



CALLING FOR THOSE WILLING TO BE MARTYRS FOR CHRIST IF NECESSARY

Dear Friends, Co-Workers, and Donors,

Both America and the Church on earth are at another point in global history wherein the War of “Good vs. Evil” and “God vs. Satan” now requires that many Christians must be willing to die if necessary for the advancement of God’s Kingdom and His Eternal Purposes.

A.D. 2021 is another moment in history when hard times require hard decisions similar to two critical and urgent periods in the history of Israel in the time of Gideon and of David.

1. In Judges 7, God calls Gideon to deliver Israel from the hordes of Midianites and Amalekites who invaded and ravaged the land for seven years. God did this by selecting for Gideon 300 chosen soldiers who were both COURAGEOUS and who “drank the stream water right.” Gideon and those 300 men, following God’s clever strategy, routed multiple thousands of those enemies in a spectacular defeat.
2. In I Samuel 17, David, at about 17 years old, performed one of the world’s greatest acts of courage by singlehandedly defeating and killing the giant warrior, Goliath. Later, I Chronicles 11:10-47 describes the courage and military prowess of what the Bible refers to as “**David’s Mighty Men,**” who gave him strong support in his kingdom.

The point I am trying to make here is this: I am convinced the Church in America will not, at this time in history, be able to overcome this present criminal, fraudulent “takeover” of America’s federal and state governments by the Marxist Democrats, and bring forth a clear, godly victory in the next few years, unless a select number of courageous, modern “Gideon Men” arise in every state and every city to stand their “Biblical Ground,” and be willing to give their lives if necessary to advance Christ’s Kingdom on earth immediately! Nothing else we plan, do or organize will bring forth a defeat of these “God-Hating, Truth-despising, criminals UNLESS such new “Gideon Men,” who “love not their lives to death,” arise and unite with most other courageous soldiers of Christ in America to form a **united, Biblical army to rebuild America upon the principles of the Bible and the U.S. Constitution!**

THEREFORE, because American churchmen in the past 100 years have unknowingly and unwisely allowed their assumed “Biblical” churches to incrementally grow softer and softer, decade by decade, we must grow a whole new generation of gutsy, manly, courageous men in our churches WHO ARE NOT AFRAID TO LOSE THEIR LIVES FOR CHRIST, if necessary. We want to offer a simple, doable, plan to start this “gutsy-man-growing-process” in 2021, and I believe it starts with a very serious, SELF-EXAMINATION of our own hearts and motivations. Within the past 30 days, I was surprised and alarmed to find out two related, undesirable facts about my own heart and motivations in my service to God as an 86-year-old servant of King Jesus, after seriously attempting to follow and serve God, however imperfectly, over the past 68 years.

In prayer during my daily Quiet Time with God in the Word, He revealed to me that, over the past many, many years, the ONE PRIMARY THING which tended to slow me down in my obedience to God and hindered my stepping out in faith and courage to attempt anything which might “threaten” me more than any other hindrance, was a “two-sided coin,” with “FEAR OF MAN” on one side and “EGO PROMOTION” on the other side. These are two separate weaknesses and sins, but they seem to be deeply connected on the same “coin.” Therefore, to start identifying these courageous new “Gideon Men,” the Church must find probably thousands of godly, honest Christian men in churches who want to serve God by scheduling a personal time of self-evaluation.

I suggest that you conduct such a self-examination with one or two special Christian man-friends whom you love and trust. You can schedule this time as an “overnight retreat” at some quiet private cabin or motel, perhaps starting on a Friday night possibly with a dinner together, then continuing past breakfast and lunch and heading home on Saturday at some point in the afternoon.

After seminary as a young single man, I did this while on the Young Life staff about three times a year with another single buddy who was a regional coordinator of youth with the Friends Church. On the retreat in a borrowed mountain cabin, we would alternate spending a couple hours alone with the Word and God, then come together to share our thoughts and to pray, then go back to time alone with the Lord, etc., throughout the overnight. It was spiritually and personally profitable for us in those days.

I suggest that if you do this, you consider using three of what I refer to as “Reformation Tools,” which are found in the Appendix of our COR book, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, (Nordskog Publishing Inc.), which I sent in 2014 to most of our COR mail list. If you do not have this book, just email me (jgrim1776@gmail.com), and I can send it to you free of charge.

The three useful tools for self-examination in that book are these:

1. Appendix H, Page 251: Questions for Pastors for Self-Examination.
2. Appendix I, Page 253: Ingredients of Christian Maturity.
3. Appendix N, Page 270: A Manifesto for the Christian Church. (I claim this Manifesto states the kind of churches Christ wants to function on earth at any age, and I suggest pastors and elders measure their own church by the points in this Manifesto.)

Besides these Appendix items, I encourage your time of self-examination to include looking at your heart to see if the two items I mentioned earlier, “Fear of Man” and the “Promotion of One’s Ego,” are hindering you from following God 100 per cent.

I pray those Christian men who read this COR Update will hear God’s call to do a painfully honest “Self-Examination Retreat” with one or two other honest Christian men they trust and love. I predict that without scheduling such a serious time of self-examination of one’s own heart and motivations, extremely few Christian men in America in 2021 are going to come to the personal awareness that they would be willing and happy to die for Christ if He called for such a sacrifice.

For God to raise up a new generation of courageous “Gideon Men” at this point in history,

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P.S. In cleaning out and reorganizing old files, Donna came across a copy of the February 2019 COR Update. Because I believe it is so very apropos to this June 2021 Update, I am including it with this month’s newsletter. I encourage you to consider reading it as well to see if God speaks to your heart about the message in both of these Updates.