

The Real Meaning of Independence

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Are you breathing a sigh of relief? It's July! June 2022 was a shocking month of gay cultural excess—even in small towns. Libraries held “drag queen story times,” and many children were taken to drag queen shows in gay bars.

Big corporations like Disney and Taco Bell bowed down before the pansexual gods and competed to see who was more “woke.” So did many liberal “churches.”

In July, however, Americans across the nation celebrate Independence Day. With its fireworks and patriotic parades, July 4 is a joyous time to be thankful for the blessed nation that God gave to us and which our forebears created with His help.

The breakdown in morality and common sense has plunged us into questions that simply would not even have been asked a few short years ago. Should drag queens be part of July 4th parades, which are family-friendly events? (The short answer is: No.)

Parents on the Front Line

Parents are challenged by God to “train up a child the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6). Faith-centered people are the ones who know true independence.

As a parent you teach your child many things, from the basics of eating and dressing, and saying “please” and



“thank you,” to driving a car. You can’t always shield your child, but you can teach them that certain behaviors are truly unhealthy and against God’s design. We must warn our children of the dire consequences of sin. If we don’t, it’s on us.

God’s Word is quite clear about what constitutes sin, which is anything that we prize more than Him. Pride is the first sin, from which all others

spring. All sin is alike in the sense that, if not repented of and forgiven, it will keep us out of Heaven. But some sins have far more severe earthly consequences than others.

We need to teach our children what it means to be a “child of God.” We are all created, male and female, in His image, but to become a “child of God” takes kneeling to Him and no other gods. The rewards are not only eternal but right

here and now. It gives us independence from worldly manipulation. God has special plans for us all. Plans of hope, plans of a future, and plans that will not harm us. Children need to know this.

America was founded on Biblical principles. Through the years, many brave souls have given their all to secure our liberty. While battles and opponents can change, the fight for good against evil never stops.

Victory for Life

One powerful good thing did happen in June: The Supreme Court corrected its 49-year-old error and overturned *Roe v. Wade*. America is no longer shackled with that unconstitutional and immoral ruling from 1973 that has caused the deaths of more than 63 million unborn children. Praise God, and keep praying now that the battle is in the states.

In our generation, we are called to defend God's design for life and human sexuality, including the truth that we are born male or female and that marriage is the union of a man and a woman. LGBTQ+ proponents are wounded people who are spreading pain to others. Like alcohol abusers who make themselves feel better by aggressively getting others to drink, the LGBTQ+ crowd is openly grooming children to share their misery.

We cannot stay silent while children are being indoctrinated. This is a deep spiritual battle over the fate of precious souls. When preparing for a battle, it is imperative to know our enemy. We can do this by getting informed by trustworthy sources (like PFOX!). It's also important to know we are not alone and to seek out like-minded people who can come alongside.

If you are faced with a child who insists he or she is gay or trans, pray that your child will be willing to wait a few months before making any drastic



Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. is festooned with rainbow banners in mid-June 2022 during "Pride Month." Many businesses and nonprofits in D.C. also sported rainbow and transgender flags.

decisions. Many young people are now living in regret because their chosen LGBTQ+ identity did not give them what they were looking for. It has made some despondent and suicidal.

Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies. Prayer opens the door to God's grace. Pray that we can share the true, life-changing love of Christ. Perhaps many of these activists have never been told they are loved. Pray against the militant mindset of the LGBTQ+ community, and that they will come to know Jesus as their personal savior. He can change their hearts and minds. Nothing is too difficult for God. Think of all the Biblical battles won, after which people praised God!

Very few places in the world tolerate "Drag Queen Story Hour" or a whole month of "gay pride." We are at

a crossroads. Will America succumb to these false idols on our watch, or are we willing to stand for Jesus? Jesus told the disciples that things would be difficult, but that He would never leave them. So, they boldly spoke the truth and shared God's love.

We can do that right where we are.

Parent Support Training

On August 13, 2022, PFOX will host a Parent Support training in Peoria, Illinois from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. CT. If you are interested, please email us at info@PFOX.org. We will give out the church name and address to those who want to attend.

God bless all of you for supporting PFOX . . . and God bless America!

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