



WHILE I COULD WAX ELOQUENT and sentimental about my friendship with the author, Bob Vander Plaats, the happy memories of winning the Iowa Caucuses with his help, and the numerous, enthusiastic FAMILY LEADER events he’s invited me to headline, *I won’t*—simply because the hour is too late, and the topic is too urgent.

You see, this book is one I’d happily recommend even if my worst enemy had written it! That’s because it forcefully reminds us that without spiritual revival, this country is “game over”; and it perfectly delivers the ways and means to that necessary revival.

As I said at last year’s Family Leadership Summit, our nation’s problems, and their solutions, are ultimately *spiritual* rather than political.

That doesn’t mean Bob’s, and my, and many others’ efforts to restore this “great American experiment in ordered liberty” are pointless. It just means that, unless those efforts are preceded by, and rooted in, our relationship with the Lawgiver; and unless those efforts are done His way, for His glory; then those efforts will ultimately “succeed no better than the builders of Babel,” as Benjamin Franklin so poignantly observed.

We've *got* to get this right! Contrary to the modern secular myth, *of course* Church and State are connected! God created them both and expects both to function properly and complement each other.

Of course successful civil government needs biblical faith to suffuse it. George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern without God and the Bible." He also essentially said in his "Magnum Opus" (Farewell Address) that we would commit national suicide if we tried to separate the two.

Well, Bob has identified that suicidal separation occurring today, diagnosed its root causes, and prescribed the only remedies God will countenance: humbly praying, intimately seeking God, and authentically turning away from our sins.

So yes, we *can* do civics and Christianity simultaneously—we can *walk* and chew gum at the same time. But we need to be *awake* to do them both well. Hence, Bob makes this clarion call for the *Church to come awake*—humbly, prayerfully, and repentantly. Then and only then will we get our civics back on track.

With that clear, profound call before us, I'll end this Foreword with an old saying I heard many years ago from a wise Christian: "The Church of Jesus Christ will only move *forward on its knees*." *Won't you make the decision* to join Bob, me, and perhaps millions of others, in accepting God's offer to forgive our sins and heal our land, "*If*" *we will do our part, on our knees?*

GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

"If my people,
who are called
by my name, will humble
themselves and pray
and seek my face and
turn from their
wicked ways, then I will
hear from heaven,
and I will forgive their sin
and will heal their land."