to pick up the worlds weapon and fight for the Kingdom of God. We are still dealing with the legacy of the crusades and other historical Kingdom disasters. But I should add none of this makes me a pacifist. I believe very seriously in external and internal self-defense, as in the military and police. I also believe that individual citizens have the right to defend themselves and their homes and families. Jesus allowed for self-defense and he did not command the soldiers in his audience to disarm. In this fallen world – some evil people will always be trying to kill other evil people. But the government is given that job by the Lord. Romans 13 make this very clear. To those who did defend the murder of Tiller – where in the Scriptures do you see the Apostles calling for holy war against the evil Romans? There were no better-organized murderers in the world at that time than the Roman government. Yet there was no call to revolt against them, or the corrupt Sanhedrin nor any other evil group. There were at least two armed revolts against the Romans by the Jews within the timeframe of 100 years of Jesus Christ. Can anyone name any of the leaders? I’m waiting...I didn’t think so. The revolution brought about through Jesus is unique to world history. It has changed more individuals, cultures and occasionally even countries than anything else ever could. It is the Gospel of Jesus – the death, burial and resurrection that brings about the power to change any and all things. We fight in vain with any other tools

So we pray for mercy for the evil and wicked and for change in our laws. And we pray for peace in our land and in Jerusalem. And we long for the Lord’s return so that the world will be changed for eternity. Maranatha – May the Lord return soon.

Giving Opportunity!

We need about \$1200. Per month to balance our ministry budget. Please pray and see what the Lord would have you do. We know that everyone is apprehensive about the economic issues in our country but we know our Father is still in control and we ask that we all act in faith and not in fear.

Prayer Requests

1. Thanks for praying as the Lord is working in our family and there is some good news. Joey is still doing quite well. Johanna and Kevin are doing well also and we are happy with the attitude and growth we seen in her Shawn and Kelly are now married and enjoying their new life together. Gabe and Shaina are preparing for their wedding and we are all waiting for Gabe to come home from his first tour with the Marines on the U.S.S. Boxer. He should be home at the end of July. Scott has graduated from college and is preparing to enter Officer Candidate School with the Marines. We still wish his heart were more in touch with the Lord. Rose has repented and she is doing really well. Her boyfriend Tyler has also repented and so we hope that the Lord will bring about real growth in both their lives. So as you can see there is much to be thankful for and much to still pray for.

2. Pray that our extended family would believe in Jesus. Pray for my Step-mom’s niece who was kidnapped by her mother and taken to Indonesia. Pray for my youngest brother’s marriage and family. Both my father and stepfather have finished their radiation treatments but there are other complications. My father and my stepfather are both recovering well from the cancer treatments and my dad’s ankle is healing. My mother’s cancer has not responded well and she has to try something different to head the problem off. Please continue to pray for my brother Mark who works for Bank of America and whose job situation is up in the air. And for Terri’s mom who needs to sellher trailer.

Calendar

June 2,9,16 – Home Bible Study – The Gospel of Matthew

June 6,7 – The People’s Fair

June 10 -14 - Cesnur Conference – Salt Lake City. Cults and all their friends!

June 28 Pleasant View Bible Church – Aurora, NE – Evening Service

July 5 – Stockham Community Church – Stockham, NE Morning Service

July 12 – Monroe Evangelical Free Church – Phillips, NE Morning Service

July 12 – Aurora Evangelical Free Church – Aurora, NE Evening Service.

We go to San Diego to meet the USS Boxer and welcome our son Gabe home!

Classes start for Horizon College Denver.

August 24 – History of World Religions:

The Book of Romans – Legacy Fellowship Church, Thornton, CO

Keep checking back for more events.

We are trying still to raise money for the Uganda trip and now have a marvelous opportunity to minister at the Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne, Australia this coming December. Please pray and consider the wonderful opportunities you can share in!



3. Pray for many friends who are sick with different conditions. Pray for Lori, Liz H, Sherry C, Rebecca G, Sheila H, Josh H, Jinjae, Sherry, Jim C and my dear professor Gordon Lewis. Pray for another dear professor Jim and Ossie Andrews whose daughter Julie’s situation is chronically painful. Our friend Joan C has gone to be with the Lord - where we know she is now healed. Pray for her family, as this has been a very painful event.

4. Please pray for several whose marriages have been damaged and destroyed by sin and cultic beliefs. Pray for Bruce, Mike, Brad, Jeannette, Michael, Pam, Mike, Leah and many others.

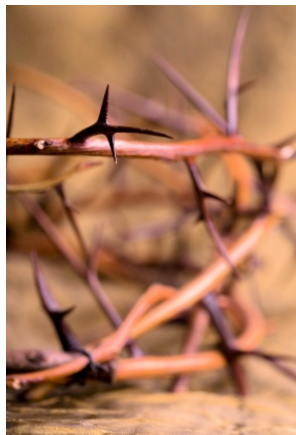
5. Pray for many we have witnessed to like Jonathan (Gnostic). Also pray for Sister WHO and Kamela at the psychic fair. We met many people at the Peoples Fair. Buddhists and Hindus, Eckists, and many others. Pray for all of them. As well as our long time requests for Hindus (Lee and Meg), Mormons - (Elders Robert, Rollins, Lane, Roebucks, Adam, Cheryl, Sandra and many more). Jehovah’s Witnesses (Bruce and Bianca and lots of others). New Agers (Tim, Zach, Denver, Ian, Fausto, Jason, Anuttama, Sukkacitto, Adam, and Wiccans). Muslims like Abdul and others. Please continue to pray for Evan and Stephanie who need to grow in their faith and take it seriously.

6. Please pray for our missionaries & interns with Haven. Pray for Mark and Rose, especially Rose who is now being lined up for a kidney transplant. Pray for Mark as he still considers the best time to retire from the Denver Police Dept. and go full time with Haven. Pray for Jeff and Sandy who still have pressing issues with their families health and spiritual state. Also please pray for Rita Dominguez, who is taking on new responsibilities with the college and the church. Also please pray for Jim and Barb Choury, who are now seeking to expand their ministry into several of their churches and have now expanded their opportunities through an ESL class for many Chinese professionals! We welcome them and ask you to lift them up often as they raise support.

7. Pray for our military sons and daughters. Lift up our son Gabe, as his outfit will be shipped overseas in Jan. Pray for his fellow Marines, Matt and Chris C, Dan W. and for Soldiers Josh P., Nick G, Carlos and Matt R. We thank the Lord that Chung has returned safely! Still pray for Josh N, who is still stationed in the Middle East and calling!

The Haven Newsletter

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Non-Prophet Update

Widely held as the most important of the “emergent/emerging” church, Bryan McLaren has come “a long way.” From his first well known book *A New Kind of Christian* where he claims to be “epistemically humble” (basically saying that unlike those he attacks, he doesn’t claim to know it all) to this last years’ *Everything Must Change* in which he articulates a Marxist framework for the new message of Jesus were He to come back today. Oh and for those hanging on to the Biblical view of Jesus, Bryan now tells you that you believe in the “Jihadi Jesus”. Such humility is lost on me I guess. Everything MUST change???. Oh to be so certain...

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