



Day 31—Pray for Senators and Representatives who are holding up the banner for life.

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Dear prayer warrior:

Exodus 17:8-13, "Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. So, Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow, I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. So, it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus, his hands were steady until the sun set. So, Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword." -- *NASB*

Our state senators and representatives who stand for life and truth are engaged in a battle of cosmic proportions. The enemy is dangerous and hateful. The battlefield is treacherous. There are reports of casualties every day. We know the enemy is real because this world bears the awful scars of the conflict. I am not talking about a physical battle or even a political battle against those who oppose them. **They (and us) are in the midst of a spiritual battle.** This battle clearly manifests itself in physical ways, but ultimately it is not a battle of "issues" or opinions. The enemy is not the "other party" or individuals who may oppose us and hate what we stand for. Ephesians 6:12 says, "Our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers and rulers of darkness, against spiritual wickedness in high places." **This battle is a battle between good and evil, between righteousness and unrighteousness. And as such, this battle must be fought on a higher plane. We need more than eloquent speeches or heartfelt pleas.**

That brings us to our key Bible text above. Moses stands on the hill, lifting the rod of God over his head. As long as the rod is raised, the children of Israel prevailed in battle, but when Moses' arms became weary, forcing him to lower the rod of God, Amalek's army prevailed over Israel. Moses could not hold the rod alone. If not for Aaron and Hur coming alongside Moses to help him hold the banner high, the battle would have been lost. Aaron and Hur interceded to support the arms of Moses so that the battle was won. This is a great picture demonstrating to us not only the necessity for the presence and power of God, as represented by the rod, but also the necessity of intercessory prayer as represented in the actions of Aaron and Hur.

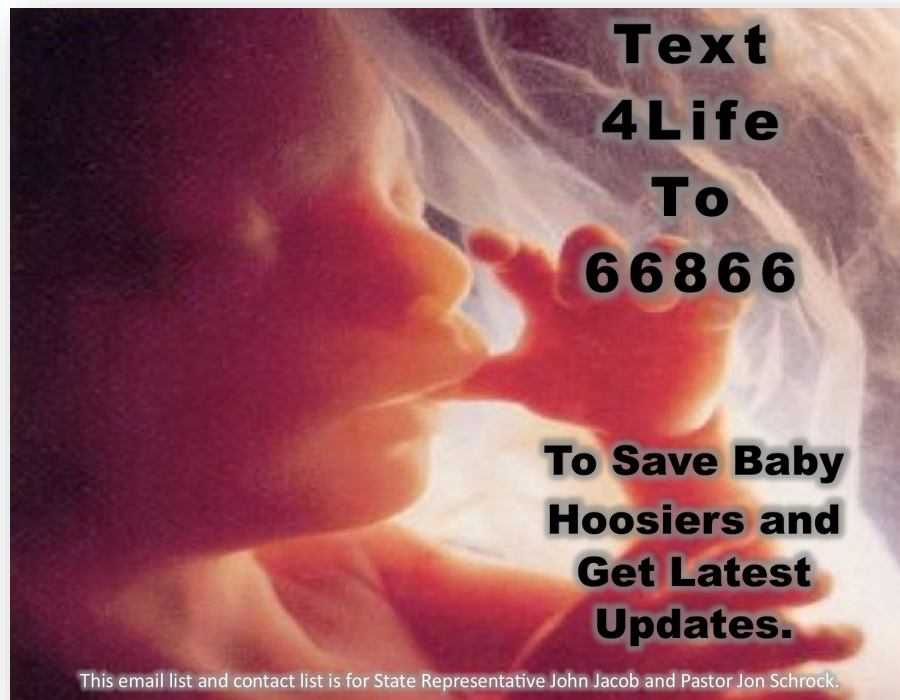
We have sent our representatives to the Statehouse to hold up the banner of truth and righteousness in literal matters of life and death. The opposition is relentless and will do whatever they see as necessary to win, with some who will resort to lies, threats, intimidation, and sadly even violence. We have seen the playbook before in many places across the country. This time will be no different. **Our senators and representatives who stand for life will be under attack in ways not seen before in Indiana.** Their lives will be threatened. They will be pursued and bullied. The pressure to compromise will be greater than ever before. As the enemy comes full force against them, there will be times when they wonder if the battle is really worth it. Their arms will get tired of holding the banner high. They cannot do it alone. They need the power of God that only comes through the persistent, passionate, prevailing prayer of God's people. That is where WE come in! **Our representatives need our expressed support and encouragement, but they also need our prayers. They need us to stand beside them and hold up their arms! They cannot do this without us.**

- Pray for their safety and the safety of their families.
- Pray that they will have the boldness of Elijah and the courage of Daniel to stand firm for what is right in the sight of God.
- Pray that they will feel the unmistakable power of God.

- ❑ Pray for the spiritual forces of darkness to be shown for what they are so they may be defeated.
- ❑ Pray for the hearts and minds of those who are “on the fence” of this important battle to be turned.
- ❑ Pray for Christians to get out of their comfortable pews to stand up and speak up.
- ❑ Pray that the eyes of the residents of Indiana will be opened to the importance of these issues and will encourage and support our legislators in this endeavor.

Knowing that our King is almighty and is changing our state,

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◆ **Saturday Special Session Update**

Senate Bill 1 passed the Senate today. Conservate news outlets are calling this bill a “near-total abortion ban.”¹ **This simply is not true.** State Representative John Jacob calls this “**a garbage bill.**”² Amy Schlichter, Executive Director for *Hoosiers for Life*, writes, “**The truth is, SB 1 is a pro-abortion bill, not a pro-life bill.** It’s full of **loopholes**—follow the rules and then you can kill the baby...If this bill passes as-is, women from other states will flock to Indiana for legal abortions.”³ *Indiana Right to Life* Attorney James Bopp, Jr., writes, “**It is with bitter disappointment that it is our opinion that SB 1 is a wolf in sheep’s clothing,** protecting abortion on demand by defective language, lack of necessary safeguards, and lack of any effective enforcement mechanism, even any criminal penalties, while parading as a pro-life measure. As a result, we recommend that *National Right to Life Committee* and *Indiana Right to Life* oppose SB 1 and urge the Indiana Legislature to pass truly pro-life legislation to protect the unborn.”⁴ On Monday, August 2nd, the House will begin their work on this bill. For a bill to land on the Governor’s desk, both chambers have to agree on the same wording. Our prayer for “no abortion with no exceptions” is humanly impossible, but as easy as breathing for King Jesus.⁵ Keep praying! “We War We Win.”

◆ 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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