

## **A Turning Point: Repent or Continue?**

*The Charlie Kirk Assassination  
and the Spiritual State of America*

*Didn't address on Sunday as we had a special day for an outreach  
But it can't be - or shouldn't be - ignored. And it's very heavy on my heart.*

### **We are all aware of what happened last Wed Sept 10**

Many of us saw it in real-time  
Or in graphic replay (whether we wanted to or not)  
It's good to talk about it. To not bury the trauma.

### **He was murdered for speaking the truth**

The truth that:

- God is real - and Jesus is His Son
- That men are men and women are women
- For the things the Bible says
- For the things the Constitution says
- For encouraging capitalism over communism

**John 16:2** "...yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service."

### **On a college campus. By a college-aged person.**

- Many college-aged / 20-somethings are communist
- Are hurting and confused mentally and emotionally
- Many have been told they're mentally ill or on the spectrum
- Many have poor relationships with their parents
- Many have been brought up to believe they come from apes
- That morality is gone
- That being conservative is evil - akin to NAZI (national socialist)

**College has become mandatory** - yet there are no careers for kids to land in

Prices have skyrocketed. Debt has been encouraged (a debt that cannot be forgiven/bankrupted)

College has long been a place of rampant immorality, alcohol and drug abuse

Teenagers and rebellion normalized leading to bad decisions without proper input vs. learning to be independent and make good decisions with loving input

*Not that being educated is wrong. But, as with any decision as a believer, needs to be God-led.*

*But since we kicked God out of schools in the 1960s - is it no wonder the system itself is not only god-less, but antichrist?*

### **It's the logical end to an educational system that replaces parenting**

From daycare to kindergarten to elementary school to junior high to high school  
How much input do average parents have?

### **A school system that seeks to divide children and parents**

California laws

Policies of not telling parents

A nation that has idolized children in word has really abused them in deed

*"Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." - Vladimir Lenin*

The enemy knows the scriptures

**Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.**

*"We cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans." - Voddie Baucham*

*In 2013, MSNBC host Melissa Harris-Perry made a controversial statement in a promotional segment for the network, saying, “We have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to their communities”. This comment was part of a broader argument advocating for greater public investment in education by shifting societal views on child-rearing from a family-centered to a community-centered model.*

**Think about it - a home (parents hearts) that doesn't have God-first, puts something else first - money, self.**

**The lie of giving my child a prosperous life** (having and doing all the things)

Leads to both parents working (*now, sometimes is it necessary, absolutely - but the idea of norm vs outlier*)

**Both parents work**, the relationship is separated from early on:

**Even the medical system** - hospitals separating parents and babies

babies and toddlers in daycare

Children in elementary school

HS, sports, etc.

**The rebellion of teenage years sets in**

and parents don't have the right relationship to deal with it

(or the right foundation scripturally to properly love and address and not avoid)

**So where has the child found comfort and authority? In educators** paid by the government, who may mean well, and think they love the children - but “the heart is wicked and deceitful above all things”

The school system, motivated to “care” for the children - thinks caring for them is hiding what the child does from the parent

**Not to mention the influence of media**, the internet, immorality as education, pornography exposure from an early age

**The battle was lost long before college**

And college is where Charlie Kirk was assassinated. Murdered.

Despite what the media might say about “death”

Lies. No critical thinking. No foundation of truth. Believing what they've been told or what they feel is "hate."

### **1 - Thinking that killing someone you disagree with is OK and the solution**

Where did the parenting come in?

### **2 - Thinking that someone's words/opinions are worthy of death**

There is a result of sin in the mind and heart that brings the weight of condemnation

*These kids are so burdened with guilt, with sin (and not knowing it, in fact told it's who they are)  
- the sin isn't the problem it's the one calling it out*

*Like touching a festering wound - their self hate and loathing from the sin gets turned on anyone who would tell them the truth*

### **3 - A crowd there, not to hear the truth**

Proverbs 2:13-15 - From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice in doing evil, [And] delight in the perversity of the wicked; Whose ways [are] crooked, And [who are] devious in their paths;

### **4 - But to rejoice in murder**

The people there literally rejoicing. Crowds. Many on TV. Churches. Schools. Businesses.

*We look at ancient Rome and their gladiator fights and the bloodlust and wonder how*

### **But our society is not far off**

**The church has failed.** We have not spoken the truth. We have watered down the gospel into something that's not the gospel. We have not called sin, sin and truth truth. We've been afraid to offend.

**But the church has also failed to love.** To speak that truth in love. To win others to Jesus by his kindness.

**Romans 2:4 - Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness [kindness, benevolence] of God leads you to repentance?**

We are so caught up in our own kingdoms, education, “goodness,” popularity, that we have failed to disciple believers and failed to truly reach the lost.

**Thankfully God is greater than this and works with or without us.**

**Mat 24:12 NKJV - "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.**

Romans 1 goes into detail about this process (we will study it soon, Lord willing)

*“It isn’t surprising that a society that kills babies in the womb rejoices over the murder of the innocent” - unknown*

**There are many markers in the health of a society**

But I believe looking at women is a telltale marker of the health and compassion

Women are generally more sensitive and caring than men (motherly instincts)

So when women shout their abortions

Won’t have or raise children

Want to rule over men and society, hate men

Well, it should tell us a lot

When men won’t lead. And worse, when they do lead, lead in abuse or selfishness.

When manhood is put down. Success by men and fathers considered bad.

Boys and boyhood crushed.

Chivalry truly dead - afraid to ask on dates, hold the door, be polite

**But back to the assassination of a 31-year old man.**

Successful. Educated. Well spoken. Kind. Willing to talk across the political spectrum. Father.

Husband. Entrepreneur-spirit.

**It says something deep about the country.**

Many tragedies happen every day. Every week. We see more and more, each one drowns out the other.

*If Trump were assassinated last summer, it could at least be pinned on politics directly - it would have had huge ramifications for the country, but politics might have been the scapegoat*

**What has happened has truly been a litmus test for the heart of our nation  
The divide is much deeper than many have realized  
Or we've liked to admit**

**We've liked to think we all have some common ground  
Some place where we can meet and talk about things  
But talking will not fix this divide  
Laws cannot correct a corrupt national heart**

**There are truly two Americas. Not left and right. Not democrat and republican.**

We saw that to some degree in the election  
and people aligning on truly the basis of good vs. evil

Personal freedom, health, hope or government greater good immorality  
**Charlie Kirk's assassination hurts deeper than many of these other things  
could because it reveals that our country is gone  
And will not come back**

That those we'd like to talk to - do not want to talk anymore (and maybe never did)

That those who would rejoice over Charlie's death - would do the same for you, for me,  
and for many others.

### **After 9/11**

the heart of the country was unified (I imagine must like with MLK or JFK people may have  
rejoiced in their hate for them, but it was not widespread)

**People went back to church, sought God, raised the flag**  
But it was emotional. It was comforting. It was temporary.

**Because it wasn't repentance.**  
**And we continued on the path that has brought us to this point.**

**Truth seems to be the subject of choice in our society**

Podcasts. Conspiracies revealed. Lying legacy media dying for those who want the truth.

**People are seeking God unlike other times in our history.**

**But is the church ready? Many of the church are deconstructing. Turning to sin. Turning to apostasy.**

**1Ti 4:1-2** - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

Those deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons are certainly in the church  
But they're also in TV, government, education, popular culture...

**2Th 2:3 NKJV** - Let no one deceive you by any means; for [that Day will not come] **unless the falling away comes first**, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

**The fields are ripe for harvest.  
Some will seek the truth. Others will rail against it.**

**Is the church ready?  
Ready to receive those seeking who may look like the world?  
Ready to receive persecution by those given over to satan?**

**This is an hour of decision for our nation  
For the church  
For every person - believer or not**

**2Ch 7:14** - "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 will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**And it starts with the church - and that's not the organization**

That's every person who names the name of Jesus

Are we walking with Jesus? Are we wanting His Kingdom?  
Do we want our nation to actually change?  
Are we willing to be salt and light and stand up for the truth - Jesus?  
To speak when we might be hated. Or fired. Or killed.

To turn from our wicked ways?  
We cannot expect our nation to turn if we won't turn.

We cannot expect the college kid destroyed by sin to want to turn, to see the truth - if we aren't living it and giving it in love?  
(now everyone is accountable and cannot use us as an excuse)

### **But will America turn? Will God spare our nation?**

7,000 righteous and Elijah  
Abraham and Lot sparing sodom

Are there 7,000 righteous? Who have not bowed the knee to our culture?  
Who are in the world and not of it?

Who have a relationship with God themselves and not through a religion?  
Who are willing to stand, to lead, because they follow Jesus?

There yet might be. God has spared us I think over and over because of those who love him here.

### **But how many more chances will we get as a nation?**

**It may in fact be too late for America.**

**If America does not repent. She is over (and probably long ago).**

**There is no turning back from this point - without spiritual and real repentance.**

**Political fortitude by either "side" will only result in civil war and dictatorship - by one side or the other**

**There is no peaceful way forward in the middle (that I can see)**

**Our nation's only hope is Jesus and His church that loves him and actually serves him and holds him up.**

**If we go through civil war or world war 3 - it will be the only thing that keeps us going - if we fall as a nation, it will be only the true church that survives whatever is coming.**

**So remember Charlie, he's a national hero. But we must turn to Jesus.**

**Will we repent or will we continue on?**