**RESTORING AMERICA**by Tom McDonald, Col, USA, Ret.

**A Talk for Those Who Want Their America Back**

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Thanks, to you all for having me here to talk about this vital subject.

So, yes, I’m going to talk to you about America! But FIRST…All of us like a little humor, even wry humor, so let’s give a listen to these:

WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID:

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like
a man standing in a bucket while trying to lift himself up by the handle.

P.J. O’ROURKE, A CIVIL LIBERTARIAN SAID:

Giving money and power to government is like giving
 whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

AND:

If you think health care is expensive now,
 wait until you see what it costs when it’s free.

CHURCHILL AGAIN:

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings.
The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

Here’re a couple of REAGANISMS:

Socialism only works in two places:

 Heaven where they don’t need it and
 hell where they already have it.

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession.
 I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.

THEN THESE…

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN....
IF it never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase,
 “One nation, under God.”

IF you stand and place your hand over your heart

 when they play the National Anthem.

IF you treat America’s Veterans with great respect, and always have.

IF you know what you believe and you aren’t afraid to say so,

 no matter who is listening.

AND IF you respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

Okay Then: Let’s explore a bit of our nation’s history on our nation’s

 two great Foundational themes of ....

**FAITH & FREEDOM**

**Faith in God of the Bible** & **Freedom of Individual Moral Endeavor** These Founding Precepts are under heavy enemy fire and

have been for far too many years.

**What’s The Truth of Our AMERICAN Heritage?**

The United States of America is not home to a certain race of people, who live together merely because they are members of the same race. It was founded by people of various lands, creeds and native origins, all in search of the same ideal: **Religious Freedom** and **Self-Government**. This intense love of **Liberty** united them all in one close unifying brotherhood, and it was from this brotherhood, extending down through the corridor of now some 248 years, that America now exists.

The Representative Government of this nation was intended to be left almost entirely to the people themselves, which is the basis for the form of government known as a Federal Republic. President Lincoln captured the true essence of this concept when he said in his Gettysburg Address that we are a government **of the people, by the people** and **for the people**.

The historical record for the establishment of America bears the clear stamp of Christian influence. I cover this in great detail in my 20-page paper **Faith and Freedom,** available on my website for download**.**

The impact of the Gospel was clearly evident in the leaders chosen, the laws written, and the sweeping changes brought about through the transforming power of Christ in individual lives and corporate experience. America was not formed to be a Christian nation – nor was it created apart from God – but as a nation under the Authority and Divine Protection of God – and He called many Christians to help craft our Republic.

**REAGAN FAMOUSLY SAID:**

**If we ever forget that we’re one Nation under GOD,
then we will be a nation gone under.

But today, America is in Deep Trouble
Politically – Morally – Militarily – Psychologically – Spiritually**

**So What Should Our Objectives Be Now to Restore America?**

Let me suggest **Seven Objectives**:
 To Restore our Nation’s Biblical Foundation in accord with the Founding Fathers’ Vision.

 To restore our Nation’s Enlightened Governance in accord with the US Constitution.
 To Restore the Moral Integrity of our People in accord with our founding Biblical Principles.
 To Restore America’s Military and Naval Might so no nation will dare challenge us again.
 To Restore Obedience to our once–solid Immigration Laws .
 To Restore Responsible Management of our Economy and Currency.
Perhaps most important of all – number Seven:
 To Find and Elect competent, tough-minded, Christ-following men and women to all Government Leadership Offices at the National, State, City, County and Town levels.

**How have we gotten into such a jam as we’re in today???** In my view, it’s that too many Americans have turned away from the Founding Christian Principles of our nation. We have been led improperly, and often corruptly, by some of our elected and appointed leaders at the national, state, county and city levels.

ALSO, “revisionist history” is taught in many of our public universities, secondary, and elementary schools. Since the 1960’s, our children and young adults have not, and are not now being taught the truth about our nation’s historic Biblical foundations or the Biblical principles of government, except in some private and Christian schools.

One of the most damnable events by our Supreme Court was in 1962/3 when they prohibited praying in our schools. Later came such horrible, God-flaunting decisions as Aborticide and Same-sex Marriage.

As I said earlier, our founding principles were God-inspired. Following the signing of our magnificent Declaration of Independence by the 56 men we now call our “Founding Fathers”, they, along with others, asked God to guide them in crafting what became our US Constitution. It still stands today as the wisest governing document ever created. We should not be surprised. Almost all of the men participating in the deliberations and drafting of our unique Constitution were praying Christians.

Alexis de Tocqueville, a French diplomat, stated this after visiting and touring our country in 1831:

 QUOTE:

 I sought for the greatness and genius of America
 in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers,
 and it was not there…

 In her fertile fields and boundless forests,
 and it was not there…

 In her rich mines and her vast world commerce,

 and it was not there…

 In her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution,

 and it was not there…

 Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits

 aflame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power.

 **America is great because she is good, and
 if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.**
 UNQUOTE

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**WordsAlongTheWay.com**
contains a listing of my Books, Essays, Video, and other Writings.
Virtually everything can be downloaded free for printing – or reading.
Again, my website is: [**www.WordsAlongTheWay.com**](http://www.WordsAlongTheWay.com)

So Now – Let me be quite clear – Returning to reclaim what made us great in the first place is **Not Retreat**. **It is Victory!** Look at us today **– divided, angry, and politically polarized.**

The wolves of foreign and domestic forces see our moral weakness and are already taking economic and military advantage of us. We each must return wholeheartedly to our God-in-Christ now and ask His urgent help to return America to His righteous service – for His Glory, not ours.

**An Invitation:** Let me welcome you to become part of this endeavor to restore America to righteousness now and for future generations. I have no political affiliation. But ever since I surrendered to the Prince of Peace at the Army War College at age 40, I have held tightly to the Bible and to the Christian Faith, as did most of our Founding Fathers.

**So - do you, as an American citizen and
 even more importantly as, perhaps, a proud Veteran,
 and more importantly still, as hopefully a strong Christian,**

 **do you want to help reverse the immorality, decay and communist-trending direction of our once-great nation … and be part of this peaceful movement
to get our nation back
 on the right track with the God of the Bible?
Do You?**

**Decision Time:** If “yes”, then praying for our nation’s restoration is appropriate and necessary. We must pray very specifically for God’s help. That help will necessarily be broad and deep.

We must pray for God to raise up tough-minded, godly young men and women who will be mentally, physically and spiritually strong enough to stand for offices at all levels of this nation.

AND we must ask God to raise-up Security Service Personnel for those striving to challenge the corrupt political system and people by running for public office. Those Security Services must provide physical protection for such candidates, their families and homes. We must also ask God to provide their daily bread or income.

**Mighty Prevailing Praying** is needed, of course, but when we get up off our knees, we must go find those fine young, tough-minded Christians with fire in their bellies for America - the **original America.** We must become part of that support they will need, too. It will be a long struggle, but Veterans among us especially know the meaning of Struggle. And we know the meaning of Victory – and that it takes dogged determination and sacrifice to achieve it.

Veterans and other like-minded Americans should be the ones finding and talking to smart, young, tough-minded godly folks about running for public office. Upon finding such a person, we must convince them it is worth the fight. They must “pull up their socks” and wade into the nastiness of today’s personal-attack politics, stick it out and get into public office with the **winning message**.

 And Here’s that **Winning Message!**

**We want to Restore America to be a Nation whose people**

**worship the Biblical God and once again Embrace**

**God-honoring Christians. We do not want to Build a**

**Christian Nation, as some claim we once were.**

 **Let me Give you a Short History of America**

**Man-with-God** originally built America as God intended her to be.
**Man-without-God** began to tear down what was built and it continues today.
**Man-with-God *again*** **can and will rebuild America according to**

**God’s original plan if we Ignore the personal attacks.**
**Man-without-God** cannot do one good thing to bring America back
to reflect His Glory in America and His people.

So only Godly men and women who have a solid understanding of America’s Founding need apply for the urgent governmental responsibility of rebuilding our crumbling America at the Federal, State, County, City and Town levels. Each candidate must be tough-minded to withstand the nasty carping, withering invective, and outright lies about them. They can persist and succeed only by constantly seeking **God’s Counsel**
through persistent, prevailing **praying**.

**Anything less will not work!**

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To begin the process then, let me suggest a few things:

Your principal activity in support of the Seven Objectives mentioned earlier is to **daily pray fervently** for our God to intervene in the affairs of this nation **by:**

\*Bringing a **nation-wide revival** to all the Christian Churches in America!
\*Causing another **Great Awakening** of all our people by the Holy Spirit all across America from Coast to Coast!
\*Restoring the deliberate daily practice of **Righteous Behavior** by all our leaders .....

 In Government,

 in Business,

 in Media,

 in Education,

 in Medicine,

 in Sports,

 in Entertainment,

 in our Christian Churches –

 **and in all other areas of endeavor throughout our land**.

 **Pray as though the very survival of America depends on it!**

**BECAUSE IT DOES!**

Please, Allow me to pray just such a prayer now. You can retrieve a copy of this prayer from under the Pray Tab on my website. Please, **pray it daily** – in your Quiet Time or at bedtime. The Bible tells us to be persistent in all our righteous requests of our Great God.
**PRAY as though your life and the lives of your children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren depended on it –
because in a very real way, they do…**

Let’s Pray:

Lord, I humbly confess, repent and ask You to Forgive my sins as well as America’s many sins. Please, hear my heartfelt, even desperate, plea for National Renewal. You are our only Hope and Help in times of such Great Trouble…

Please, revive Your people, your churches, to Holiness and deep Spiritual Strength, so all preachers will once again be faithful teachers of the whole counsel of Your Word. Lead them to preach not only the Gospel but to find the courage to preach about what is Biblically wrong in our culture, to boldly name and explain each specific sin, about Good & Evil, Heaven & Hell.

Call and empower a Holy Spirit-filled man to ignite another “Great Spiritual Awakening” from Coast to Coast in America. As You know, O God, many Americans have turned away from You. We pray You will powerfully stir

ALL Americans to give their hearts to You, our Lord Jesus Christ, so we may worship and serve You again in Beauty and Truth as our Lord God Almighty!

Most thinking Americans yearn for America to be Restored to her Founding Principles of Faith in You and Freedom for Individual Moral Endeavor. Please, give us Godly men and women in elected and appointed office who will help You Restore us to Righteousness at all levels of government across all of America! Please help us find Godly candidates for office who will work to see America return to that greatness – for Your Glory! …and our Peace. Help them counter, save, or imprison those intent on destroying America.

**Please, deliver us from Evil!**

Make us all Bold to share the Redeeming Grace of the Good News of Jesus Christ in a winsome way with more people, especially with our government officials, including Judges and members of School Boards. And help us followers of Jesus live Righteous Lives in the face of Enticing Temptations.

**Lord God,** in all these things we desperately need Your help. We have made a mess of it and are pleading for You to help us get it right again, to the Praise of Your Glory and for Your eternal Peace in our Hearts… AMEN

I’ll close with verse 12 of Psalm 33:

“What Joy for the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people

He has chosen as His inheritance.”

**MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU – AND**

**MAY HE SURELY BLESS AMERICA**