



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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If therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, — Ephesians 4:1

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God made me the Executive Director of the Christian Civic League of Maine in 1994. I took the appointment — the vocation — very seriously. The League was approaching a century of ministry in Maine. The situation deserved much more than my taking seriously my duty as her leader. I knew I needed to walk worthy.

I learned a lot about the referendum process. That's because the League determined before my stewardship as leader that the political process in the State House could not be counted on to resolve the crisis in family life that was emerging. We decided to try direct democracy — going directly to the people using referendums.

This made me and the League into a radioactive lightning rod, to quote the two adjectives I heard used the most before I resigned. We were often in dramatic conflict, usually emerging from unpredictable directions. It was like being a prisoner of the Lord. I'm sure Paul came to accept his martyrdom as Christ's apostle slowly. I can imagine it dawned on him over time what it really meant to take up the cross every day and follow Jesus.

I drew on this experience and knowledge to make the prediction I made this spring. I said that the peoples veto on vaccines was the only one that had a chance of making it to the ballot. We learned yesterday that the folks leading that effort rallied 800 volunteers to gather 77,000 signatures over the summer. They needed 63,000. This pretty much assures that they will get a vote in March.

There were more than a dozen peoples veto petitions circulating all summer in addition to the one on vaccines. The only institution carrying any of these petitions was the Christian Civic League of Maine. They willfully ignored all but two petitions. One on the legality of suicide and the other on baby killing. The only institution in Maine to ever give the sodomy lobby a run for its money decidedly ignored that issue. A petition was circulating that would have stopped Jezebel Janet Kills, the Governor, from enacting her prohibition on gospel-centered assistance for "gay"-addicted citizens.

The leader of the League issued a pathetic statement yesterday. He blamed southern Maine on his failure, and tried to save face by praising his volunteers. His volunteers should be demanding an accounting. He manipulated their feeble hopes into about a hundred grand for he and his friends in the administration at the League. I've known Carol Connelly for many years. His heart has never been in the political fight. He and his board have reduced the League to a LePage reelection committee.

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Jack Wyman spent all two decades of my tenure publicly whining about the League's efforts to stop Big Sodomy's advance in Maine. He was my mentor, and the leader of the League for one decade prior to my taking the helm. I was forced to keep my distance because of his public politicking against the League and me.

Soon after I left Carol invited him back in. He was another one with no stomach for a political or spiritual fight. These men are master politicians. They are not warriors. Principles are there to be bent for the greater good. And unfortunately many times that greater good has more to do with their own sense of things, than with what Christianity demands of her saints.

It's a no brainer for a Christian institution to be inflexible on sodomy. It is the purest evil described in the Bible, both Old and New Testament. The very word we use to describe the heinous act is derived from a Biblical city — Sodom. God rained fire down from heaven on Sodom and four other cities on the plain. Violent male gangs insisted on having sex with two male angels visiting with Lot.

Look inside of you America. What do you see emerging? How about violent male gangs broken from the anchor of love given to a wife and children for a lifetime. The steel bonds of matrimony broke with no fault divorce. We've abandoned all sense now with men choosing to be women so they can beat the girls on sporting fields. **AND AN ENTIRE POLITICAL PARTY** — the demoncrats — **DEFEND THIS!** Republicans are no better. They are fully and absolutely complicit.

And your pastor is full on AWOL. That's Absent With Out Leave. AWOL. You could also think of it as Absent With Out Love. Jesus Christ will never give his followers leave from confronting evil in the world. That makes the so-called church complicit also. That's why Carol's League is so Republican. Misery loves company. What's left of common sense Christianity and the Republicans are miserable together.

It's come down to this. There are only two sides. Good and evil. Every day it becomes more clear which force is good, and which is evil. Trump is more on the side of good than most leaders. He is the least Republican president in my lifetime. He's more an entertainer than politician. He knows his own mind, is loyalish to his family and has a strong sense of patriotism. He will be President for another term.

Whether the United States lasts much beyond that is up to Christianity. If the ancient religion of the West continues to diddle and fiddle with family life, sexuality and marriage then things will continue to decline. If Christianity decides to put first things first once again then there may be hope for our nation. I'm believing Christians are going to pull Christianity back to her roots — emphasizing sin, salvation and redemption.

We must reject manipulative leadership like that provided by the likes of Carol and Jack. The future is not political. It is spiritual. Overcoming in this world is always more spiritual than political.

It starts with you. Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called. Choose to be an overcomer with Christ today.

Amen.