



Day 22—We need to repent because Indiana is the trunk of the tree!

By Brad Skiles

Dear prayer warriors:

My mom is now 94 years old and lives in California. Last fall, I gave her a pop quiz. **I said I discovered that one university, on one college campus, began this whole mess, America's moral decline. I said I found the first domino. I said on this college campus was the first domino which, when it fell, then began a sequence of events which led to global pornography, global abortion, and global sex trafficking.** My list was even longer. I think this domino, in addition to what I already mentioned, brought with it Social Emotional Learning, Critical Race Theory, Pornography in Schools, Gender Confusion, Boys in Girls' Bathrooms, Same Sex Marriage, Fake News, Masks Mandates, and even Vaccine Mandates.

If I am right, how would you like to get in *Back To The Future's* time machine and stop that first domino from falling? We would set the clock for 1947.

Here is the quiz I gave my mom. Is the college campus found in: A) California, B) New York, C) Nevada, or D) Indiana? She said, "Well, of course it would be California." I asked her which university. She said, "I'm sure it is Berkley." I told her I would have originally guessed the same thing. We both guessed wrong.

Before I give you the right answer, we need to deal with some other questions. Let's say I am right. Let's say we can verify that America's moral decline can be traced back to one college campus and it began in 1947. Should that campus and state be held responsible, in some way, for what happened to our nation and even the world? But wait...before you answer that, here's another question. Is this a purely secular topic or is it a spiritual topic? **If it is a spiritual topic, then should the Church in that state have some responsibility?**

I used to think there was the spiritual and then the secular. I used to think much of politics was amoral. I used to think there were political decisions that really didn't matter and it was OK for Christians to be on different sides of these amoral political opinions. I now believe there are only two kingdoms. There is Christ's kingdom and Satan's kingdom. **I now believe everything I've written about (what comes after "Dear") is spiritual.**

So, when I connect the dots, if there was one state in 1947 which had the first domino that started the sequence, not only should the citizens of that state have some responsibility, but even more so for the Church of that time period. Do you agree?

One more hook. Would you agree there may be a difference between the Church of 1947 being ignorant of a major spiritual battle underway in their state, and the Church that sees the battle and engages in it, but then loses the battle? Which side of that would you favor? Which side has more explaining to do, to Jesus?

Of course, I'm not God. I don't know how all of this is going to work out in the end. As I read our Owner's Manual, I'm thinking there is accountability for our actions or inactions.

Back to my quiz. You should know from simply the title of today's focus that the answer is "Indiana."

All that I'm doing today, is teaching you what Rhonda Miller taught me last summer through "Purple for Parents, Indiana." If you have an opportunity to attend one of her events, do go! Because we are friends, I knew the Kinsey Institute on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, was a problem. BUT, boy oh boy, did I learn A LOT when she taught a Warsaw group on this topic.

In 1947, in the Hoosier Heartland, the heartland of this country, in the middle of the Bible Belt, on the IU Campus, the Kinsey Institute began. The sexual "research" performed by the Kinsey Institute not only was the foundation upon which the sexual revolution developed in America, their moral filth impacted the entire world. From this teaching came pornography, sexual experimentation, a rejection of biblical values, a



destruction of traditional family values, gender confusion, and we can even say pedophilia and today's sex trafficking has its roots on the IU campus.

Perhaps we may respond rather unemotionally to those facts because it happened in 1947. But, the “research” continues today and since 2016, with Hoosier tax-payer dollars! The Kinsey Institute is now fully incorporated into the Indiana University budget. **At our Statehouse, our political leaders are generally proud to be associated with this school.** Representative John Jacob's bill to stop taxpayer funding was filed in a round, open-ended file cabinet. **Does**

the Church of Jesus in Indiana care about this? Corporately, do we feel any responsibility? Or, is this just a political amoral issue? [Joshua 24:15](#) comes to my mind. I'm also thinking about [Revelations 3:16](#).

The President of Purple for Parents, Indiana, Rhonda Miller, is our Hoosier expert on this topic. She can give you more information than your stomach can handle. **This is personal to me because I used to think, as Hoosiers, we were better than the people of San Francisco.** “We're not as immoral as the public nudity of San Francisco,” I used to think. Then, “We haven't accepted prostitution like those citizens of Nevada.” Remember the shock of the New York politicians applauding and cheering for the ability to legally kill babies outside the womb? I used to think we were somehow, as Hoosiers, better than each of these other morally corrupt states. Now I see, we began all of these events. It is within our state that the first domino of moral decline began. Our state is responsible for all of this. My prideful comparisons are sin; my natural nature.

How does this relate to abortion? Before I explain, **I should mention that Hugh Hefner, the founder of Playboy, credits Kinsey for his idea to start America's first popular pornographic magazine. Hefner said he wanted to be the “pamphleteer” for the Kinsey teachings.** Many people see Playboy, beginning in 1953, as the beginning of the sexual revolution.

So, we have Kinsey Institute in 1947, Playboy in 1953, the Beatles coming to America in 1964, and Woodstock in 1969. Also during this time was the Supreme Court taking prayer out of schools in 1962, the Bible in 1963, and Roe v. Wade in 1973.

From the report, [Kinsey Institute Exposed](#), we read, “In 1973, U.S. Supreme Court Justices relied heavily on Kinsey's data to rule in the landmark Roe v. Wade Case, which legalized abortion in the U.S. Kinsey reported his research as showing that abortion was quite common and safe among American Women and that any “problems” from abortion were the result of illegal abortions not being performed by doctors; therefore, abortion should be legalized. This argument has since been used at the United Nations and aboard.”

That same report says, “The 1957 Wolfenden Report, a leading British study of homosexuality and prostitution, cited Kinsey for authority on decriminalization of sex crimes. Immediately after, American homosexual advocates cited Wolfenden to justify loosening American laws on sodomy and homosexuality. The result was the legitimization, legalization, and spread of homosexual behavior on both sides of the Atlantic.”

Only in movies are there time machines. We can't go back to 1947 and stop the Kinsey Institute from beginning on the IU Campus. But, we can repent. We must repent. Agree?

I hope you read [Day 21](#). From a human side, I'd like to think every Hoosier would wake up to our sin and fully repent before this life-and-death Special Session gets underway. From a human side, if I were God—and I'm not—I would want a full recognition of the sin and confession before I did something special by using Indiana to start a new domino...one that would sweep the nation and end abortion, with no exceptions.

I am glad God is merciful. I don't personally believe every Hoosier needs to have this awakening. But dear

reader, will you join me in being broken by our sin that is unique to Indiana? **Will you join me on our knees asking for forgiveness and then mercy? There is no way, in my mind, God will answer our prayers for “NO ABORTION WITH NO EXCEPTIONS” because of anything we have done. We deserve nothing. Apart from Jesus, we deserve hell.** What [Conquest to Conquer](#) is all about is requesting mercy. Dutch Sheets calls it the “currency of mercy.” I’m using the principle of Gideon’s Army to believe not every Christ-follower in Indiana has to understand this and repent. **God has always worked with small numbers. BUT, I’ve been challenged not to use the story of Gideon’s Army to justify only a small number of people needing to be engaged.** I believe God will move in the hearts of Christ-followers to do what Holy Spirit wants people to do. Some will hear that whisper and obey. Others will miss the opportunity and blessing of joining God in what He is about to do in our state. **If you are reading this, I’m thinking Holy Spirit is whispering to you.** Perhaps it is more dramatic than that. As for me, my very connection to this movement means this is not about our abilities, skills, or even track-record of accomplishments. **This is all about availability, humility, and surrender.** I like this song! ([Click here.](#))

Pray with me:

*Lord Jesus, we are so weak and frail. **We are like that bruised reed that You will not allow to break.** You are such a kind, loving God who wants to do Your work through broken weak people. **There is nothing about our state that deserves Your favor.** As Hoosiers, it has been our apathy that has allowed the globe to be polluted with pornography. **We laid the groundwork for the global killing of babies in the womb.** The Church in Indiana was asleep in 1947 as our enemy Satan came in through a stealth strategy to make a beachhead in a corn field. Our inaction through the decades have allowed our state to impact the world for evil. **All we can say is, “forgive us.” Help us to be disgusted. Help us to be broken.** Help us to reject that pride we may have for this school system. Help us to be sickened by the continuation of this filth through the use of our tax dollars. As the employers of our elected officials, help us to be courageous in firing those who do not uphold Your values and Your priorities and are unwilling to call sin, “sin.” **Lord Jesus, change our state.** Use us to change our nation. Start here first. Change me and change us from the inside out. Then, help us to do the work to change our state. Father, we ask for Your mercy in these coming weeks. We ask You to intervene for us and because of Your grace and mercy, help us to pass into law a bill that makes abortion illegal with no exceptions. In the powerful name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend, Amen.*

Decree with me:

We will be the people of God. We will be soldiers of the cross. We will rise up, put on our spiritual armor, use our spiritual weapons of warfare, and be used by God to save the preborn. We will reverse what Satan has meant for evil, and from this new beachhead, we will change the world for good.

In Christ,

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Join us for the “**Stand for Life**” Rally at the Statehouse, on Monday, July 25th, beginning at noon.
- ◆ Our hearts were broken on [Day 8](#) when we prayed for **Hudson Schrank**. Brad Skiles has created a *Facebook Fundraiser* that can be found by [clicking here](#). Thank you for considering a gift!
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- ◆ Archive folder of these daily devotionals, [click here](#); list of 14 Indiana Prayer Requests, [click here](#).