

# GLOBAL LIFE CAMPAIGN™

## IF Repentance, THEN Revival, Restoration & Transformation

### *Calling my fellow citizens to join me in Confessing the Sins of the United States*

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I think we've got a problem. We appear to want everything restored to normal without any loss, as if there was nothing wrong. We want healing, protection and restoration without having to make significant corrections in our lives, ministries, and work. In Scripture, when we see an "if . . . then . . ." paradigm, it seems like we want to skip over the "if" and get the promised blessings without fulfilling what God requires. Do we really think we are without sin or need of correction? One thing I know for certain on both a personal and national level historically, IF we humble ourselves before God and repent of our sins, THEN we will see revival, restoration and transformation. But if we do not, we will not. Speaking to my fellow Americans in the United States, we have much to repent of, and can start with what I've listed below. If you think not, do you really believe we can do all the things listed, including murder 61.3 million babies, and not have a response from heaven?


In this month's *Truth About Abortion* (GLC Series), I focus on the USA, and hope that those of you in other nations will also evaluate your spiritual and moral conditions. From reading the true history of God's relationship with nations recorded in the Bible, and from 31 years of international work – including meetings with diplomats and officials from 110 nations, and travel to 31 nations – perhaps I have awareness to some things that I should share with you.

**IF . . . THEN:** First let's look at the "IF . . . THEN . . ." paradigm in Scripture. The Bible records in 2 Chronicles that: "the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him . . . 'If . . . My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land'" (7:13-14). The LORD spoke this regarding Israel, but throughout history has proven His readiness to fulfill the same promise for His people in any nation (for example, see "How Should We Respond to God During a National Crisis?" – on the GLC website). What, then, are the conditions we must fulfill: (1) humble ourselves, (2) pray, (3) seek God's face, and (4) turn from our wicked ways. If we fulfill these conditions, God promises to: (1) "hear from heaven," (2) forgive our sin, and (3) heal our land. Because the promise is conditional, does that mean that we deserve the blessings or rewards from God? Absolutely not! What He is looking for is humble people that agree with Him about the real condition of our hearts and lives, confess our sins, "turn from (our) wicked ways," and trust and obey Him. One of my dearest friends shared with me this week about an extremely difficult time in her life, during which she was telling Jesus how much she had given and sacrificed for Him; and He responded to her: "I gave My life." Immediately she recognized that there was no comparison, and she could rely only on the merits of Christ. Whenever we humble ourselves before God, His mercies, grace, blessings and rewards, and over-abundant responses are incomparably greater than our little sacrifices.

**What about our nation?** If there is no repentance, then there can be no genuine spiritual healing, no spiritual revival, and no restoration of relationships and righteousness, and no transformation that would result in a good and just society that reveres God and cherishes human life, marriage, family, and responsible use of freedom and blessings. This is a journey that I have walked at a deeply personal level. If we want these good fruits, we must first see ourselves and our nation as God sees us, and then humble ourselves with genuine personal, corporate and public repentance, agreeing with God about our sins and need for His redemption. Have we become so comfortable in our sins that we have forgotten the immeasurably great price that Father God and Jesus paid to redeem us?

**Romans 1 Decline of the United States of America.** For hours I anguished in writing this; part of me revolts against admitting these realities. But to gain healing in my own soul required this kind of honesty with God, myself and others. Here are some of the sins of my nation that we need to confess in every church, community, state and nationwide. ***I believe abortion is the greatest evil of our time, and greatest sin of our nation, and brings the judgment of God upon our nation,*** but I have placed these sins in an order that somewhat follows our history and the Biblical and Romans 1 decline pattern of nations.

<b><i>“Remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first; or else I [Jesus Christ] am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent” (Revelation 2:5).</i></b>	<b>Scriptures</b>
We have forgotten, displaced, ignored or dishonored God in almost every area of life.	Romans 1:21; Jeremiah 3:21
We have lost the reverential “fear of the LORD,” which is essential for right relationship with Him, and “is the beginning of knowledge” & “of wisdom.”	Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Rom. 1:21
We stopped honoring the Sabbath or the Lord’s Day when I was a youth. This command is anchored in creation, the Law of God, and the resurrection. God sent Judah into captivity for 70 years to make up the Sabbath’s they violated. No nation on earth has ever been able to keep the LORD as their God, and remain righteous and free, without keeping the Sabbath or Lord’s Day holy.	Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1, 19-26; 2 Chronicles 36:20-21
We have failed to pass the knowledge of God, Biblical truth, and evidence of God’s hand in our own history from generation to generation; current generations don’t seem to “know the LORD” as He has revealed Himself.	Deuteronomy 4:9; Judges 2:10
Clergy work to the point of exhaustion, but are failing to make true disciples, true disciplined followers of Jesus, who know the Bible and how to apply its truths – like the fisherman Peter did on the day of Pentecost, or Joseph did in business, prison and in a national crisis, and Daniel did in serving multiple kings. God’s people want their pastors and priests to teach them about the sanctity of human life, abortion, and public matters, but most clergy are ignorant or afraid to do so (George Barna, “God’s People Want to Know,” <a href="https://wallbuilders.com/gods-people-want-know/#">https://wallbuilders.com/gods-people-want-know/#</a> ). [The Global Life Campaign is ready to help!]	John 18:37; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:14-36; Genesis 39 – 41; Daniel 1 – 6.

We are Biblically illiterate: < 10% of Christians have a Biblical worldview.	Romans 1:21	
We removed God, the Bible, the Ten Commandments and prayer from our public schools, colleges and universities, “suppressed the truth,” and have taught generations of children and youth a humanistic education without truth or moral foundations.	Romans 1:18-23; Isaiah 59:14-15; Jeremiah 7:28; 9:3	
We authorized no-fault divorce or its equivalent in each state, and the divorce rate increased from 37% in 1950 to 54% in 2012; and is as high in the church as among those who are not church-affiliated.	Malachi 2:13-16; Romans 1:18, 22, 29-32	
We give contraceptives to our youth, encouraging them to be sexually immoral; out-of-wedlock births skyrocketed from 7% in 1964 to 41% in 2011. Then we provide access to abortion, often without parental consent.	Matthew 18:5-14; Romans 1:18, 24-25	
We have been a leader of the sexual immorality revolution, and through our example, media, public policy and diplomacy, we have been corrupting the nations of the world. A diplomat from a small island nation once told me that when western media arrived, within three years the youth were corrupted and their families and culture began to disintegrate. The photo here is from Kampala, Uganda, where I co-labored with pro-life leaders in 2015. The biggest university is encircled – and major streets in Kampala are lined – with USAID posters promoting sexual immorality.		Romans 1:18, 23-25, 32; Revelation 19:1-2 (USA is not Babylon, but corrupting nations in similar ways).
The U.S. may still be the top nation in the world producing and dispensing pornography, which is corrupting the world – even many clergy – and some national governments take measures to block it from coming into their country because of its enormously corrupting effects upon their youth and men. In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck San Fernando Valley, California, covering the exact area where 90 percent of the pornographic films were being made in the USA, damaging the offices of all 70 pornographic studios and distributors. It does not appear they got the message from God, or cared if they did.	Romans 1:18, 23-28, 32	
Our governments authorized and have safeguarded abortion – the murder of an innocent unborn child – and we have shed the innocent blood of more than 61.3 million babies, which cries out to God and has put our nation under a curse until the innocent blood is justly atoned for, abortion is prohibited, and the bloodshed stops.	Genesis 4:8-12; Numbers 35:33; Psalm 106:37-46; Romans 1:18, 29, 32	
For four presidential administrations now, the U.S. government has pressured other nations to accept homosexuality and LGBTQ, even though approving these behaviors necessitates the corruption and destruction of the moral and legal foundations of the nation. Two prior administrations also made sexual immorality and abortion top foreign policy goals.	Romans 1:18-28, 32; 2 Peter 2:4-10; Jude 1:7	

Most of our television programming is ungodly, deviously corrupting, or outright offensive; I stopped watching regular TV & news decades ago.	Romans 1:18-32
We still have racism because even though our ancestors fought a Civil War and more than 600,000 died, there was never true national repentance that would have produced changed hearts; instead there were lynchings, Jim Crow laws, segregation, and divided churches.	Romans 1:18, 29-32; 1 John 2:9-11; 3:15; 4:20
While we do many good, noble, self-sacrificing deeds, we are still among the most prideful, arrogant, self-absorbed, vain people on earth.	Romans 1:18, 21; James 4:6

Do we really think we can do all these evil things and expect blessings from heaven?

**Recommendations:**

1. After you have gone through the above and repented for personal, corporate and national sins, then go back over the list, ponder from where we have fallen, and pray and ponder about what good we should have done instead of the evil, and what God might have you do to help restore reverence for Him, righteousness, justice and the sanctity of human life.
2. I recommend that churches in every town and city hold sacred, solemn assemblies – including unified ones together – for corporate times of “humiliation, fasting and prayer” (so known in early generations in this nation) before the LORD. Begin with reverential worship, and remembering the LORD for who He really is, followed by getting on your knees in humility before God, and genuinely confessing personal and national sins. Invite the Holy Spirit to do His purifying work of convicting of “sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8). As people repent, they will receive healing of their souls. Also, expect those who are sick to be healed. If God’s people have really prepared their hearts, the Holy Spirit may come in a special way, manifesting His Presence and power, and a true spiritual revival will begin. If that happens, we will have restoration, we will be transformed, and there is hope for our future.

In the next several weekly writings, we will address other aspects that affect the outcomes.

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“IF we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. IF we confess our sins, HE is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. IF we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us” (1 John 1:8-10).