

115.3 Spilled Milk

Even as an adult, I have cried over spilled (or “spilt”) milk, literally and figuratively. I can knock over a glass and get frustrated at the mess and waste when careless and not paying attention. Not only have I wasted the contents of the container, I am wasting time cleaning the mess.

In our current national crisis, we can spend much time regretting our inattention and carelessness as we let go of our republic. In our frustration, we can point our fingers at whom we may blame, including ourselves. **Benjamin Franklin** was correct, we can have a republic IF we can keep it. We didn’t.

As we walk with Jesus, we can look back on our lives with regrets. Some temptation crept into our lives, and we fell for it. We can kick ourselves for the irreparable damage the sin caused. Or, we can stop crying over the spilled milk, make it right, and leave it at the foot of the cross for Jesus to take away. “**He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”¹ Think of Jeremiah’s words:

²² **The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**

²³ **they are new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness.**

²⁴ **“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”²**

When we allow the “Accuser of the Brethren” to get into our heads over past sins, he can paralyze us with regrets. Then we miss out on the opportunities before us. That is true in our walk with Jesus and the cause of liberty, which is closely associated with Him.

Americans are waking up to our loss of liberty. We don’t have the level of freedom we once enjoyed. If things continue, my grandsons will think my childhood stories are made-up myths. No one would drop a six-year-old at the movie theater and pick him up three hours later. I cringe thinking about that, but I saw my first movie without my parents when I was that age. It was safe then. Not today.

Today we have to weigh our words and talk in generalities or code because we no longer have the right to free speech. We cannot gather to protest and redress our government with grievances without being labeled “domestic terrorists” and stalked or locked up without charges for months. Yet other groups could burn and loot cities as **General Sherman** marched through Georgia to the sea. The First Amendment is taking a beating.

As people wake up and see our country’s condition, they ask, “What can I do?” I encourage you to vote as a first step. I recently heard that half the Christians in America are not registered to practice their civic stewardship of voting. Only half of the registered Christian voters actually vote on election days.

Elections may be tainted now, and the people in power actually **SELECT** the winners by cheating. Regardless, we are responsible for voting, expressing our choices, and showing God our appreciation for the privilege. One day the worm will turn. You are probably now familiar with **Samuel Adams’** statement regarding the vote.

¹ 1 John 1:9

² Lamentations 3:22-24 (RSV, emphasis added)

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or at least that he ought not so to do, but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.

In addition to voting, get involved with community patriot groups. If your church is negligent on this level of stewardship, find one who is equipping its members to engage the culture. Bring friends and respectfully attend school board and city council meetings to let the community leaders know people are watching their decisions. Peacefully protest unconstitutional decisions. These committees will act differently when they are held accountable.

No more crying over spilled milk. We can't change the past, we can only go from where we are. Let's get right with God and busy with the injustice and tyranny we are experiencing as we reclaim America for Christ. Paul wrote:

... one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,³ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.³

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³ Philipians 3:13-14 (NKJV)