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Dear Friends and Supporters,

If you watched the “Remembering Charlie Kirk” memorial service, you would have seen extraordinary support for his legacy and his goals. In five decades of attending political meetings, national and local, I have never seen this expression of the Gospel for appropriate goals. Criticisms from all sides sounded like the old “separation of church and state” arguments. These criticisms are from ignorance of the reality of the legal/public policy/cultural issues struggle.

Non-Christians do not understand the spiritual nature of warfare and its presence in our lives, particularly for those of us who are engaged in the public square. Somehow, they believe including faith is wrong. It is simply ignorance of things spiritual. It is not wrong. It was encouraging to see national leaders clearly articulating what we really fight for.

This is such a contrast to what we saw in the four years of the Biden Administration. Everything that would have been culturally and socially condemned a few decades ago was made mainstream. The institutions of human life and family were diminished. Perhaps, Charlie’s death will lead to a spiritual revival. It has with other milestones in our history. It is time.

We agree it was an “assassination.” Charlie was a political figure. We also agree he is a “martyr.” He was killed for his faith. After the years the “moths have eaten” in our national fabric, we pray our Lord will shed His grace on us once again. We pray for not only Erika Kirk and her family, but for our nation.

Religious freedom exists in many ways. Our Constitution protects it. But, Christianity is always in the crosshairs of secular threats. One example is the struggle “church schools” always face in Alabama. Many parents chose religious education. Those families should not be treated unfairly. This month’s Educational Update addresses one such problem.

Thank you for joining with us. With personal regards,

Yours very truly,

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