



# Born to Win

## Save Your Children

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In the old days, when coal miners went down a shaft into a dangerous area, they took with them a little birdcage with a canary in it. Their problem was gas. Gas in a coal mine was invisible, it was odorless. They had absolutely no way of knowing it was there until somebody passed out. And by then, it was too late: people died. The reason for the little bird was that the little bird would be affected by the gas. Its little body would pass out, and die, a long time before a man would, from the effects of natural gas. And so, when the bird passed out, they knew they were in trouble, and they could take steps to save the men. The little bird in the cage was a kind of early warning system.

Well, for you and your family, the canary has died. The early warning in this case comes in the form of a 6 pound 2 ounce baby boy, found dead, wrapped in a plastic trash bag, and thrown in a dumpster. The Medical Examiner tells us the baby had been born alive, and healthy. He died from a fractured skull and from shaking.

A young couple had checked themselves into a motel room and given birth to the baby. He had helped her. I guess they did it there and under those circumstances because they didn't want anyone to know. The baby was an inconvenience, an embarrassment. It was something they didn't want. And so, because they didn't want it, they did like anything else you don't want. They threw it away.

Now, this baby was not killed by evil persons. At least, not evil by our standards today. Rather, a young man and a young woman did this and just disposed of it. They were not crazy, they were not depraved, they were not even poor. I don't know what difference that should make about it, the fact that this young couple was affluent and came from affluent homes seems to be important to some of the news media that are covering this particular case. I don't know why it should be. Why should the affluent have higher moral standards than the poor? In my experience, sometimes it's been exactly the other way around. These kids were in college. Their families were well-to-do. And now they're in jail, accused of murder, and the prosecutor is seeking the death penalty. Their lives are over. Just like that. I'm sorry for them. I'm sorry, also, for the little boy.

But I am not here to psychoanalyze the young couple, or to condemn them. The courts will take care of that process. But I am here to tell you, that, like the canary told the coal miners when it died, there is gas in the air. And your children are in mortal danger.

The high school graduating class this year was decimated by a terrible plague. And no one paid much attention. If a busload of them had been killed on the way to a game, it would have made headlines, at least locally. If the school had blown up and killed a few hundred of them, it would have made national, even worldwide news. But the truth is, 20 years ago, over one million of

those who would have made up that class went up in smoke. In hospital and clinic incinerators, or were otherwise disposed of like medical waste. There was no funeral, no burial with weeping mothers and fathers. There were no flowers, no honored place in the family burial plot. There was no stone placed on a grave, but, then, there was no grave. Nor was there even a name to write on a stone. They were not even mourned, except for the mothers-to-be, who were surprised by their own grief once the deed was done.

The community, instead of mourning for the loss, began to scramble for the right to use the tiny remains in some practical way. “We could cut them up,” they say, “and use the parts, like spare parts, for medical research, and to fix up other babies.” Some enterprising soul wanted to grind up the remains and use them to make cosmetics. Ah, we Americans are nothing if we are not a practical people. “Waste not, want not.”

These are children who, if they had been allowed to live, would have formed a part of this year’s graduating class. But they only represent part of an entire generation that has been aborted. Since the Supreme Court took away from the States the right to prohibit abortion, 32 million, give or take few hundred thousand, potential citizens of the United States, have been destroyed. Can you imagine the equivalent of the combined population of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, the entire southeast quadrant of the United States, wiped out? Hiroshima and Nagasaki were minor league.

These children, of course, I haven’t quite yet used the word, were aborted. They were a part of an aborted generation. We just cut the heart right out of that generation. Among that 30 million babies and children and teens and young adults to be, the oldest of the aborted generation would be, what, now about 24 years old. They killed off, and out of 30 million, you know this has to be true. They killed off thousands of scientists, teachers, doctors, researchers. They might even have got the woman who would have found a cure for breast cancer. We will never know what we have lost.

It’s astonishing to me that our people could be so cold blooded about all this. Each child is a personal tragedy; each potential mother a torn and violated vessel. But the whole mass of the thing numbs the mind. Can anyone seriously believe that we can engage in such massive destruction of life, and not pay for it somewhere? I won’t even discuss at the moment the morality of the question. I’m not going to get involved in pro-life and pro-choice politics. I’m just telling you, you can’t kill off 30 million potential citizens and not pay for it, somewhere down stream.

Now, I haven’t come here to tell you that the abortion decision caused the murder of the baby boy. But what I am going to suggest to you is that the two things came out of the same roots. In 1963 the Supreme Court decided to ban prayer in schools. But that wasn’t the cause of the problem, either. Neither were the 1960s. Everyone nowadays is fond of pointing the finger and saying, “Well, all this stuff happened in the 1960s. The 60’s caused this—the 60’s generation.” And so forth.

But the 1960s is merely when the fruit ripened on the tree. Robert Bork advanced a very tightly reasoned explanation for what happened in his book, *Slouching Toward Gomorrah*. He said that every new generation constitutes a wave of savages who must be civilized by their families, their school, and their churches. And, you go by a schoolyard, and you can find a lot of similarity between the conduct you see sometimes and a wave of savages. He went on to say that an exceptionally large generation can swamp the institutions that are responsible for civilizing it; for teaching traditions and standards. It has happened several times in history.

Now, the Baby Boomers (which means children born right after WWII) were a generation so large, that they formed their own culture, instead of being assimilated into the existing one. What that means is that they have changed the basis, the very nature, of our civilization. The culture they formed was, as is just natural for adolescents, opposed to that of their parents.

Now, I hadn't thought about this much until I read Judge Bork's book. And I considered the implications of it. And I thought back, and I thought, "Yeah, even while they were children, they were revolutionizing this country." I remember when I began to be frustrated for the very first time, at the selections of music that were available. At what was turning up in the Top Ten. I used to watch the countdown every week of all the popular songs on television. And they were love songs, they were sweet songs, they were pleasant songs, they were happy songs. And somewhere along the line, all of that got changed. I didn't understand it. I said, "Why aren't the music companies producing my kind of music any more?" It took awhile to realize that this huge market that had come on the scene of children, who were affluent, who had a lot of money, and were buying records, had turned the music industry upside down. And now, instead of the big stars being people like Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney, and the ones who came along behind them, with all their beautiful love songs, the stars now are people who dance across the stage playing a guitar and biting the heads off chickens and spreading blood on people around them; who, as time has progressed, have talked about killing police officers, and rape, and murder.

What themes for music. Where have they come from? How have they come? Well, they've come from children. And though these children have gotten older, they still seem to have the tastes of children. The whole culture, and the whole society, has changed. Now, I'm not a psychiatrist or a sociologist. I'm a teacher, and teacher of the Bible, at that. So allow me to go back to my own roots.

In the prophecies of Isaiah, there is this very strong statement about what happened to a people just like us in the past. In fact, there is every reason to believe when you read this prophecy, that it is really not so much directed at the past as it is to the here and now.

### **Isaiah 3**

<sup>1</sup> Behold the Lord, the LORD of Hosts does take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water [...]

Now, the country was going into a time of famine, as a matter of fact. They were going to be surrounded by their enemies. They were going to be taken captive because they had gone so far downhill morally. They were sick to the heart and sick to the core. And I'm going to take all these things away from them, says God. And among the things he's going to take away from them are:

<sup>2</sup> [...] the mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient [...]

He's going to take away:

<sup>3</sup> [...] the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the cunning

artificer and the eloquent orator.

Do you realize what he's saying here? He's saying that there is going to come a time in your culture, your civilization, when I'm going to take away your leadership. It's all going to be gone. Why? Because you have become so morally corrupt. You're going to lose the leadership. The preachers, instead of being men who will turn your hearts back to God and back to standards of righteousness, are going to encourage you going down the wrong way.

The prudent man, that's the wise person who can make wise decisions, is just not going to be found in government any more. The judges? They are going to corrupt the law to where you can't depend on them any more. You're going to lose your military leaders. You're going to lose your honorable men. You aren't going to be led by somebody in the highest office of the land by a man of honor, who will always tell the truth, whom you as a people can trust. You're going to be led by less than that. The counselor? That's the person who is wise in giving advice.

Not only that, you're going to lose your artists. The cunning artificer? That is the people who are the true artists are going to go. What you're going to have left will be trash. Sounds like the National Endowment for the Arts, doesn't it? The government starts funding art and nothing but trash comes from it.

This is what God says was going to happen to Jerusalem and Judah in the days of Isaiah, because they had done the same things that we have done. Listen to what he says will happen.

<sup>4</sup> I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

You know, I don't know if I really understood that fully until I read Judge Bork's comments about what has happened to us in this country. How that, normally, this band of savages that is born every year in our country gets civilized by parents, schools, churches, institutions as they come up in our society. How that, all of a sudden, we had a generation come along that was so huge that it tended to overwhelm. And it happened to us at the same time when we had lost the strength of character, the will, the backbone to tell them, "No!" And to say, "You can't do that. No. Stop. That's wrong!" It came at a time when we didn't necessarily think anything was right or wrong. Or we didn't feel like we had the right to tell the children what was right and what was wrong. So they got to decide for themselves. And so, children, from one generation, have basically dominated everything that's taken place, since.

### **Isaiah 3**

<sup>5</sup> And the people shall be oppressed every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honorable.

The low down scum of society will rise up and get in the face of the honorable men of society.

It says then, that...

<sup>6</sup> [...] a man will take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast

clothing, be thou our rule, and let this ruin be under thy hand[.]

The way you dress, the way you look that's important, so we'll let you be in charge, because you have clothes.

<sup>7</sup> In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a rule of the people.

They are not going to be able to find anyone, folks, to run for public office. They are not going to find honorable, good, decent people to stand up for this country. It kind of sounds like we've gotten there, doesn't it? It goes on to say of Jerusalem,

<sup>8</sup> For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

We just turn our back on God. No, we don't want God. No, you can't have prayer in school. No, you can't post the 10 Commandments on the wall of the courtroom, or in a classroom in school, because that advances someone else's religious values. Yeah, somebody else's—God's. We as a people have made up our mind that we don't want God in our schools any more. And *we* have, as a people, as a nation. That's what we have decided. Because those people up in Washington are our representatives, aren't they? Don't we vote for them? Don't we decide which ones of them are going up there and which ones of them aren't? So, it is us! As Pogo says, "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

<sup>9</sup> The shew of their countenance doth witness against them [...]

Their faces witness against them.

<sup>9</sup> [...] they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.

They don't even hide it. There is no more shame. Words fail me.

You know, when you think about what's going on in our own society, right now, here today. That there isn't any shame. That people aren't even embarrassed by many of the things that they do. They don't seem to have that concept of right and wrong, and the realization that, "I have really done a terrible, terrible thing."

And God said the show of their faces is a testimony against them. Woe unto them, they have rewarded evil to themselves.

Then he says,

<sup>10</sup> Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

<sup>11</sup> Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hand shall be given him.

In other words, “it’s coming back.” Then comes this startling statement that he makes. He says,

<sup>12</sup> As for my people, children are the oppressors, and women rule over them. [...]

I don’t see this as a put-down of women at all. But I see it in that society as a statement of the fact that, since there is no leadership left among the men, there is nobody to rule but women. All I can say is, “God bless the women. May they all rise up and bring us to our senses, and turn our feet back toward God again.”

And he says,

<sup>12</sup> [...] O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

They are destroying your life, your lifestyle, and everything you have believed in and stood for. And so, we have a new culture. Out of this culture has grown the banning of school prayer, the Supreme Court’s abortion decision, and value-neutral education. Out on the edges of it, children who throw babies into trash cans, or leave them to drown in toilet bowls, as also happened just recently.

I’m not trying to start a movement to change all these things. I really think that is beyond the capacity of any man or of any group of men. But there is a tide in the affairs of men, and we are being swept out by the tide, even as I am talking to you right now. But if you have children, or grandchildren, maybe they can be saved.

If you’re going to save your own children, there are some things you really ought to know. One of the first things you ought to know is what your children are being taught in school. There is no such thing, folks, as value-neutral education. I don’t care what they tell you. Your children are being taught values, and the chances are, they are not your values that they are being taught. You need to know what the schools are telling them. And don’t let them stonewall you, down at school. You have a right to know.

And the next thing you need to know is that you can, in fact, you must, make plans to systematically teach your children at home. Now, I don’t mean by this home schooling. That’s honorable, and I have no objection to that whatsoever. I’m not talking about home schooling here. I am talking about systematically teaching your children not math, not science; but morals, ethics, values, religion. These are not going to rub off on your children as they come and go through the kitchen. The other forces in their lives are just too powerful for that, like television. And the other forces are systematic, like school.

School, for example, assumes sexual activity on the part of children. So their answer to the

problem is hand out condoms at school. Well, I don't think they ought to assume that, and I don't think you ought to assume that. School counselors have been known to drive girls to the abortion clinic without their parents even knowing they're gone. But you have to give permission for your boy to go play football! You actually have a form to bring home, and you have to sign the form. I remember when I was in school, I had to. I had to get the form signed, or I couldn't even go out for football. But the school's health counselor, I guess the nurse, in some places, can actually give your daughter birth control pills, and you don't even have to know. Now, there are those who object that the parent has no right to know. Or even to object if their daughter wants an abortion.

Well, I'm not a political leader, I'm a teacher. And a teacher of the Bible, as I said before. So I have to go back to the Bible. There are those who say that if you give them a child for the first six years, they will remain in their faith for life. To this, the Bible agrees. Solomon, in Proverbs 22:6 said this,

### **Proverbs 22**

<sup>6</sup> Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Oh, that sounds good. But how do you do it?

Well, the first thing you do is, you start very young. How young is young enough? Well, I can't remember a time in my life when I didn't know about God, when I didn't know about Jesus Christ. And I didn't know that Jesus loves me. In fact, one of the very first songs I ever learned was, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong." Early on in my life, I was praying to ask God to be strong for me, and to protect me, and to keep me safe. Because little kids get scared once in awhile. Knowing that there is a God, and knowing that he cares about them. Children pray. Oh, do they pray! They can get very active in prayer. I sometimes wonder if God doesn't find their prayers more interesting than mine. He hears children, loves children, and children are very special to God. Wouldn't it be good if there never was a time when you children were not aware of God, and Jesus, and the Bible.

Paul wrote to Timothy about the very end time. It's in his second letter to Timothy:

### **2 Timothy 3**

<sup>13</sup> But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

That's what to expect at the end time. More evil people, more seducers. And people will be drawn away from God wholesale. But, Paul told Timothy...

<sup>14</sup> But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

<sup>15</sup> and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Yeah. Timothy had known the Scriptures from the time that he was a mere child. And those are the Scriptures, which we call the Old Testament, that were able to make him wise unto salvation. That's saving his life through faith in who? In Christ Jesus!

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

<sup>17</sup> that the man of god may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

It's so that your children will know the difference between right and wrong. I would say, for that young couple in the motel room with that brand newborn baby in their hands, had lost track of the difference between right and wrong. It had gotten blurred on them, faded into the background. There were other things that were just too strong, and too important. And they're going to pay for it.

In other words, Paul said, all Scripture is profitable. So how and why had this happened in Timothy's life? Well, his parents gave attention to Deuteronomy 6:6:

#### **Deuteronomy 6**

<sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

They are to be a part of your conversation at all times.

Charles Colson wrote in his book, *A Dance with Deception*:

When the hippies in the 1960's insisted on the freedom to do their own thing, it was part of what I believe was the most profound cultural revolution in American history. When the flower children indulged in cheap drugs and free sex, many of us thought they were simply reveling in old-fashioned immorality. But there was something new here. The hippies were not simply violating accepted standards of behavior. They were saying that there are no accepted standards of behavior.

This is something you must not allow your children to believe. There are accepted standards of behavior.

Even the theologians have deserted us on this one, claiming that the Law of God was abolished, and that all we need to do is love one another. And that, folks, covers up a lie. It pretends that the Law of God is something other than love of neighbor and the love of God. We have already gone a long way down the wrong road. In Lamentations, Jeremiah says,

#### **Lamentations 4**

<sup>2</sup> The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen

pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

Shall they just be thrown away? He says,

<sup>3</sup> Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

I guess it's an apt description of a young man and a young woman who could throw away a human life in a trash can. Too many of our children are already headed down the wrong road, and may be a long way down it already. We'd better take hold, now. This is Ronald Dart reminding you, **save your children!**

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