THE CASE FOR ACTIVE REPROOF! (ProtestGayDay.com)

JOEY FAUST (7-2-23)

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HAPPY PRIDE LGBTQ MONTH

JUNE 2023 START 10 AM

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TEXT: Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather REPROVE THEM.

Three Patriots (1811):

"'Well, Doctor,' said the lady on his entering the room, 'We are happy to see you abroad again: pray what have we got?' 'A republic, madam, if you can keep it' [said Franklin]..."

Bancroft, historian; quoted in, *The Baptist Quarterly Review*, Volume 4 (1882):

"Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of mind was, from the first, a trophy of the Baptists."

John Locke, "Essay on Toleration":

"The Baptists were the first and only propounders of absolute liberty, just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty."

The Baptist Quarterly Review, Volume 4 (1882):

"That the Baptists of Virginia, at that time, were mainly instrumental in putting down the establishment, repealing these odious and cruel laws, and securing full religious liberty, is abundantly proved by Church historians of other denominations, public records of legislatures, conventions, and congresses, with appeals, remonstrances, petitions, letters, and addresses, now of record."

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Luke 7:22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. 23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, IN TURNING AWAY EVERY ONE OF YOU FROM HIS INIQUITIES.

Luke 3:18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, BEING REPROVED BY HIM for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, AND FOR ALL THE EVILS which Herod had done, 20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

Amos 5:10 They HATE HIM THATREBUKETHINTHE GATE, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Isaiah 29:21 That MAKE A MAN OFFENDER FOR A WORD, and lay a snare for HUMBATREPROVEUSIN THE GATE...

- Acts 14:13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.
- 14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, CRYING OUT,
- 15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, AND PREACH UNTO YOU THAT YE SHOULD TURN FROM THESE VANITIES
- unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Psalms 82:4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

- Proverbs 31:8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Jeremiah 22:15...did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD.

Daniel 4:27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

Proverbs 24:11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; 12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

Mail (July 2, 2023):

"Boston University law school students are being offered THERAPY to help them 'navigate these times' in wake of three major Supreme Court rulings..."

-The Supreme Court rules in FAVOR of Christian Colorado graphic designer who refused to set up a page celebrating same-sex marriage...

Axios:

Supreme Court rules businesses can refuse service to LGBTQ+ customers

Bloomberg (June 29, 2023):

"Anti-LGBTQ Backlash Puts a Chill on Corporate America's Rhetoric...Anti-LGBTQ protests targeting brands like Target Corp. and Bud Light have cast a broader chill across corporate America. For the first time in years, company mentions of 'Pride Month' and other LGBTQ terms were on the decline..."

Washington Post:

"Republican opposition to LGBTQ rights erupts in backlash to Pride Month...Throughout June, many Republicans including presidential hopeful Ron DeSantis have sharply criticized Pride celebrations, and some have resurfaced fights over same-sex marriage..."

Drudge Report (7-2-23):

REPUBLICANS CONDEMN DESANTIS 'HOMOPHOBIC' AD... 'EXTREME'...

LGBT rights yield to religious interests at Supreme Court...

MSN:

New anti-drag laws mirror cross-dressing bans from the 1800s: 'Déjà vu'...

In the summer of 1897, police officers in California began searching for "a woman living in Stockton in the garb of a man."

The search ended on a Sunday night in August 1897, after police intercepted and arrested young adult Babe Bean, who was heading to a local church to listen to music, for 'masquerading in male attire.'

This year, at least six states passed laws to restrict drag shows, and at least eight more introduced similar laws...

The first cross-dressing law was passed in St. Louis in 1843...and dozens of cities soon followed in a "tidal wave" of similar laws.

The anti-cross-dressing laws were an attempt by a particular set of people, the White middle-class merchants...The stars of modern drag shows often are people from diverse backgrounds who identify as LGBTQ...

A few days after their [Legion?] arrest and release, Bean wrote their life story down for the Call, the local newspaper, noting that passing as a man to travel and to work was not a crime. 'I had always loved horses and rode frequently, always astride, as I found it the most convenient and comfortable by far'...

...as laws got stricter, Bean couldn't safely switch between presenting as masculine or feminine in public. Bean lived the last three decades or so of their life as Jack Bee Garland, presenting as a man..."

-Ozark Radio News (June 30, 2023):

How the local transgender community is reacting to recent Missouri laws...West Plains, MO. - Pride Month comes to an end on June 30 and two new laws were signed into law by Missouri Governor Mike Parson dealing with transgender minors and adults earlier in the month...While many conservatives applaud the action, members of the local LGBTQ+ community are fearful of what this may mean for the future...

1 Kings 15:11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. 12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

"Michigan residents could be charged with a felony, face up to five years in prison and get a \$10,000 fine for using the wrong pronouns under 'unconstitutional' new bill..."

Baptist pastor, Ray Batema, Sword of the Lord Conference (1976):

"In May the homosexual crowd decided they were going to have the first world's Gay Fair in Pomona. We heard about it...We got thousands of names signed on petitions. I preached against it.

They were going to have an Easter sunrise service. Imagine! And the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles, which is a homosexual church, was going to conduct the Easter sunrise services. What blasphemy! I wrote that fellow a letter and I addressed it to the 'Perverted Pastor of the Perverted Church of Los Angeles Looking for Prospects.'

I proceeded to tell him what the Bible said about homosexuality. Reporters from channel 2 came and stood in front of our auditorium and had a copy of the letter that I had sent to that pastor of that church. The channel 2 broadcaster read word-for-word on the news what I had said. They were expecting 15,000 to be there for the first world's fair for homosexuals. Sunday morning came, the day they were to have the fair. How many people showed up? Six - for the Easter sunrise service...

The manager of the fairgrounds called my home on Sunday morning and said, '... I want to thank you and your people...He said, 'I believe it was because people of your church got involved and made the community aware of what was happening.' And I pray God will help us preachers to roll up our sleeves and say, 'We are not going to let these things happen in our city. We are going to take a stand. We are going to fight sin. We will let everybody know where we stand.'"

In 2003, we organized a website:

ProtestGayDay.com

The Dallas Voice (homosexual newspaper):

"...'The big-wigs panic at anything, but they're still being very supportive,' Flores said of Rangers. Flores said staff members affiliated with the team have assured him that 'this stuff happens' and 'it's no big deal.'...But Flores added, 'I didn't think it was going to be this big of a deal'...Flores said the organizations had originally hoped to sell 1,000 tickets, but have pared back their expectations..."

Sports Business Journal (9-8-03):

Straight & Narrow: Rangers Feel Heat Of Anti-Gay Protesters...

This Sunday's A's-Rangers game is being billed by some as "Gay Day at The Ballpark," and protesters "are looking to make [the game] a political and moral showdown," according to Mark Davis of the Ft. Worth STAR-TELEGRAM...

Davis noted that on www.protestgayday.com [the group] pledges that if homosexual fans 'are going to engage in any overt display designed to proclaim how great homosexuality is, they're going to get an argument." The Web site reads in part: 'The Texas Rangers should be ashamed. This event legitimizes the perverted gay and lesbian lifestyle in the eyes of the unsuspecting innocent child'..."

Associated Press (6-23-23):

Why are the Texas Rangers the only MLB team without a Pride Night?

All but one of the 30 of the Major League Baseball teams are hosting Pride Nights this season, most during Pride Month, which celebrates and supports LGBTQ+ culture and rights...The Texas Rangers are the only team without a Pride Night...

In September 2003, two years after the Chicago Cubs hosted what is considered the first Pride game, the Rangers invited local LGBTQ+ groups to a game as part of a fundraising event, similar to what they do for all kinds of groups throughout each season. There were some Rangers fans who expressed opposition through a website beforehand and, while not widespread, there were some protests outside the stadium before that game.

"WHY DO THE HOUSTON ASTROS HAVE A PRIDE NIGHT, BUT RANGERS DO NOT?...'

Advocate (homosexual news), 2003:

Texas Rangers gay event targeted for protest...news of the gay athletes' plans to attend the game has caused some fans to launch a Web site in opposition, www.protestgayday.com... 'The Texas Rangers should be ashamed,' the Web site states. 'This event legitimizes the perverted gay and lesbian lifestyle in the eyes of the unsuspecting innocent child.'

LGBTQ Nation (6-9-21):

It matters that (almost) all of baseball is embracing Pride now. It changes the game...

The activism happening in baseball, on the corporate and individual level, sends a clear message to everyone in sports: do something more than change your logos or send social media posts.

Pride celebrations are becoming increasingly frequent in sports, and baseball is becoming one of the most visible games to work on being inclusive since Pride Month falls right in the middle of the baseball season.

The San Francisco Giants made history by becoming the first Major League Baseball (MLB) team to wear Pride-themed uniforms on the field...

Only the Texas Rangers are not holding an event that recognizes or celebrates Pride in some way this year. They remain the only MLB team that has not had some sort of Pride Day since 2003. That year, they invited other gay athletes to a game in September, but it drew protestors who even launched "protestgayday.com" to object to their invitation.

The team hasn't publicly celebrated the LGBTQ community since...Texas lags behind."

Dallas Voice (9-18-15):

Gay Day at Six Flags is Saturday...

When Dallas Voice led a group of more than 30 LGBT community organizations to sponsor the 1997 "Gay Day at Six Flags Over Texas" as part of Dallas' annual LGBT Pride celebration, then owner and publisher Robert Moore said the outing to the Arlington amusement park was "intended to provide visibility for our community and to provide some fun."

The event — which has taken place each September since — certainly provided visibility. And that visibility brought some unwanted attention, too, as right-wing groups responded in the years to come by staging protests outside the park...

In 2002, according to Dallas Voice archives, conservative religious groups launched a boycott campaign to try and shut down Gay Day at Six Flags. They failed.

An article published online at the Christian website World Net Daily in 2004...quoted...ProtestGayDay.com, as saying that 'families...could unknowingly come to the park Saturday and 'realize that they are waiting in line for one hour at a time with flamboyant homosexuals embracing one another and kissing...'...

Gay Day at Six Flags marks its 20th anniversary this year, and as the years have passed, the protestors that had been so vigorous in waving their antigay signs to warn off the innocent heterosexual families have faded away... For Leo Cusimano, now publisher and coowner of Dallas Voice, it is "a reflection of the changing times that we no longer see those protestors outside the gates on Gay Day at Six Flags...Dallas Voice is proud to be a part of the movement that is creating such a positive change in our society."