

The American Christian Fighting Man

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Thank you Brother John. It is an honor and a pleasure to be invited to speak to you all today. I feel we are not only kindred spirits because of our mutual fight against Islamic terrorism in all of its forms but also because our mutual fight against the destruction of America's moral foundation. For example, Brother John and I were there in Nashville this past January 19th to get behind the anti-pervert marriage bill HB1412. And I will be saying something about that as I get into my remarks. And I know we will all be looking forward, after I speak, to hearing from Brother Jeff Cobble who was also there with us in Nashville to support HB 1412.

This evening I want to introduce a word combination that brings together the ideas of patriotism, Christianity and virility. "Patriotism" because loyalty to the US Constitution is so very important. "Christianity" because it is the source of goodness, and goodness is the reason for America's potential to be great. Whether or not we believe America is great today, it's ability to be great lies in the Christian religion. Finally "virility" reflective of the "manly firmness" with which we opposed the tyranny of King George III back in 1776. In my mind, and in the condition that our country is in today, patriotism, Christianity, and virility combine to form an American hero that has been with us since the days of the American War for Independence. Allow me, this evening, to introduce to you the **American Christian Fighting Man**. The time is passed due, in my view, that the phrase **American Christian Fighting Man** should be as common in churches of America as, "soul winner," "Godly man," "intercessor" or such as that. You see how this phrase rolls off the tongue! The **American Christian Fighting Man**.

Now let me emphasize two very important things before I begin. One is that the idea of the Christian being involved in fighting and being a warrior is as old as the Bible itself.

Exodus 15:3 says

"The LORD is a man of war."

Also

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;" 2 Corinthians 10:4

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
Ephesians 6:12 .

There are all kinds of references to warfare and warriors in the Bible.

Secondly let me be very clear that as I continue to make reference to the **American Christian Fighting Man** that I am talking about spiritual and not literal warfare. Although the day may come for literal warfare common sense dictates we should do all we can to avoid it.

So let's get started with a joke. If there are any folks here that are currently pilots or folks who piloted planes while in the service, you will like this story.

They say that the air traffic controllers at the Airport in Frankfurt, Germany are the rudest in the world. They not only expect airline pilots to know their gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from the control tower. So here is an exchange that was overheard between Frankfurt ground control and the pilot of a Boeing 747, call sign Speedbird 206".

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven."

Then Speedbird 206 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, haff you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944 but it was dark and I didn't land"

Now that pilot could have been there in 1944 to drop bombs or maybe he was a Mustang P-51 pilot engaging in dogfights with Messerschmidts to destroy the German air force. The point is he was an American fighting man in 1944 and he was **not just sitting at the house getting mad at the radio.**

With that idea in mind, I would like to take a few minutes this evening to look at the situation of today's **American Christian Fighting Man**: The **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew, the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pulpit, and the **American Christian Fighting Man** battling for posterity.

Let's go back and take a look at that American fighting man in, let's say a dog fight with Messerschmidts, over the airport in Frankfurt, Germany in 1944. What lead him to be flying around up there risking his life for his country. I think it was something like this: The enemy had already attacked and destroyed in the form of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the relentless bombing of our English allies. His manhood, his DNA, his testosterone, whatever you want to call it, demanded that he do something. Although he knew nothing about flying a plane much less being a fighter pilot, he was determined to do what he could to defend his family and to send a message to the Nazis: "Don't tread on me!!" He knew that there would be tremendous risk and sacrifice involved but he accepted the challenge to learn, to be focused, to be disciplined and organized, to keep himself encouraged and motivated.

By the same token, today the **American Christian Fighting Man** is sitting in the pew, righteously furious about the destruction of his country's moral foundations. His manhood that God gave him, his DNA that God gave him, his testosterone that God gave him, whatever you want to call it, demands that he do something. I believe that deep within his soul The **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew wants to join the fight for Jesus his King, battling against Satan in American media, government, and education, locally, statewide, and

nationally. In his heart The **American Christian Fighting Man** is determined to do what he can to defend his family and to send a message Satan.

That message is that Satan can take sexual perversion, socialism, Islamic and homosexual propaganda in schools with him back to Hell where they came from! Government must not set itself up as God in a warfare/welfare state! Our children will not be taught that we emerged from slime billions of years ago! Our media will not promote “do anything you like, any time you like, with anyone you like, anywhere you like!” I believe that in his heart the **American Christian Fighting Man** is ready to sacrifice to accept the challenge to learn, to be focused, to be disciplined and organized, to keep himself encouraged and motivated in this area of Christian self government.

But unlike our fighter pilot in 1944 the **American Christian Fighting Man** cannot just sign on the dotted line and get the training he needs from a frame work of military schools that have been put in place specifically to train and deploy those trained men into combat zones.

The sad fact is that we already have the Christian Warfare institutions in place. They are called churches and there are a ton of them. Easily 130 in Blount County alone. But the vast majority of these churches, these Christian Warfare training academies have abdicated their God ordained roles in yanking the Devil's tail, particularly, when he pushes his way into civil government. Remember Christ Himself said

“...upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.”
Matthew 16:18.

In other words not only will My (Christ's) church charge the gates of Hell but My (Christ's) church will break through the gates of Hell and take the fight to the enemy. That is part of the local churches job but the **local church is not doing it!** American Family Association president, the late Don Wildmon, once said

“There is no reason for the American Family Association to exist, **we are doing the job the local church won't do.**”

It is interesting to hear Donald Trump ask a gathering of Pastors in New York earlier today just what it was that they were so afraid of. As Trump pointed out, Christians are by far the largest “lobby” in America and questioned why it was that they were so disengaged from the battle. We are in danger of losing Western Civilization if the church does not stand up and fight!

We will talk more about this chicken hearted church situation in a moment but let's get back to a plan of action for the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew.

The **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew knows that there is a 5 alarm fire, that the moral foundation of his county, his state and his country is being destroyed. He also knows that his church has not launched any kind of aggressive attack. So what does he do with that burning in his bones like Jeremiah spoke of in Jeremiah 20:9?

“Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.”

If he hits the issue too hard in his own church he could undermine the preacher's authority and the **preacher is the play maker** in this whole process. More about the **American Christian Fighting Man in the pulpit** as we continue to examine this situation. My view is what the **American Christian Fighting Man** does in this situation is push the issue of America's dying hand on the threshold of the church as hard as he dares within his own church and take further action on his own.

As an example, my wife and I are in a Sunday School class with young millennial couples and singles. They are slowly waking up as they see how passionate we are about this issue. Our 27 year old, father of 2, engineering student, Sunday School teacher was recently inspired to begin a series of lessons on Christian citizenship. A large part of his inspiration came from his revulsion to the annual Sex Week held on the UT Knoxville campus, however I have no doubt that the presence of this outspoken former Marine, **American Christian Fighting Man** and his county commissioner wife helped inspire him as well. Also, as an example of what the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew can accomplish- with no objection from my pastor, for the past two years or so I have come to church armed with a handgun. I started with a shoulder holster and as the moral situation in the country has waxed worse, with the legalization of pervert marriage, I have graduated to a full tactical vest. Every service. Including Wednesday nights. It's a visual aid meant to send the message to young and old alike **"We are in a lot of trouble."**

In addition, as an example of what can be done from the pew, for the past two Sundays I have been outside the church door, after the morning service is over, passing out flyers for the candidates we support in the upcoming August elections.

Never doubt that since the **American Christian Fighting Man** has Jesus Christ, Almighty God, as his King and Captain in this fight that the Lord might very well work a miracle to get **you** into the fight as He did myself and my wife. In 2013 I was working as a rep to 24 Lowe's stores for a major manufacturer of window coverings. The position made it so that I had to spend all my weekdays out of town. My wife called and asked me what I thought of her running for county commissioner. We both agreed that she had no chance of winning but that did not stop me when we lived in Texas and I ran for school board so I said "sure." God Bless her, she came out of nowhere to be elected in her district with no less than 1880 votes in the general election!! From that point the Lord gave us a platform to introduce that nationally and locally acclaimed and condemned "Wrath of God"/anti-Sodomite Marriage Blount County Commission resolution. It admittedly failed but at least 8 other such resolutions succeeded in other Tennessee counties.

Brother John Peach was right there in the thick of the battle. That's where we first met. What a blessing he has been and a real example of what we need as an **American Christian Fighting Man in the pulpit!**

From that point a man in Nevada, Chet Gallagher, who is active in the anti-abortion movement, got in touch with me and asked me to take part in organizing Knoxville area seminars to support Rep Mark Pody's anti-pervert marriage legislation.

Now God has opened the door for me to lead the Knoxville Chapter of the Patriots Brigade and I am really looking forward to what lies ahead. While we are on that topic, my introduction to the Patriots Brigade came when a group of them accompanied Jeff Cobble to the seminar supporting Mark Pody's bill. It was held at my church. Having met with the Board of Directors several times since then I learned that their formation was a direct result of their

outrage against the Supreme Courts' unlawful ruling on pervert marriage of June 26rd of last year. The organization has a Tea Party mentality, but very much centered on an historical, orthodox, Biblical, national and world view. We are resolved not to just get mad about our moral foundations being destroyed but to act.

As we say in our mission statement:

“The Patriot’s Brigade’s purpose and our resolve is to restore that which our Creator gave to us through our founding fathers: a **Christian** form of government.”

We are still in the process of getting organized but we have come far enough along that we have a functioning website and business cards. Just get with me after the meeting and I will be glad to give you one of our cards.

Now even if the Lord does not miraculously open doors to county commissions, state legislation, and patriot para-church organizations, there are still things the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew can do.

- Promote the idea of pushing back against evil in government and education at church. Prayer is great but action is also needed and lots of it. **Boots on the ground and prayers in the air.**
- It cannot be over emphasized how important it is to study and take action locally and at the state level. **Act locally and think nationally.** That means **attending** city and/or county **meetings**, and Tea Party meetings. Most counties are controlled by an incumbent nobility that has been there for years. They generally love federal grants which are like “crack,” destructive and addictive.
- School Board activities are also very important. **Islamic and homosexual indoctrination seems to be everywhere** and school boards tend to spend taxpayer money like it grows on trees.
- Find out who the righteous candidates are and support them by walking neighborhoods and talking to people. Precinct Work, Campaign Literature Distribution, Phone Calling, Election Day Support, Election Officer Duties, Pollwatching, Communications, & Lots More
- Learn the numbers of your school district, commission district, city, state senate district, state representative district and the office holders names.
- Familiarize yourself with local issues. Most Blount Countians do not know that **over one million taxpayer dollars** are approved by the County Commission every year and paid to the Industrial Development Board/ Blount County Partnership with no record of how the money is spent. **Yes, you read that correctly.**

If this sounds like a lot of work and it is but remember the words of Thomas Paine.

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.”

Now let's leave the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew and turn to the **American Christian Man in the Pulpit**. To set the tone let us think for a moment about the preachers in the American Revolution.

The first **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pulpit that comes to my mind is Jonas Clark. Jonas Clark was pastor of Church of Lexington in Lexington, Massachusetts in 1775. On April 19, 1775 he stood with the men of his congregation (about 75-80 in number) on Lexington Green when the shot was fired that was "heard around the world." It was the shot that began the America's War for Independence. At that time Pastor Clark was harboring the fugitives Samuel Adams and John Hancock at his home.

Also in 1775 the Lutheran Pastor John Muhlenberg preached a sermon on Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." He then said "There is a time to preach and a time to fight. And now is the time to fight." He then threw off his clerical robes to reveal the uniform of a Revolutionary Army officer. That afternoon at the head of 300 men he marched off to join General George Washington's troops and became a Colonel of the 8th Virginia Regiment.

Now let's leave the preaching the under-girded the American War for Independence and fast forward to today. We had Jonas Clark who stood with the men of his congregation in combat on Lexington Green. We had John Muhlenberg preaching a fiery sermon and marching from the pulpit directly off to war. But it seems that today in 2016 all I am hearing from the pulpit, if Christian Citizenship is mentioned at all, is excuses. Here are some of them:

God's in control- yes he is and that is very comforting but it's no excuse to sit and do nothing while the moral foundations of our country are being destroyed.

Jesus is coming- That's right and we are to occupy until he comes. An occupation force sets up check points, goes on patrols and generally establishes the kind of order prescribed by the head of the occupying force. In this case King Jesus.

Politics won't change things- That is a lie straight from the pits of Hell!! Politics is what got us here in the first place! From banning prayer in school, to the acceptance of evolution in public schools, to abortion, to the welfare state where government is god, to one- world- government (the Tower of Babel), to legalized pervert faux marriage- All this moral destruction was the direct result of politics. And you say politics won't change things? Give me a break!

God raises kings up an he takes them down- as if we, the people, should not worry that tyrants are in charge since they are seemingly holy instruments of God's will. Regardless of who is king on earth we should do our duty to God and take action. By the way, my view is that, in this country, the Constitution is King and since the Constitution was framed by "we the people," the people of the US are collectively King. I, for one, as a former Sergeant of United States Marines, took an oath to defend that Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic and I have never recanted nor do I intend to.

It's not political influence we need, it's the power of God.- no **we need both** they are not mutually exclusive. Like I said prayers in the air and boots on the ground.

You can't fight city hall!- oh yes you can with determination, organization, motivation, and discipline. Just like we did in 1776. Just like the Tea Party did in the last round of elections in Blount County taking almost 25% of the county commission seats.

The Only way to save America is to get America saved.--- **wrong.** I put it to you that there were proportionately as many American unsaved souls in 1776 as there are today. Maybe more. That did not stop the founding fathers. The men on Lexington Green were not there for soul winning.

The real tragedy about the **American Christian Fighting Man in the pulpit** is that there don't seem to be any. Only excuse makers.

Ah but, praise God, with men like Pastor Dale Walker of the Tennessee Pastors Network, and by God's grace, we can turn Pastors from being excuse makers to being the play makers God intended them to be! I spoke with Brother Dale the other day and told him my view was that if preachers did not spend at least half their sermon time throwing down on local, state, and national sin and motivating their people to act, those preachers were not right with God. Then Brother Dale told me he did not just disagree with me, he vehemently disagreed with me. He said if preachers who weren't spending **all** their sermon time throwing down on local state and national sin they weren't right with God!

I have been on the battlefield in Nashville 3 times with Pastor Dale, twice to support the pervert marriage ban and once to protest against the Tennessean Newspaper's discouraging a special session of the General Assembly to consider the bathroom bill.

As an indication, by the way, that the tide may be turning away from preachers making excuses- somewhere between 60 to 75 pastors showed up in Nashville at one point to support the bathroom bill.

The **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pulpit is absolutely the key to returning our cities, state, and country back to it's Godly foundation. Just think what it would be like if beginning this Sunday every Bible-believing preacher in the country began to press his people to do the things like the ones I listed when discussing the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew!

For example, I talked recently with a preacher in Charlotte, NC who said that on Sunday morning he had all his people that were registered to vote stand. Those who remained sitting were assisted in registering right there on the spot!

Now let's leave the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew and in the pulpit and move on to the **American Christian Fighting Man** for posterity. About a month ago my wife and I were privileged to hear Pastor Dale Walker preach in a church in Maryville and, in the course of his sermon, which was, of course, all about throwing down on local and national sin he introduced a new concept that piggybacks on a catchword that is already popular. It's called "Sustainable Christianity."

The idea is that it is the responsibility of every generation to pass down to the generation following the blessing of historical, orthodox, Bible-based Christianity. I am personally encouraged to see this being done in my church where we have lots of young people, young couples with children, and a thriving bus ministry. This kind of church will surely die out if the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pew and the **American Christian Fighting Man** in the pulpit don't begin ramping up their game against Satan's program to take over the culture. We must act!

I recently was at the Oak Ridge Secret City Festival in Oak Ridge, TN and I watched a WWII reenactment of a battle that followed the invasion at Normandy. The guns were blazing and the cannons firing and the hand grenades exploding! It was the Americans against the Nazis. It made me think of the spiritual warfare going on, not in some French village 75 years ago, but the fight that is taking place between good and evil right here and now in Maryville, Lenoir City, and the state of TN. In the process of the reenactment the American forces were pinned down until elements of the 101st Airborne came to the rescue.

My prayer is that Christians in this county, state, and country can have a Damascus road awakening to turn from apathy and cowardice to action. May that awakening like the rescue of the 101st Airborne turn the tide of this spiritual battle for our Godly foundations and give God the victory in our dying land!

“Gorge Washington, Thomas Jefferson, First Chief Justice John Jay. Names synonymous with the spirit of our country, founding fathers of the U.S.A. Over 200 years ago they shook off the chains of tyranny from Great Britain, by divine call. Citing 27 biblical violations, they wrote the Declaration of Independence, with liberty, and justice, for all. But something happened since Jefferson called the Bible the cornerstone for American liberty, then put it in our schools as a light. Or since “Give me liberty or give me death!” Patrick Henry said, our country was founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We eliminated God from the equation of American life, thus eliminating the reason this Nation first began. From beyond the grave I hear the voices of our founding fathers plead, they’re saying “You need the American Christian Fighting Man in America again.”