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Contrary to slanted media coverage reports, our campaign was a well funded and legitimate run for the United States Congress. In the end, nearly 70,000 people in my district cast their votes for me. That number is very good considering I was running against Lee Hamilton.

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Introduction

1992 was one of the most explosive and pivotal political years in history. During this year, an obscure Congressional race in Indiana's 9th District became the focus of national attention. I know about this race particularly well because I was the candidate. By all accounts we should have stayed home and not wasted our time on 14-term incumbent, Lee Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was considered, then and now, unbeatable, but we **won** our race anyway, despite the tremendous odds!

We didn't exactly win the November election; in fact, we actually lost the final vote 70% to 30%. But on election night, Mr. Hamilton's campaign team had a somber, boring evening, typical of his low-key campaign style. Across town, our Bailey for Life for Congress campaign volunteers were having an exciting celebration. The media never quite figured it out. It should have been the other way around. But all of us celebrating knew down deep that God Almighty had given us a tremendous victory.

The *victory* I'm talking about was not just the 67,881 votes we did receive, it was much deeper than that! The Lord had allowed us to raise over \$175,000, air over 600 television commercials, pass out 700,000 pieces of literature, and work together with 25 campaign teams in over 21 counties. With God's favor we were able to coordinate over 73 rallies & 60 speaking engagements in more than six states! We were all awed at the millions of dollars in "free" advertising brought on by incredible national and international media exposure, but even these accomplishments paled with the true *victory* we were celebrating that election night.

The true *victory* was knowing that **people were alive** as a result of our efforts! I'm talking about the physical lives of babies who were spared the horror of an abortion because of our historic and graphic pro-life television commercials. Numerous calls to our campaign office confirmed the truth: hundreds of babies were going to live as a result of the work God had allowed us to do. Hundreds of high school girls had let us know that the pictures had changed their minds.

There would have been plenty of reason to celebrate if only physical lives had been saved through the Bailey for Life for Congress campaign, but much more than that was being born in this unique Congressional race. In addition to the physical lives being saved, people were hearing of Jesus Christ and of biblical principles in the context of a political campaign! The new, bold brand of **CHRISTIAN POLITICS** was being introduced in Indiana's 9th District...a brand of politics that was **ROCKING** Indiana and a good deal of the rest of America. The explosive impact had *nothing to do with me*, the candidate. The impact had everything to do with God's favor and a simple biblical principle:

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge
of the Holy One is understanding* Proverbs 9:10

By running a campaign that did not fear the voters, but feared the Lord, the Bailey for Life for Congress team was breaking new political ground. From the beginning, we sought to tell the voters what we believed and what the Bible taught. It was our hope and prayer to convince people that what we believed was right. Our television ads showing aborted babies were designed to convince people of the reality of **CHOICE**. The reality of choice is the **DEATH** of an innocent unborn child.

Though the campaign was well aware of the furor we were about to cause, aware of the tremendous opposition we would face, and considered the political suicide that might come as a result, we all knew *it was the RIGHT thing to do*.

Christians must do the **RIGHT** thing, not the politically expedient thing. We have the **only** message that can put America back on track...the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our great country must return to our historic Judeo-Christian principles! The Bailey for Life for Congress campaign never shied away from sharing biblical truth on any issue, including abortion. Our first dedication was to be faithful in our message, faithful to God.

Though we sought to win the hearts of voters with the truth, thousands of people openly opposed both our methods and our message. It was common to get cussed out on the phone or have a passing motorist give me the finger. It was the encouragement of the *saints*, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and the calls from women telling us their babies were alive that kept us going.

Even within the true Church there will be considerable debate and controversy about the merits of talking about religion and politics in the same breath. No doubt there will continue to be major controversy about our graphic television ads showing dead aborted babies and disagreements about the merits of this type of advertising. But I must ask, *"How far must America decline before the Church wakes up? How many millions more must be slaughtered through abortion? How bad will it have to get before we realize our Christian responsibility to try to save America?"*

It is my intent, within this book, to reveal not only the story of this exciting run for Congress, but also the merits of why other Christians should run similar races. Christian political campaigns should **ROCK AMERICA** at the core! Political campaigns provide Christians with an exciting and legal platform to convince our countrymen of the truth. I pray this book will direct all the readers to the author of all truth, our Lord and Savior, **Jesus Christ**.

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
(*Philippians 2:10-11*)

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THE FOUNDATION: JESUS CHRIST

When I was about five, I remember my brothers and sisters *walking forward* (going down the aisle all by yourself towards the altar and the pastor) during the concluding song in our small Baptist Church. Usually the song was "Just As I Am". A few weeks after *walking forward* and publicly admitting that you had believed in Jesus Christ, the new Christian would be baptized in the church baptistry. It was exciting to see your brothers and sisters get "dunked under" with all their clothes on in front of the entire church.

I asked a lot of questions each time another family member would get baptized. At the young age of five I came to believe the most important truth in all of life, the gospel message of Jesus Christ:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
John 3:16

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.
John 6:40

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
Romans 5:8-9

That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation...for whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.
Romans 10:9,10,& 13.

It may be difficult for some adults to understand, but even a young child can come to believe, truly believe, in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The deacons in our church didn't

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easily come to the conclusion that I had believed. I walked forward three times before the deacons would agree to baptize me.

Each time I had come down the aisle, these men would meet privately with my father and me. They would pray with me and explain further the meaning of accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I think they thought I just wanted to go swimming in the baptistry.

Perhaps I didn't clearly understand all the theological terms and, no doubt, I could not fully comprehend the magnitude of the decision I was making at the age of five. I did understand, however, that believing in Jesus Christ was the only way my sins could be forgiven so that I could go to Heaven. To reject Jesus and His plan for salvation was to invite the prospects of Hell fire. I was sure I didn't want to spend eternity in Hell. So, in simple faith, I believed. In time, the deacons recognized that I had believed, so they allowed me to be baptized.

Growing up as a "born-again" Christian did impact my life in significant ways. For starters, you grow up believing in *absolute truth*. If the Bible teaches something, you simply believe it. If the Bible encourages certain behaviors, those are the things I knew I should be doing. If the Bible condemns certain behaviors, those are the things I knew I should not do. Such a concrete foundation is rare today and, with hindsight, probably rare when I was growing up.

While most of my childhood neighbors practiced and believed in very conservative Judeo-Christian values, the whole idea that Jesus Christ was the *only* way to Heaven and that the Bible contained the *only* source of absolute truth were ideas that were definitely on the way out.

Perhaps the best way to fully describe the impact that solid Christian teaching had in my life is to list a few lines from a childhood song:

*Be careful little hands what you do. Be careful little hands what you do.
For God is up above and He's looking down in love. Be careful little
hands what you do.*

When you truly believe in a literal God who can be known personally through His Son, Jesus Christ, and you truly believe that you are **personally responsible** for your actions to this loving and righteous God, it changes your life.

You may, as I did too many times, lie to your parents, hide from your teachers, say things too graphic to print in this book, and just rebel against authority, but when the dust settles on your rebellion, a true Christian will always repent (turn away from sin) and ask forgiveness. A Christian has a clear understanding of the nature of God. We are taught the fear of the Lord. This is good, not bad. No one can claim to know Jesus Christ or

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claim to be a Christian if that person is living in rebellion against the principles taught in the Bible.

"The one who says, I have come to know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:4

Since my early childhood, the world has become a different sort of place. The old absolute truths have been replaced by a more *progressive* philosophy. The new philosophy teaches that *whatever you believe is ok. What is right for one person is not necessarily right for all people.*

If such teaching were simply coming from a leftist, pot-smoking college philosophy instructor, perhaps the impact would not be weakening America quite so radically. But such is not the case. The horrible truth is that main line, so-called Christian churches and denominations are teaching this garbage.

I first caught a glimpse of the undermining of biblical authority within the organized church when I was fifteen. For weeks I tried to witness the truth of Jesus Christ to a friend named John, but I wasn't getting anywhere. His lethargic attitude towards making a concrete personal decision for Jesus Christ baffled me.

One day John confided to me that his local pastor had been teaching that the Bible is not actually the Word of God. In other words, the Bible is not literally true, accurate, or trustworthy. According to John's pastor, Heaven was simply a Christian thought of the afterworld. His pastor taught that people across the world who believed in other gods and other religions were simply reaching out to God in their own way. In the end, all people will be judged according to the way they reached out to their god. At fifteen, I **recognized this as damnable theology.**

What John's pastor and *so-called clergy* throughout America are doing by undermining the authority and accuracy of the Bible is throwing all absolutes right out the window! Have they ever read the Bible?

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.

John 14:6

Jesus Christ claimed to be God. Christian teaching does not allow for another way. It is through the blood sacrifice of Jesus that we gain a relationship with God and eternal life in Heaven.

Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, his flesh Hebrews 10:20-21

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By abandoning two millenniums of belief in the authority of the Bible and of the gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ alone, *pastors in America have undermined both the stability of the Church and the stability of America.* Millions of American *so-called* Christians have now permanently rejected all authoritative and moral basis for law or religion.

Is it any wonder America is experiencing a moral breakdown of incredible proportions? *As a nation declines morally...it will decline economically.* What I am trying to stress is that **Jesus Christ** is the **Rock**, that the Bible is the sole source of authority and truth, and that America's present troubles are due to the rejection of this truth!

When a person truly believes in Jesus Christ and in His revealed Word, the Bible, as I clearly do, the world is a whole lot more **black and white**. Simply said, some things are absolutely right and others absolutely wrong.

Truth is not based on an opinion or interpretation of the Bible; truth is based simply on what the Bible says. Admittedly, there are difficult teachings in the Holy Scriptures, but by far, most teachings are clearly black and white issues.

As I sat in the church pew, as a child, Sunday after Sunday, I never once heard a pastor preach that the values and principles laid out in Scripture were only relevant to some people and did not apply to others. Whether or not you believed something, did not make that idea either true or false. **It doesn't really matter if you believe in gravity or not. If you jump off an eighty-five floor skyscraper, you will get smashed up no matter what your personal opinion of gravity is.**

Therefore, the fact that American clergy and society are rejecting the absolute authority of the Bible, does not nullify the accuracy of that same Bible. Individuals and nations who choose to reject the values and principles so clearly taught in Scripture will pay the price for their rejection of truth.

The fact that it is not very popular to "truly" believe in the literal interpretation of the Word of God should not cause any conservative Christians to become shy or introverted concerning their propagation of the truth. In fact, pressure to be silent should motivate us to speak up more!

There are more than a few verses in the Bible that instruct believers to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

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The cost of preaching the gospel throughout the ages has been high. Most of the disciples lost their very lives through martyrdom. History records the sacrifice of thousands for the sake of the message of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned these words:

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless...

I Corinthians 4:10-11

In other words, what is right is often unpopular. Scripture teaches us, *if we do what is right and say what is right, most people are liable to oppose us.*

It isn't that Christians wake up in the morning and relish the thought of offending a lot of people, it is just a simple fact of life that our message is offensive.

For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18

Though it may not be a pleasant thought, the true Christian does not have the option to sit idly by and watch the world and America go to Hell. We may be accused of trying to shove our religion down people's throats, but we must remember, it is because we love people that we speak boldly. It is because we love America that we speak out at this critical time in history.

If true Christians are silent regarding the social and moral issues of the day, and silent on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, **who will do this work?** God is not in the habit of sending angels down to do the work He gave His children. The following passage in the fifth chapter of II Corinthians clearly lays out our responsibility:

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

II Corinthians 5:17-20

American secular society has come to assume that biblical truth can have nothing to do with national law or morals. This thinking is crazy. Our own history does not support this belief. *I do not believe in the concept of separation of church and state as it*

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is currently understood. The current separation being practiced in American law and government is destroying all basis for morality.

Just because a person's beliefs are based in the Bible should not make those same beliefs irrelevant to political discourse. But, that is exactly what is happening in America today. Every form of godless theology, psychology, and sociology are welcome counselors in forming public policy, but the Bible has become, unfortunately, public enemy number one. This is wrong.

Because true Christians are ambassadors of the only real truth on the face of the planet, **they naturally should lead the country.** It is not because Christians are smarter than other men. It is because God's laws are perfect and wiser than the laws of men.

These facts may seem presumptuous at first, but they are true. A nation is blessed or cursed by God on the basis of its acceptance or rejection of biblical principles. Christian politicians will naturally lead people to the acceptance of more biblically based laws and practices, thereby, the nation will be blessed.

In recent years God has raised up numerous Christian historians to remind America of our true historical past. The facts prove America was founded and lead by Christians. **America is a Christian nation.** While secular humanist textbook writers continue to rewrite and hide the Christian roots of American history, Christian historians are fighting back. The most significant of these historians is David Barton.

Mr. Barton has produced numerous videos, cassettes, and books clearly proving that America was a Christian nation. In 1991 David Barton published *The Myth of Separation*. The book records some startling quotes from America's founding fathers:

The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.
John Quincy Adams

It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!
Patrick Henry

Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty...of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.
John Jay

First Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court

The only assurance of our nation's safety is to lay our foundation in morality and religion.
Abraham Lincoln

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It is impossible to rightly govern without God and the Bible.

George Washington

Like our founding fathers before us, modern Christians need to be bold ambassadors to our fellow countrymen. If Christian politicians give the truth, people can hear the truth. If people hear the truth, they can believe the truth. If they believe the truth, it can change their hearts. If it changes the hearts of people, it can change AMERICA.

With a bold stand in a very hostile world, Christian candidates are likely to face severe persecution. In fact, **they will face severe persecution!** But all suffering will be worth it. I think we should be bold for the truth in order to convince men to turn their hearts to **JESUS CHRIST**...no matter what the personal or political price might be!

For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.

Matthew 16:25-27

An obvious application of this verse is simple. Christians may go about doing good of every kind. We can save the unborn, feed the poor, shelter the homeless, fight for the defenseless, and provide every other kind of worthwhile service to our countrymen. **But what profit is there in God's eternal kingdom if people still die and suffer in Hell for all eternity?**

It is here that we are reminded of our eternal call to be involved in the **ministry of reconciliation**. Christians in all walks of life, including politics, must faithfully lead our fellow men to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

I don't believe proper leadership is based on consensus building or on majority rule. It is that kind of thinking that is dragging America into a bottomless pit of immorality. Leadership is leading. Politicians should take a stand, **a stand most definitely based on the timeless truths of Scripture**. Christian politicians should seek to convince our countrymen that God's Word is right. If enough people are convinced, America will have hope.

It is more important to convince people of truth than it is to convince people to vote for you. It is much more important to win people to the gospel of Jesus Christ than it is to personally win a public office, although both may occur.

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BACKGROUND CHECK

During our 1992 Bailey for Life for Congress campaign, numerous reporters and political opponents asked me, "*Mr. Bailey, what qualifies you to run for high office? What experience do you have to lead our country?*" With a bit of levity I often answered, "*If experience is what it takes to run Congress, then Congress would be perfect...they have all been there so long!*" Humorous, but sadly true, our system of government in America is being run and controlled by career politicians. Though they have saddled our country with over **4 trillion dollars in debt**, at this writing, the American people continue to send the same inept legislators back to Washington year after year.

Experience and knowledge do not necessarily add up to wisdom. It is wisdom that is sadly lacking in our public institutions. The Bible does not beat around the bush when defining wisdom:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;...
Proverbs 1:7

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom...the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood;

II Corinthians 2:6-8

The purpose of this chapter is not to establish the wisdom credentials of Michael Bailey. It is to encourage ordinary American citizens, who understand the *fear of the Lord*, to run for public office. Many Christians will naturally say, "*I could never run for office. I am not qualified.*" What Christians fail to realize is that they are the **only American citizens actually qualified to run for public office!**

When Lori and I made the final decision to run for Congress, we had all the feelings of inadequacy anyone would feel. The longer we ran, the more we realized that the feelings of inadequacy were actually good. It is God's principles and His precepts that are qualified to rule America, not the good ideas of some self-aggrandizing candidate. **America needs candidates who actually believe that the principles and causes they represent are greater than themselves!**

An ancient ruler learned some of these things the hard way. Nebuchadnezzar was ruler over Babylon during the life of Daniel. God prospered his kingdom so that great riches, land, and military strength were given to him. Like most politicians, old *Neb* took the credit for, what he thought, were *his* great accomplishments.

Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal

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*residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my
majesty?*
Daniel 4:30

A prophesy against Nebuchadnezzar was immediately fulfilled. He was driven to insanity and forced to eat grass like a cow. For a period of time, probably seven years, the King was out of power. When Nebuchadnezzar finally realized that God was sovereign over all nations and was responsible for prospering kingdoms and destroying kingdoms, his title and power were restored to him.

If God can make a cow ruler over the great Babylon, then why can't he put Christians in power here in America? Is God so limited that He cannot enable one of His own to rule? Of course God is not limited! It is His favor and grace that will allow Christians to gain positions of power. With this power comes a Divine responsibility to use *wisdom*.

God is looking for men and women who will fear Him..men and women willing to *lay it all on the line*. America needs Christians willing to run for political office and be willing to be light in a system that is filled with darkness, to be salt in a system that so badly needs preserving, to a people and nation who so desperately need to hear the message of **TRUTH**.

Believe me, when you are in the decision making process of doing something that you've never done before, like run for Congress, it is encouraging to know that **God is sufficient**. Like you would expect, I struggled with my lack of political experience. My political resume would hardly impress anyone. I suppose if you count my victorious run for student council at Baptist College in 1975 as political, then that would apply. *So what led me to run for Congress? What life experiences and Christian background led to the decision to launch our historic bid for federal office?*

I don't believe there is any single career path a Christian must follow in order to prepare him or herself for public service. My background and experience as a conservative, Bible-believing Christian greatly impacted my life to the point that I was willing to run. Joseph, the son of Israel, spent time in prison in preparation for political leadership. I haven't done that yet. But I have done many other things that God has used to shape and mold my life.

In honor of all paper route carriers, I must include my experience as a paper boy in Chicago, the windy city that gets its snow by the feet, instead of inches. Do you know what it's like to get up on Sunday mornings at 5 a.m., stuff 200 papers with 20 advertising inserts, load a bucket sled, and pull the entire load through two or three feet of snow when you are only ten? You don't want to know what it's like. I will never forget the Sunday that over one third of the papers blew off the bucket sled. I am not proud of what I said, but I am now grateful for the hardship.

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At the young age of ten, I knew how hard it was to find good help. When I got sick, it was nearly impossible to find a substitute. If I was able to find one, I could always count on the fact that someone *wouldn't* get their paper, or it would end up in the snow somewhere. One winter night, the substitute simply went home in the middle of the route. For your benefit I will not dwell on the lawn mowing jobs, the snow shoveling, the leaf raking, and the painting projects that funded my future college education.

When I turned fifteen I got a summer job cleaning 150-pound tanks for Culligan Soft Water Services. My Sunday school teacher was my boss. At sixteen I graduated to the pizza business and raked in at least \$1.60 an hour. At seventeen I obtained the best job imaginable, stock boy at K-Mart! I am being serious. It was a great job. In college I worked in the kitchen, shoveled snow again, cut hair for \$3.00 a cut (lowest price on campus), and worked as a salesman at a men's clothing store.

It was the unpaid work, youth ministry at a local Baptist church and then at a local non-denominational church, that left its greatest impact on my life. During these years, 1975-1983, I had the privilege of teaching youth Sunday school, hosting countless youth meetings, organizing what seemed like hundreds of youth events, and working *one on one* with numerous teens in discipleship and Bible study. It was a great joy to see young people accept Jesus Christ and to see them grow in their faith. No amount of money could ever equal the value of these experiences and those particular days in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

After three years of Bible training at Grand Rapids Baptist College, I went through a personal crisis. The "*what am I going to do when I grow up*" syndrome hit me like a ton of bricks. College studies were fun and challenging, but I really didn't want to finish school without some thought of how I was to make a living the rest of my life. Many of my classmates had plans for full-time ministry, but I personally never seriously considered Christian work as a profession. After three years at college, I decided to leave school until it became clearer to me what I should do with my life. I believed that God would reveal His will for my life if I would just be patient and give it time.

For the next three years I worked third shift at *AmWay Corporation* in Ada, Michigan. Work on the assembly line was basically *fun*, and the pay wasn't bad. Our night crew was very young and quite ambitious. Much to the dismay of first shift, we continued to break all production records night after night. Though my primary job was to load skids on the end of the assembly line, I had the privilege of working about every job (that didn't take mechanical skills) in the *powder department*. I have never regretted those three years on the assembly line.

During my third and final year at AmWay, I met the girl of my dreams! While visiting my folks in Montpelier, Ohio, I attended a local football game and met Lori. The next day I called Lori to ask her out to a church hay ride. She accepted! During the date I was sharing with her about what God was teaching me. Much to my surprise, Lori had rejected the concept of God and found it hard to believe He could be personally known.

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Though Lori had grown up in the Church, she had been swayed by the evil forces of rebellion at her college. We spent three hours that evening going through the Bible and discussing the truths of God Word.

To my great excitement, Lori completely trusted Jesus Christ after I had left that rainy November night in 1980. Through letter after letter during the coming months, it became so very evident that the Holy Spirit had worked a miracle in her life! Lori was beautiful in both her appearance and in her selfless spirit to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Not one day has gone by in these twelve years that I have ever doubted God's grace to me by allowing me to find and to marry such an incredible woman!

On the basis of sound counsel with Lori and others, I returned and finished my college education in the early 1980's. It was during this time, our first newlywed year, that God blessed Lori and I with the news of our first child. We had made a decision early in married life to trust God with how many children we were to have. For this reason, we were quite excited, as most parents are, about the coming baby! Scripture teaches clearly that God is the One who opens and closes the womb.

but to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had closed her womb.

I Samuel 1:5

So Sarai said to Abram, Now behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children.

Genesis 16:2

Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, Am I in the place of God, Who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?

Genesis 30:2

Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb.

Genesis 30:22

In the years since our first daughter, Danae Janel was born, God has blessed us with five additional children: Jamin Michael, Josiah Michael, Jordan Michael, Linnea Kathryn, and as of this writing, one still in the womb. After all these blessings, we are absolutely convinced that children are a gift from Almighty God.

The first summer after college provided numerous challenges. Unable to land a lucrative career with my B.A. in Religion, I made the decision to start my own business in advertising. I had some experience in selling coupon books through charities, so this idea was not too far out in left field. Unable to immediately cash in on this new venture, I bought a lawn mower and went door to door in search of lawn jobs. For months I cut grass in the morning and hustled advertising the rest of the day. Some people may have thought that Lori and I were poor, but actually, we were very rich in the things that matter the most, the spiritual things in Jesus Christ that money cannot buy.

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For a short time our home consisted of a camper on top of a pick-up truck. With Lori *very pregnant*, I had some difficulty in pushing her through the small opening to our bed that rested over the truck cab. For entertainment we watched ants walk in a single file line upside down across the camper roof above our bed. I guess we could have been angry that we didn't have a nicer house, but we weren't upset. We weren't mad at the government for not providing us a better living. Though I wasn't making more than \$100 a week, we were doing just fine. In fact, we were very happy! Hardship was teaching us some valuable lessons:

*Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely,
and be content with your wages. Luke 3:14b*

*Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in
whatever circumstances I am. Philippians 4:11*

But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by **contentment**. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be **content**. **I Timothy 6:6-8**

Over the next several years I continued in the advertising industry gaining valuable experience. In 1983 I dreamed up an idea to market national fast food gift certificates through a line of greeting cards. We called the greeting card line *EATING GREETINGS*. Traveling all over the country, I was successful in obtaining contracts with Taco Bell, Domino's Pizza, Red Lobster Restaurants, Rax Restaurants, and Frisch's Big Boy Restaurants. To finance the venture I signed into a business partnership that eventually went sour.

Because of *EATING GREETINGS* I thought I would be a millionaire before my thirtieth birthday. That never happened. People were stealing the *hot new cards* out of the over 400 stores that featured the new line. As a result of this unplanned pilferage, the card line failed, along with our partnership and business. It is not easy to fail, but there is life after failure. There are valuable lessons to be learned. By God's strength and grace, we moved on.

During 1987, I worked for a national direct mail company. I enjoyed the promotional work for a while, but corporate politics nearly drove me insane. I longed for the day I could start another business. In January of 1988 that dream came true...I started a firm named J. Michael & Associates. For three solid years God blessed our new venture. During these years we organized hundreds of promotions for banks, shopping centers, fast food restaurants, and entertainment companies.

Life in the Bailey family has been overwhelmingly *fun*. We are, by no means, perfect, but life is incredibly interesting around here. Over the past eight years, it has been our privilege to bring into our home numerous needy people. Lori and I were given

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shelter for about eight weeks from a Christian family right after college. The experience had a profound impact on our lives.

Our list of house guests over the last ten years includes a woman with a crisis pregnancy, a friend in need, a woman with a small child unable to make ends meet, a young man with a drug problem, an older man with major problems (this guy stole our car twice), and numerous hitchhikers. We have learned that you cannot out-give God. All these visitors have brought more richness and wealth to our family life than we could have ever dreamed.

Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in...to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me". Matthew 25:34,35, & 40b

Speaking of the *least of them*, let's bring up the unborn children. Prior to the 1980's I never thought about them. Out of sight, out of mind. Their plight and slaughter had never seriously been discussed in the churches I attended. Even as a youth leader, I never remember talking about the horror of abortion. I knew abortion was wrong, but I had never talked to someone who had experienced it. The issue did not seem overwhelmingly relevant to my role as a Christian. Unfortunately, millions of babies were being murdered while people like me and the organized Church stood silent.

In early 1984 God began to work on Lori regarding the helpless situation of the unborn. She attended a few meetings and continued to impress on my heart the need for Christians to stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood...
Proverbs 6:16-17

Lori presented a number of gruesome pictures to me. Horrifying pictures of babies ripped out of their mother's womb. At first I didn't want to look carefully at the pictures. Why would anyone? But as I looked more carefully, I realized that the bloody remains I was viewing were **BABIES!!!**

As a result of being confronted with the truth of abortion, Lori and I began our mission of activism within the pro-life movement, a mission I never have regretted. Numerous Saturday mornings were spent picketing abortion clinics. In rain, cold, or hot sunshine, tens of faithful protesters walked the sidewalks in front of the clinics. I often would bundle up our small children and take them picketing.

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The group we were involved in even picketed pro-abortion churches. It seems incredible to me that any *so-called church* could ever encourage the murder of innocent human life in the womb. Often the churches we picketed hosted meetings for Planned Parenthood or The National Organization For Women (excluding *unborn* women, of course).

During the 1984 Presidential elections, Lori and I learned that Walter Mondale was coming to town. We hurriedly created two homemade pro-life signs and took off for the rally. Much to our surprise, we were the only pro-lifers there, and many hundreds of Mondale supporters attended. Lori was carrying a sign with a non-controversial pro-life message, *UNBORN BABIES ARE PEOPLE, TOO*. I happened to be carrying a sign that read: *HITLER WOULD HAVE LOVED MONDALE...STOP THE KILLING...STOP ABORTION...STOP MONDALE*.

For perhaps the first time since we had joined the pro-life movement, I felt true fear. The fear was not only for the lack of safety that Lori and I felt, it was a fear for America. I found it hard to believe that so many people could be so heartless and uncaring about the plight of the unborn. I knew in my heart then, as I know now, God will not be mocked. He is a God of Justice. He will avenge the death of the innocent. I believed then, and now, **America is in trouble**.

Before the rally was over another dozen pro-lifers joined our protest. Late in the evening we were pushed down by a faithful Mondale supporter. The police ran over a nearby hill like an army staging a major attack. No one was hurt, but we could see clearly that the battle lines were forming...spiritual battle lines.

Since those days Lori and I have had the opportunity and privilege to work with three different Crisis Pregnancy Centers in three major cities. CPC's provide information on alternatives to abortion to women with crisis pregnancies. They are directly responsible for saving thousands of babies lives during the 1980's and early 1990's.

My job, on the board of directors, was always to raise money and advertise center services. While advertising CPC services on local *rock and roller* type stations, I was always amazed at the high volume of calls we would receive from ten, eleven, and twelve year-olds who were pregnant and considering abortion! Children killing their own children...how sad is the state of morality in America!

The work of Crisis Pregnancy Centers is vital for the Church. These centers not only offer help for young girls and women in crisis pregnancies, but they present the gospel of Jesus Christ as well. It is important to save a life, but it is even more important to save a life for eternity. Jesus Christ can transform all who are willing to submit their heart and life to Him. Though CPC's will continue to be targets of the liberal left and pro-abortion forces, their work must go on.

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In different ways all of the experiences in work, family, and ministry led to our pro-life activism and our recent Bailey for Life for Congress campaign. But there was never a plan to someday run for Congress. Our preparation was not in my education, in my career path, or in my long-term planning. Preparation to run for office comes in serving our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Wherever God has the Christian serving now...that is the place of preparation.**

Politics is just another arena where Christians can be faithful stewards to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. It requires faith to run for political office. Faith is trusting God to do what you cannot do on your own. If someone feels weak or unqualified to run for office, there is strong biblical counsel in the following verse:

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12: 10

I am so grateful to God for His provision of strength during the campaign. All the good was His work, not mine!

chapter three

WHERE ARE THE PICTURES?

As conservative Christians and pro-life activists, Lori and I have never been all that thrilled by what we see and hear in the secular media. Try to think of the last time you saw an *accurate* portrayal of either a Christian family or a pro-life family on television. It just doesn't happen. I am not suggesting that there has been an organized attempt by television executives to make Christians and pro-lifers look uneducated and archaic. It just appears as if secular media is out to discredit our fundamental beliefs.

Since the *FLYING NUN* and *M.A.S.H.* were on television, religion has been on the receiving side of endless jokes. Sitcoms and television news programming, in general, have rarely been able to accurately portray either the depth of faith and, or, the labor of love that is the basis for most evangelical Christians.

There have been numerous rallies and pro-life events that I have attended where three hundred or more supporters were present. Many of these events were well publicized, the media was invited, but no coverage of the event ever appeared anywhere. On the contrary, though, put five pro-abortion advocates in front of some building, and the media will be out in force.

Local and national news bureaus from every sector of the media decide what we are to see and from what slant they want us to see it. They control the news and are militant in their will to defend their rights to keep controlling it. Though I am in favor of free speech and would defend the rights of the secular news media, it is very frustrating not to have a conservative or moral slant to the news once in a while. You would think it would simply be good business for the secular media to hire some conservatives, or better yet, a true Christian.

The news media has never really understood the heart and motivation of the majority of pro-lifers. They act always as if we are trying to force people into our moral code of ethics. Rarely do they show that our actions are motivated by our deep conviction that a **real human being** made in the image and likeness of God is **being brutally murdered** every time an abortion is performed. It seems as though no amount of passionate persuasion can convince them otherwise.

In the mid 1980's, I heard Cal Thomas, a very fine conservative columnist, speak in downtown Indianapolis. Cal's speech that evening was electrifying. **God used Cal's words that night to change my life forever.**

Cal was making the point that secular media, both print and television, use powerful pictures to make their points and achieve significant results in changing public opinion. Film clips, produced during World War II, were shown in theatres across America. They were clearly used to champion the American cause in the war and to rally

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tremendous public support. After the World War, pictures of Nazi concentration camps in both magazines and newspapers **shocked the world**.

It was difficult, if not impossible, to explain the atrocities of the German military without showing the graphic pictures. It is interesting to note here, **some newspapers would not print the pictures for fear of offending some of their readers**.

During Vietnam, graphic pictures of the war and its dead flooded our living rooms night after night. Such moving displays of reality perhaps changed the course of this American war forever. Since those days, television and print media have regularly shown people starving in Africa, dead refugees on escape boats, war dead from every skirmish around the world, and actual killings and beatings. Though they often apologize for the graphic nature of such pictures, they excuse their actions by simply saying, *"well that's reality."*

Mr. Thomas went on to reveal the callous, leftist, liberal, and pro-abortion slant the media has openly taken. He cried out with a booming voice, **"WHERE ARE THE PICTURES?!?!"**. A long quiet pause, one that seemed to take five minutes, ensued. It was like an arrow to my heart; I knew Mr. Thomas was right. Why weren't they showing us the pictures of murdered aborted babies? Why weren't pro-life Christians getting out the truth of abortion? **I knew that moment, that I should try.**

In the following few weeks I wrote out a story board for a television commercial that would expose the true horror of abortion. I can't remember the exact copy for this spot, but it included pictures of live babies and dead aborted babies. The spot ended with, ***"Abortion is Murder...Stop the Killing."***

I took the concept story board to a local Indianapolis television station and talked with a salesman. I asked him, *"If I produce this spot, will you air it?"*. *"Probably not, but I'll ask"*, was his reply. *"What if we pay your station more than twice the going rate?"*, I asked. *"It won't help"*, I was told.

A few days later I had another meeting with the same salesman. He informed me of the station's official stand. *"We won't air it, just like I thought,"* he regretfully informed me. *"Why?"*, I asked. *"Because we have standards of good taste"*, he replied. You can imagine my frustration and disappointment at this point. ***"When has television ever had standards of good taste?"***, I asked myself.

Though discouraged, I truly believed in my heart that a way could be found to get the truth of abortion on television. ***"When the graphic horror of dead babies killed through abortion gets on television, the pictures will convince people to stop this evil"***, I thought. How naive I was at that time. Little did I realize how blind and callous the American people had become to their blatant and open sin of abortion.