Now Is The Time To Stand Up And Be Counted

Stand. What a simple word. It connotes the idea of holding one's ground. Stand firm. Stand up and be counted. Stand up for what you believe in. Make your stand.

It is a common word that folks love to throw around but it is rare to find someone who actually stands when the fire gets hot. Our nation was built on the sacrifices of those who knew what it meant to stand.

When the <u>American Revolution</u> took place the average age of a soldier was 17. The average age of a soldier in the <u>Civil War</u> was 25. World War II soldiers averaged 23 years old, while those who fought in WW II were 26. Both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War were fought by men in their early 20's. The ongoing wars in the Mideast have been fought by those same 25 year olds.

There was a time in this nation when our young men were taught to stand.

Today we are taught to kneel.

Wars have always been fought by young men. Part of it has to do with the physical rigors of war which are far more suited for young, sturdy bodies. But America is full of men who were once charged with "standing" who today find themselves kneeling. Kneeling, not to a foreign enemy, but to a far more deadly domestic one.

This is not your grandfathers' "government." Those who lay down their lives have been sold out by those who sent them to war. As the old saying goes, I love America but I hate the Government. There is something wrong when an American citizen fears his government.



Thomas Jefferson famously said, "When the people fear the government there is tyranny. When the Government fear the people there is liberty." Ask yourself this very simple question. When you get a knock on your door from "the Government" is your heart filled with fear or with joy?

Whether you admit it or not, most American's are no longer standing. Thank God America's veterans did not think that bowing their knee in protest was a sign of strength. Those who made America great bowed to pray and then stood to fight.

The American Way of life hangs in the balance and now is the time for Americans to remember how to stand. Now is the time. We either stand up now or we will bow our knee to the forces of darkness.

The Scripture's tell us to STAND. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Sadly, Christians are the ones who are least likely to stand their ground.

The Pastors of America's churches have led the kneel-a-thon. Instead of standing up and pushing back against evil they pride themselves on coming up with creative ways to bow to the whims and wyles of those who are serving the Prince of Darkness.

Because of weak knees, marriage has been destroyed, children have been slaughtered in the womb, sexual deviancy has wriggled its way into the pulpit, and government has entrenched itself as mediator between the pulpit and The Almighty. As a result, God's opinion's are redefined as hate speech, and His standards trampled by the Terrorists in Black Robes. It has gone so far as to watch the mention of His Name

being banned on Facebook.

Christianity is under attack like no time in American History. Although the argument can be made that America was not founded as a Christian nation there can be no doubt that it is a nation that was founded by Christians. Today, Christian values and Christian believes are rapidly being banished from every sector of the American society.

Jefferson purportedly warned us ""If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their Fathers conquered."

There are currently over 20 Million Americans who swore the oath to defend our nation against domestic enemies. A domestic enemy is anyone who fights to violate the enumerated rights of the US Constitution. As hard as this is to swallow, most of the domestic enemies of this nation are embedded in the "Government" that millions of young men fought to defend.

The number one reason that people don't fight back is fear. They are afraid of losing their job; Afraid of making someone mad; Fearful that they might offend someone; Concerned that the government might come calling; Afraid that standing for the Truth appears to be "judgmental."

We are rapidly losing our nation and NOW is the time to STAND!

I came to age in the waning months of the Vietnam War. The draft lottery had recently been introduced and the idea of forced conscription had gone the way of sexual purity. As a result, I never served my tour of duty in the military. But like so many aging baby boomers I am rapidly facing the short walk into the sunset of my life. Daily I become more aware of the vanishing liberty that I am leaving to my posterity. It

is high time that millions of Americans just like me enlist in the battle for this nation.

Like no time in American History I fear the direction that this nation is heading and I understand that the only hope for America is a resurgence of Christianity and the values that encompass it. If we lose America, we risk plunging our grandchildren into a period of darkness from which they may never recover. Edmund Burke said "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little" The Bible teaches "Therefore to him who knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." What kind of Grandfather permits chains to be laid on his grandchildren?

Come out of the closet Christians. We only have one chance to save this nation. NOW is the time for to stand.

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