

Kacer's Korner

“Be Encouraged!”

Something is happening in California. You won't see it in the headlines, you won't hear the cable news reporting on it, but it's happening never the less. The Body of Christ is beginning to stir. Slowly, one conversation at a time, one sermon at a time, one church at a time, one article, e-mail, letter to the editor at a time, the Christian community is waking up to a threat at our doors. Proposition 8 (the Marriage Protection Initiative) has been a catalyst focusing our attention on one of the most devastatingly immoral life decisions (besides abortion) in our lifetime - being homosexual. The current legal status of same-sex marriage literally destroys and defames the sanctity of marriage. If not overturned, the ripple effect on our freedom to proclaim the truths of God's word, exercise our right to teach from a Biblical worldview in our Christian schools, and potentially even a church's ability to retain a 501(c)3 status could be lost. The spiritual battle lines are drawn, and the enemies' weapons are poised to extinguish the light of truth – if that were possible! Government schools, a complicit media and entertainment industry, godless attorney groups, ideologue Supreme Court justices have succeeded in removing almost everything Christian and moral from the public sector and are now giddy to drop the final ax on the only restraint to moral anarchy - our churches and the gospel itself. Make not mistake about it, same-sex marriage is the legal key that will be used to try and accomplish this.

But, the Lord is up to something. The attack on marriage has precipitated three spiritual “earthquakes” that have invigorated Christians in a way not seen for decades. The first began with a small group of San Diego pastors and Christian activists recognizing the need for action. Aligning with “protectmarriage.com”, they became a lightning rod for action across the state, ensuring a successful petition drive to place Proposition 8 on the ballot. This first “tremor” provided a much needed warning shot for the larger Christian community to recognize what was at stake.

San Diego was also ground zero for a second state-wide “tremor” with many aftershocks. Following the successful petition drive, thousands of pastors and ministry leaders were networked together to be informed, equipped and activated to engage this battle with Biblical, legal, and factual information. Not only were a broad spectrum of the Christian community energized, but grassroots organizations and other sympathetic supporters that objectively assessed the situation became strong backers of Proposition 8. What is particularly significant is that high profile pro-family organizations have enthusiastically cooperated in focusing their energies behind protectmarriage.com instead of focusing on their own interests. Add to this mix the thousands of volunteers walking precincts and you have a powerful coalition with common moral interests never seen before in California. These are exciting indications that moral values are still important to most people.

Historically, the predictable result of a lackluster enthusiasm for any Presidential candidate is that conservatives tend to stay home and not vote. A low turnout of values voters will hamper the passage of almost any conservative Proposition. Enter the third “tremor”, one from outside our borders: Vice-Presidential candidate Sarah Palin. Her explosion onto the national scene has electrified a major, concerned segment of the voting public – those that yearn to see family values and common sense once more gain a place in public discourse and policy. Her presence has changed the November 4th voting dynamic significantly, and positively, and will bring out voters that otherwise would have stayed home.

These three “tremors” have moved the Christian community as never before, and should give us all great encouragement. Is the battle over? Of course not! There’s an incredible amount of work to be done before the final vote is cast. You and I have many more friends and acquaintances that need to be shown what’s at stake and encouraged to vote YES on Proposition 8. There’s more money still in our wallets that is needed for advertising and information distribution. In these final days, go to www.protectmarriage.com and volunteer to help – then follow-through! This is not the time to become complacent, it’s a time to fulfill our salt and light mandate (Matt 5:13-16) to uphold righteousness, traditional families, moral values, and to repudiate activist judges and the co-opting of the sanctity of marriage. It’s time to speak up and do all we can to expose and turn darkness back (Eph 5:11), not just for us, but for the generations that follow. This is the defining battle of our day. Have you done all you can to help pass Proposition 8? If not, now is the time to get involved. Work hard, pray diligently, and vote “YES” on Proposition 8. We’ll never have another opportunity to legally protect true marriage.

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