

Broken Branches

"Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage" (Tb. 5:10)

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Dear friends welcome to June!!! We have gone through half a year already. How quickly the time passes as we get older.

\$275 MILLION.

Most of us will never see that kind of money in a lifetime. But Mackenzie Scott, the ex-wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, just donated a record \$275 million to the abortion giant Planned Parenthood. The largest abortion provider in the world.

M. Scott, whose fortune primarily comes from Amazon, donated the largest one-time gift from a single donor in the history of the billion-dollar abortion chain.

And here's the heartbreaking results of her donation: The average abortion costs about \$600. That means Scott's gift could be used to kill approximately 458,000 unborn babies in abortions.

That's possibly the largest financing of evil in human history. And yet the pro-life movement (very much including me) struggle to keep doors open. It has been said that satan gives much to his own. I guess it must be true.

Following the war in Ukraine I was asked by a really nice and good person (Carol) who seems very dejected, lost, unable to believe that so much horror is possible in our day. With all the world being able to see the effects of Russia's attack on a nation, and visibly seeing that nothing is made to pounce on the aggressor and bring to an end the very visible suffering of a people including men,

women, children, babies. It seems that whilst military assistance is given physical help is denied to this nation.

I'm afraid I didn't and don't have an answer to the murder, abandonment, abuse, neglected, bartered, sold, traded suffering which we are seeing visibly every night on our news facilities.

My answer seemed pathetic even to me as I tried to make sense of why a child is seen wandering around rubble, looking stunned, lost, eyes staring blankly. Just innocence enflashed. And indeed, we ask why is this innocence suffering? Why does this child need such trauma in its very young formative (3-4 years) years?

The suffering of the child, the innocent of today, of this delinquent war, of this unexpected war, is no different than the suffering of the Holy Innocents and the one Holy innocent of 2000 years ago. No fault of theirs.

Today as we watch in horror as the innocent child is "lost", sucking her thumb, looking back at bombed surrounds we again see the stunned, glazed eyes of a one of 2000 years ago. Also, standing looking, staring. Look at one who could not defend himself, just as this child could not defend herself. His beatings, scourging, visible physical lashings, pain in his head, psychological pain, blood, and death are continued from the time of 2000 years ago. It seems that the visible template for suffering that we can relate to is dated to 2000 years ago and this gives us a real time image of innocent suffering. As this child walked stunned, staring, thumb in mouth, the other one also stood, silent, stunned, looking down, silent, while the mother of this lost child is helpless the other mother of the innocent one of 2000 thousand years ago also suffered as she

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watches her innocent child die whilst she was helpless to stop the death.

Throughout time, we have read, seen, learned that others stand by and watch as suffering is inflicted. The politics of 2000 years ago saw an innocent man suffering. The politics of our day also sees others shocked and suffering and sometimes despairing in society, and one must ask why? The Bystander Effect? That is, a bystander standing by, watching but doing nothing when others are present whilst may render assistance if found alone.

We saw these even in 20th century wars. Victims slaughtered whilst other nations stood by and we see it today not only in this present war but in the slaughter of approximately 50,000,000 infants per year. Is this a visual of apathy? A societal loss of empathy?

And yet we know that suffering, abuse, torment, fear, are enveloped in the sin of rejection. Violence instigated by another and leads to unknown after effects.

Children of the Father were introduced to suffering and silence was heard throughout creation. Even when another innocent one was cruelly beaten and tortured and died. Then silence fell all over the land.

Creation had and could say nothing in the face of such horror and injustice. Just like creation today stands in silence at the injustice of legally slaughtered infants. And yet throughout all suffering it seems that God remains silent. Why? Maybe it's because like Jesus before Pilate His creative and healing hands were tied. He had given life, freedom and would not and could not

take it back again without disturbing or even destroying the whole order as previously occurred and the promise which He made that it would never happen again.

Why does God remain silent in the face of children suffering? For the same reason that he remained silent in the "Garden-Eden" he remained silent in "Gethsemane" He remained silent in front of the cross and its victim, He remained silent for three days. Why asked my friend Carol? "Does he ever hear the pleas? Does he even care?"

"Anne, you work with abortive women who suffer. You work with sexually abused women who suffer. You work with domestic violence. I know you pray but he doesn't seem to hear". And I must admit that I remained silent at her questions. I had no answer. I could give platitudes but that would have disrespected her very genuine and sincere thoughts, feelings, enquiry and pain. So, in the face of such painful enquiry the best answer is to remain silent and accompany her silence.

However, what I do know that is that God's ways are different. God's mode of answer to the suffering of innocent is always silence He can be heard only as a whisper. (Ex.33:22) Not in warlike noise, not in thunder, not earthquakes, but in the gentle noise of a breeze. And then we know he is present in the gentle whisper.

"Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came fire but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the

fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a small voice said to him, "what are you doing here Elijah." And the Lord was in the still small voice (1 Kings 19:11-13).

And perhaps the Lord is speaking now about the carnage occurring in this unexpected war but we cannot hear Him because he is not to be found in the bombs, canons, tanks, rifles, but in a still voice which is not heard. The silent voice and look of a single child wandering through rubble.

I, who am never short of words, was unable to satisfactorily answer Carol's question and it also left me with a sense of loss. With a sense that we

have learnt nothing from past history. That we are not being our brother's keeper. That our brothers and sisters are suffering but we surrender to a godless man who threatens all. Should we be surprised at the events of the moment? No. In a country with over 553,000 PA abortions, not much should be a surprise.

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A terrible piece of news came out of America this week (week after Easter). The news that the next move of the pro-abortion cabal is the move towards legalisation of post birth abortion. That is to be able to euthanasia (kill) a new born up to 28 days after birth. At the moment it appears as only "news" but if it is spoken about that means that there are individuals (mostly women) even thinking and discussing such a thing. All of the abortion freedoms began with idea, discussion, supporters, agreement and finally insistence enacted into law.

To say that I am surprised is not so. I have been expecting this because all the moves since I began this work 26 years ago have led incrementally to laws which permit a child to be killed up to birth and beyond. I would say please pray but I don't

know how to ask this. But if you can, please do so because this confirms the offering of child sacrifice to the god Molech which we thought ended with ancient civilisations.

At this stage I don't know further information but as I said it all starts with chatter which means its in the mind a discussion and planning before it is made known and then begin the legal battles, and women's rights, and women's ownership, and women being abandoned, and doesn't want "it" alive because in the future it may come looking for her and disturb her nicely organised family. The reasons will sound so reasonable that even good people will be taken in by them.

I remember hearing many years ago that there was movement afoot to legalise abortion even to full term because "the woman demanded a dead baby" As you can see this has come to pass.

News reached me recently which hurt my heart deeply. News of the death of my friend and colleague Vicki Thorn founder of Project Rachel a post abortion healing ministry.

Vicki and I often met and had lots of time together when we attended pro-life conferences mainly in Europe. She was for me like a sister who totally understood me and my work and like each other we both "fell into the work" of post abortion healing.

From Milwaukee, Vicki travelled the world trying to help the world see that abortion deeply wounds woman, male, society and kills a baby. Both she and I believe in the same things and understood the same things about abortion.

Rest in peace lovely lady and I hope that millions of babies welcomed you into the beautiful place we all hope to go to and meet our Lord and the babies.

Following this news came further sad the news that my dear friend Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan also passed away in Rome in April.

Cardinal Barragan was Archbishop emeritus of Zacatecas of Mexico. I met His Eminence on one of my trips to Rome and had café and biscotti with him and whenever I went again and he was in Rome he graciously met with me and we updated our news. One of times was when it was near his anniversary to priesthood/bishopric and he gave me cards. I have two anniversary cards. I was sad I was not able to go during that time because of prior booked commitments.

So your eminence may your beautiful soul rest in the peace of the Lord and may your hear those beautiful words “well done good and faithful servant you have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness” (Mt.15:23)

Thank you for your encouragement of me and my work especially when it was difficult to continue. Your words “it’s a work which must be done. A very important work”

He was such a gentleman and a beautiful human being.

RIP Your Eminence

Roe v Wade

Recently news came through (via leaked draft allegedly written by Justice Alito) that the Supreme Court had voted to overturn the 50-year-old decision which freed abortion to demand across all of America which then led to other nations slowly doing the same. that that the.

That infamous decision led to federal constitutional protection and abortion rights which of course the pro-abortion, pro-choice movements were able to cite ad nauseum for all reasons to abort.

The leaking of the draft is unprecedented and brought with it a furore both within pro-abortion and legal world.

“Roe v Wade was egregiously wrong from the start” (egregiously=flagrantly, very bad, very

obviously bad). This document if issued by the Supreme Court would be an unprecedent victory and prayers answered for the pro-life movement.

The thought is that “it is time to return the issue of abortion to the states and the representatives of each state.

Whilst this draft as is does overturn the pro-abortion precedent which has resulted in over 60,000,000 infants killed in that country alone it won’t be considered official until it is published by the supreme court.

As a pro-lifer, pro baby, pro woman, pro man, pro society and a big pro God, this decision has left me stunned. Not in my wildest imagination had I thought that such a thing would happen. Never would I have thought that we would hear “life begins at conception”

And then of course there started the rage of the pro-abortion industry who I imagine also did not think that such a thing would ever happen. Their assurance, according to them, was secure. They could cite Roe v Wade and get away with.

For all the joy that this has brought the pro-life movement, I must admit that if this ruling is indeed overturned, there will be wild protests not only in America but across the globe. Everywhere where abortion has been legalised, we will see protests like we have never seen before. It will make the protests of the Black Lives Matter movement, protests which ousted president Trump, protests of unions, seem like street parties.

This is not something that the feminist movement will permit to happen. This has been their pivot. For one and half generations of pro-abortion feminists and angry females and males who have been influenced and removed from responsibility for their action.

It will be a very interesting situation if this ruling is overturned because whilst we pro-lifers rejoice the pro-abortion activists will have begun to mount global campaigns of violence, disruption, protests. high powered movie stars have already come out swinging-those who have pushed boundaries from very early gestation to late term abortion will be

squealing. The liberal feminist is not going to allow this to happen allowing something hard fought for (full rights to abortion without need or reason) to be removed.

In America we have already begun to see Pregnancy Centres attacked, Catholic Churches attacked. Beautiful statues decapitated. We have already started to see wickedness in action.

I suspect once the final outcome is known we will see real evil at work. I pray for all of us at that time and most importantly I pray for pregnant women and their babies.

In a recent dialogue it was suggested to me that the reason we have and the disastrous state of our world is because we have moved from past culture of the good old days into a modern culture.

I have to admit that I just sat and listened (unusual for me!!). I listened to the many woes enumerated by the speaker and I have to admit that in some ways I agreed with some of them.

The bad management of our nation by politicians with only self-interest. TV viewing which is light pornography, especially early evening when the 7-11 years of age should be their viewing time. The violent games played on iPads, in game galleries. The interminable hours spent by young children immersed and isolated in an alien world of make-believe speaking with unknown others and less and less time playing in the sunshine with other children and learning to mix and share and enjoy time together.

And yet as I suggested it's important to remember that a large part of the "good old days" has led to the bad days of today. The so called good old days allowed that woman be assaulted, disrespected, not honoured and this with the knowledge and silence of society. The dominance, violence, abuse, ill treatment that woman endured were the conditions which opened the door wide for woman to escape and abandon her unique role as mother, wife, bearer of the future.

First fleeing from her feminine role and all it implies and forgetting her treasure, the baby in her womb. Yes, she can forget the baby at her breast as Isaiah 49 asks, because the treatment of

her as a human being has been one of being unloved, disrespected, without dignity and used, and she responded not with loving service but by fleeing.

We have nearly 8 billion individuals on this planet and we still in our day know that there are women who are still abused, murdered for producing a wrong gendered child. Abused for not keeping house as it should be. Abused by being married off to someone 4-5 times her age. In a day when so many advancements made for the betterment of humanity still woman in places is still considered far less than a family animal. And OH!!! the sexual abuse endured under the guise of "duty"

I've been publicly speaking about all these abuses, abortion, sexual abuse of children, domestic violence, for 26 years in and out of season but nothing changed or even improved a little but rather worsened. Societal changes won't happen in this way. There is a greater way. Love and honour due to woman. Help to reclaim her femininity as God designed her. This time the way God meant her to be and this in all cultures and places. Nothing else will change our lives and indeed will get worse.

Speaking about abortion and sexual abuse publicly brings out the deniers which continues to be perpetrated today because no one wants to hear. I have spoken publicly at 38 international conferences and women's groups, schools, parliamentarians, clergy, social groups but a deafness exists.

What will change the culture is the respect, dignity, integrity, honour, for all men and women. That woman may at last be considered equal so that she doesn't have to rebel and reject all that is different from her. Totally equal. Total understanding of their role in life and understanding that each were created for each other so that in the union they are able to create a new future. Nothing else will change our society because we are here as a result of past injustices.

Humans, male or female, have long separated themselves from their charisms and as it is, nothing will bring them together again except maybe divine intervention.

Looking backwards and wanting to return to the "good old days" won't happen because when

Letters

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your ongoing work and please take care of your health it sounds like you are not well. Will keep praying for you.

Tina M.
Vic.

Dear Anne,

I just read your latest newsletter and really really enjoyed it so much. Its probably one of the best ones you have written.

I hope your health improves and you keep going for a long time more
Praying for you

God bless
Kay L
NSW

Dear Anne,

Please find enclosed a small donation to continue your work. I'm sorry its not more but I do hope that you can continue

We pray for you and your ministry every day.
Sheila

NSW

Dear Anne,

Thank you, for your work and the many bulletins you send out it must be tiring for you on top of all the counselling but I thank you anyway, My family's prayers are with you Bless you and your husband Andrew. Enclosed a donation to help you

S.T (anonymity requested.)

Dear Anne,

Enclosed a donation towards your wonderful work Thank you also for sending the two books. I've already started reading Hidden Pain and I can't put it down. It touched areas of my life which have remained shut.

I'd like to speak with you one day soon.

Clare.

Dear friends thank you for your kind words I appreciate your care and support and encouragement.

Anne

woman threw away the bra (much symbolism in that) return to the “good old days” became a fossilised idea.

A return to manhood, womanhood, motherhood, fatherhood, respect, love, honour, dignity is needed, nothing else will work.

If 50,000 million women every year, can take their baby to be killed without fighting for it, then motherhood in its truest sense has vanished.

Motherhood is just another job, part of the things in the diary to be done amongst the meetings with CEO, office meetings, gym, corporate functions etc. Motherhood is something to be done in order to complete the successful picture.

Yes, there is a need for things to improve. But looking back to the “good old days” is not the way. The past was not the utopia of fantasy. The past was violent. The past has hidden with it so much suffering that when the opportunity came the genie bolted from the bottle never to return.

However, what is possible is to take what we know to be goods from the past and embrace them and ensure that the mistakes, violence, disrespect are not remade or be part of our future. But this will take time as it has taken thousands of years to get where we are so it will take much time and desire to begin even the U turn. We can always begin by asking the Lord to return into our lives and help us change and remove all accumulated fury because there is now far too much for us to repair alone, and only he can do it.

He knows our sufferings and he know the creatures which he created and the hurts they have endured and if we ask, he will raise amongst us leaders who will lead for our times and not for false nostalgic past. He will raise up leaders who will lead in the manner of the Patriarchs both old and new.

We can change culture by living in truth and really Really reject that which does not incorporate honour, respect, integrity and love. And above all we can change our culture from one of death to one of life by giving every human being a chance

to live the life given to them, because life with all its difficulties is still the gift given by the Creator.

We can change the culture by looking at our day and working with what we have, what we know and doing the very best and leaving the past where it belongs. In the past, and the present and future in the hands of our Maker.

Dear friends as I come to the end of another newsletter, please forgive the delay I have recently gone through a bit of a health issue which was not something I had expected.

I am running a little behind so if I have a need to respond to you, please give me a little time and I will catch up as soon as possible.

Please continue to pray for my clients and myself. I am slowly returning to day-to-day activities.

It will take a little while (not Covid) to recover (emotional - death of someone reminded me of death of my son Mark and rereading his death certificate brought it to forefront again.

Again, I apologise.

God bless and keep safe.

PS. I would appreciate support as it has really dwindled down to virtually nothing and please I would appreciate it if you would consider purchasing one of the books it does really help with expenses. Money goes towards expenses.

If I haven't thanked someone for donation since last issue, please accept this as my really huge thank you I appreciate your care.



Anne Lastman

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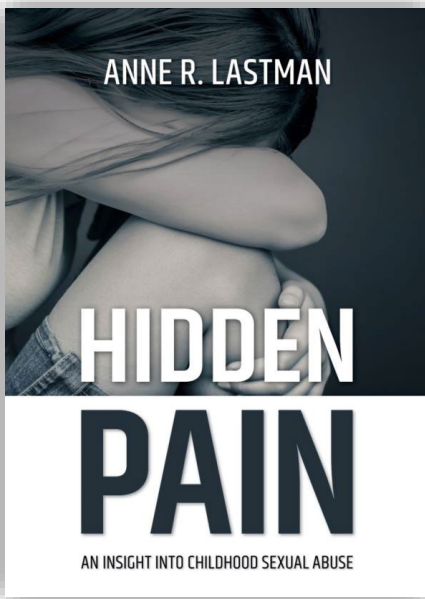
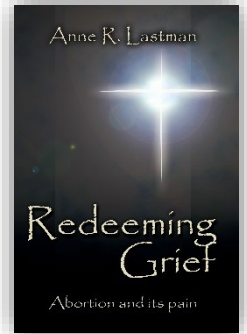
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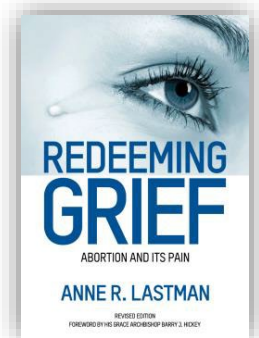
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