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As we await responses from many, I am sending this follow-up letter hoping to address some concerns that you may have. Our goal in gathering to defy the evil of "Drag Queen Story Hour" (DQSH) is to fulfill the Great Commission and stand against wickedness. According to their website, DQSH *"captures the imagination and play of gender fluidity of children and gives kids...queer role models"* and desire to expose children to *"people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where everyone can be their authentic selves"*. This event is really about sexualizing children and defying the law of God. They seek to warp the minds of the young and vulnerable. These are ideas and thoughts raised up against the knowledge of God. What does God call us to do? Tear them down (2 Cor 10:5). Who will stand for them if not us? What better place is there to proclaim the good news of the Gospel?

Maybe you're hesitant to go because you think this is a political event. If you consider this event or our response to it as political in nature you are gravely mistaken. This is spiritual warfare. We know that the solution to the widespread depravity in our land will not come by fleshly means, but from Divine intervention. Understanding this, we do not sit back and expect it to come spontaneously. God has called us to act as His faithful church in such times—light in the darkness. "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;" (Matt. 5:14). We will not gather bearing carnal or fleshly weapons for we do not war according to the flesh. We war with spiritual weapons that are divinely powerful for the tearing down of strongholds, that is, the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 10:4). Ideally, we would be confronting these actions in conjunction with the civil magistrate acting as the deacon of God and fulfilling its role in promoting good and punishing evil (Rom. 13), but we are living in lawless times. Evil is called good and good is called evil (Is. 5:20). Although the government is failing to uphold its proper role, we must not fail in ours. May we never hide our light under a basket (Matt. 5:13-16).

Our aim is love and we intend to infuse this event with love informed by truth. Love is the fulfillment of the law (Rom 13:8). Love is abhorring evil (Rom. 12:9). Love is keeping the commandments of God (1 John 5:3). Love is proclaiming the Gospel in every sphere and against every evil, letting our light shine in darkness (Matt 5:16).

All throughout Scripture, God's people are called to uphold justice and defend those in need (Ps. 10:18, 37:30, 82:3, 96:10; Is.1:17; Hos. 12:6; Amo. 5:24; Mic. 6:8). Just as we stand for the unborn against the daily massacre that is abortion, we must stand for these children that are being sacrificed on a spiritual altar to the god of this world. Those "rigid gender restrictions" that DQSH seeks to defy are the very law of God that we know to be good and right. This is a wicked, demonic attack that seeks to warp the mind of children while they are vulnerable. What is the just action in this situation? It is not to shrink back and turn a blind eye, but rather to preach the truth of the Gospel and stand against wickedness.

This is evangelism. They must know that there is a God and that He will judge the living and the dead (2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5). We proclaim to all people that the LORD reigns (Ps. 96:10) and He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished (Ex. 34:7). They must know that the church remains faithful to her Lord and will not stand idly by as they seek to victimize the most helpless among us. They must know that their only hope is submission to Jesus Christ lest they be cast into outer darkness (Matt 22:13). This is how we love our neighbor and how we love God (Matt 22:37-40).

Isaiah 1 gives instructions to a nation described as sinful, heavy with iniquity, seed of evildoers, acting corruptly, and having forsaken the Lord—a nation under judgment:

"Wash yourselves, purify yourselves;
Remove the evil of your deeds from before My eyes.
Cease to do evil,
Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Reprove the ruthless,
Execute justice for the orphan,
Plead for the widow."

This is exactly what we intend to do. We hope that you will stand with us.

In God's providence, Faithful Stones Church will be hosting a one-day conference providing evangelism training one week prior to this event. On June 3, 2023, Hearts for the Lost with Brian Ninde will be providing instruction and encouragement about evangelism in the public square. The conference seeks to equip the church to fulfill the Great Commission. If your people are interested in attending, especially in preparation for the DQSH event, please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/compelled-conference-tickets-544455128947> or follow the links on our social media pages. We look forward to your response.

IN CHRIST,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Masters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

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