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Dear Florida Pastor,

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act. God will not hold us guiltless.”

Those haunting words are often associated with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great German pastor and martyr, and I wrote my recent book ***LETTER TO THE AMERICAN CHURCH*** to reveal the inescapable and shocking similarities between today’s American Church and the German Church of the 1930s.

Now, I’ve written this letter to you, as a desperate and heartfelt call to action on behalf of the most vulnerable and victimized people group in the Sunshine State, so they can live to see the light of day.

What is the crisis in your state?

- Last year [82,581 preborn lives were terminated](#) in Florida – a 14-year high!
- With 33,010 abortions reported in the first four months of 2023, Florida is currently on pace to surpass 99,000 preborn lives terminated this year.
- These tragic numbers add to the almost 3.5 million preborn lives destroyed since 1973 in Florida.

So, when I became aware of the [Human Life Protection Amendment](#) effort underway in Florida to recognize the God-given right to life of every preborn child, I immediately provided a statement of support for this life-affirming petition initiative.

Since then, the situation in your state has become even more dire, and the need for this proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution even greater.

Not surprisingly, after your Governor signed a *Heartbeat Protection Act* into law, an opposing group began fighting back with an effort of their own to “put abortion on the ballot”.

Referring to themselves as *Floridians Protecting Freedom*, this well-funded organization began circulating a petition in early May for their proposed amendment that would nullify the *Heartbeat Protection Act*, and sentence millions more to death in the decades to come.

If this group is successful, the killing of preborn children would become a constitutional "right" for any reason up to the point of viability, currently around 24 weeks gestation. Their proposed amendment would also allow for the termination of these precious lives through the third trimester, up to the point of birth "when necessary to protect the patient’s health, as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider."

But you as a pastor can help defeat these evil plans, and potentially even build an enduring constitutional wall of protection around these voiceless victims.

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Time is of the essence, so I urge you to go to HumanLifeFL.com/churches today to see how your church can lock arms with the Human Life Protection Amendment team, and speak and act for those who cannot do so for themselves.

In my most recent book I effectively ask whether it can be God's will that His children in the American Church be silent now, any more than it was His will they be silent as the Nazis rose to power.

The Church has an irreplaceable role in the culture of a nation. Bonhoeffer made that case clearly to the German church leaders of his day, calling the Church "the conscience of the nation." But as we know, they did not heed his warning. **And today – as then – it is our duty as Christians to live out our faith, and to fight the powers of darkness, especially on behalf of the weak and vulnerable.**

Silence is not an option. **God calls us to defend the preborn, and to boldly confront the lie that fighting evil is merely some "political" power play.** God calls His people to do much, but there can be no question that at the top of the list is for us to stand against the evil forces that have killed almost 4 million precious preborn children in Florida since 1973.

Confident that this is His fight, the Church must boldly overcome fear and the lies that would tempt us to inaction. And we must enter the fray, armed with the spiritual weapons of prayer, self-sacrifice, and love.

Now is the time to speak and act. Will you?

Please visit HumanLifeFL.com/churches today.

God bless you!



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