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Thank you for inviting me to speak today. OK2A is a critical organization. [Slide from FB **A rock in bad hands killed Abel. A rock in good hands killed Goliath. It is not about the rock. ...**

Slide: Brief Background of **GNA** – Reconnecting God and America by telling His story in our history. GNA.com, [Books](#)

A few months ago, I spoke at the Lions' Den about the three Providence stories that convinced me of the hand of God in American History.

- **Monongahela** in 1755 when GW escaped death and injury. The old Indian Chief came to the battlefield when GW visited in 1770 to see the man heaven would not let die.
- The **Battle of Long Island** – the British army had GW and his army trapped and stopped advancing. The signaled their navy to pick up the American troops. Winds came and stopped the ships. During the night, GW evacuated most of his soldiers. He was determined to be the last man off the island. When dawn came, he and about 1000 troops remained. Major Ben Talmage described what happened: “At this time, a very dense fog began to rise out of the river and it seemed to settle in a peculiar manner over both encampments. I recollect this peculiar **providential occurrence** perfectly well. So dense was the atmosphere that I could scarcely discern a man at 6 yards’ distance.”
- **Yorktown** – winds kept the British from retreating across the James River, and Cornwallis was forced to surrender.

Let me briefly tell three more stories.

The “Fast” Hurricane of 1746

By 1742, France, Spain, and Prussia had become enemies of Great Britain. Then, in 1743, the British captured the French city of Louisburg, Nova Scotia. The French wanted the busy seaport back, so in 1746, King Louis XV sent Admiral Anville, with the most powerful fleet of the day, to retake the city. The French intended to expel the British, put Boston in flames, ravage New England, and waste the West Indies.

Massachusetts Governor William Shirley declared a day of fasting and prayer on October 16, 1746, to pray for deliverance. Boston gathered in the Old South Meeting House. Pastor Thomas Prince prayed, “**Send thy tempest, Lord, upon the waters . . . scatter the ships of our tormentors!**”

Witnesses said that as he finished praying, the skies darkened, winds shrieked, and the church bells rang a “wild, uneven sound . . . though no man was in the steeple.” A hurricane scattered the entire French fleet all the way to the Caribbean. Lightning struck some of the ships, causing fire onboard, which ignited gunpowder.

2000 French died in the hurricane, including the Admiral. 4000 died as a result of typhoid. The French Vice-Admiral threw himself on his sword, ending his life and the threat.

1814.8.24 Washington DC Tornado

At the onset of the War of 1812, President James Madison proclaimed a Day of Prayer on July 9, 1812. On July 3, 1813, he issued another Day of Prayer, referring to “religion, that gift of Heaven for the good of man.”

On August 24, 1814, 4,500 British soldiers marched toward Washington, D.C., and citizens evacuated in a panic. **Dolley Madison** and the White House staff are credited with saving the **portrait of George Washington**. Her carriage was riding out of the city while British Admiral George Cockburn was riding in.

Admiral Cockburn entered the White House, ate dinner, and set it on fire. He and the British soldiers proceeded to torch the Capitol, the Treasury, the Department of War building, and the Library of Congress.

Suddenly, dark clouds rolled in, **wind and thunder grew into a “frightening roar,”** and lightning began striking. **A tornado touched down,** sending debris flying, blowing off roofs, and knocking down chimneys and walls on British troops. Two cannons were lifted off the ground and dropped yards away. Violent winds slammed both horse and rider to the ground.

The book *Washington Weather* recorded British Admiral George Cockburn exclaiming to a lady:

“Great God, Madam! Is this the kind of storm to which you are accustomed in this infernal country?!”

To which the lady replied:

“No, Sir, this is a special interposition of Providence to drive our enemies from our city.”

A British historian wrote:

“More British soldiers were killed by this stroke of nature than from all the firearms the American troops had mustered in the feeble defense of their city.”

As British forces fled, torrential rains fell for two hours, extinguishing the fires. They marched back to their ships, having difficulty on roads covered with downed trees, only to find two ships blown ashore and others with damaged riggings.

1849 and the Cholera Epidemic

1832 an Asiatic cholera [not Wuhan] outbreak gripped New York. By 1849, thousands were dying all over the country. Zachary Taylor was POTUS. He had been a national hero in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War.

On July 3, 1849, in response to the Cholera Epidemic, President Zachary Taylor proclaimed a National Day of Fasting and Prayer:

At a season when the providence of God has manifested itself in the visitation of a fearful pestilence which is spreading itself throughout the land, it is fitting that a people whose reliance has ever been in His protection should humble themselves before His throne, and, while acknowledging past transgressions, ask a continuance of the Divine mercy.

It is therefore earnestly recommended that the first Friday in August be observed throughout the United States as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer.

It is recommended to persons of all religious denominations to abstain as far as practical from secular occupations and to assemble in their respective places of public worship, to acknowledge the Infinite Goodness which has watched over our existence as a nation, and so long crowned us with manifold blessings, and to implore the Almighty in His own good time to stay the destroying hand which is now lifted up against us.

States and city governments joined the President in promoting a day of fasting and prayer in their communities.

President Taylor's Proclamation of Fasting was observed Friday, August 3, 1849, and by the end of the month, the death toll had “dropped suddenly.”

God’s hand has been with America through the years because America chose to serve God. While God chose Israel, America chose God. He is the reason many came to America. According to scripture, God blesses people who bless Him with their lives and trust. **Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NKJV) slide:**

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

It is right to fight the political battles we are facing. More foundational is our national repentance. God gave Solomon a conditional promise of blessing that applies to us or any nation who seeks God. **2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV):**

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.

If there is no repentance, there is no blessing. Our ancestors knew this!

Recently, I read on “X” (formerly known as Twitter) that **Canadian law** now allows their judges to give life sentences for “**speech crimes**.” They would define speaking out against sinful activities such as the LGBTQ+ undertakings as a speech crime. Faithful pastors and preachers could find themselves in jail until they die! Unless things dramatically change in America, this insanity will be inserted here to silence believers from speaking the truth.

Freedom of speech, a cornerstone of a free republic, is not merely a right but a vital one. It is a beacon of our liberty, enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution, a testament to our unalienable, God-given right to speak. However, we have felt the tightening grip of restrictions on our speech. Let us not forget the bravery of our ancestors, who fearlessly voiced their thoughts and opinions.

Today is the anniversary of **Thomas Jefferson’s** birth. We know his concern for states' rights and a weak federal government. On January 1, 1801, he explained the **religious aspect of the First Amendment** to the Danbury, CT Baptist Association (who feared religious persecution) this way:

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of the government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' **thus building a wall of separation between church and state.** Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore man to all of his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.

There is a wall of separation to keep the government out of church business but not to keep churches out of the government’s business. **TJ’s Church Attendance in US Capitol.**

For years, I bought into the lie that churches and preachers were not to talk about political issues. What better way to remove morality from a nation than to silence God-fearing people? Preachers and church leaders are afraid to speak out on moral issues because the enemies of America have politicized them.

The issue is more profound, actually. It is **fear-based**. Fear of losing **tax-exempt status and fear of losing church members**. Someone in the church has a cousin involved with LGBTQ+ or a relative who participated in an abortion. We don’t want to make people feel bad, so we are silent. In our silence, we give our consent.

Charles Finney –If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discernment, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in Christianity, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it." Churches need to step up!

The Forefathers wanted Christian participation in government and weapons of self-defense because they had experienced compliance at bayonet points. If everyone is armed, no one can arbitrarily control us.

Slide When the government takes away citizens’ right to bear arms, it becomes the citizens’ duty to take away the government’s right to govern. ~ **George Washington**

[Slide: “The Second Amendment isn’t about guns. It’s about a principle: the right and ability to overthrow a tyrannical government if necessary.” ~ **George Mason**, Co-Author of the Second Amendment

- Sometimes, God works His providence through the elements. Wind – Driving the Pilgrims to Massachusetts, Dispersing the French Fleet, Blocking the British Navy from capturing Washington on Long Island and Cornwallis' retreat across the James River. Tornado in Washington, DC in 1814.
- Sometimes, God works His providence through people, His co-laborers. We cannot regain our republic without God, and God will not give it without us.

Lexington and Concord

Slides Paul Revere's ride, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Jonas Clark said, **Slide**, "I trained them for this very hour; they would fight, and, if need be, die, too, under the shadow of the house of God." Lexington Green – Minutemen with weapons – **Slide** John Parker – "*Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.*" Battle Road and British retreat.

There is a faith element to the Second Amendment. If God gives us life, liberty, and property, He provides the right and means to defend them. **Exodus 22:2** If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him, // **Nehemiah 4:17-18** Who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

See if this sounds familiar. In "The American Crisis," **Thomas Paine** warned his readers:

"men must be fools" who surrender their weapons in exchange for a "promise" of peace: "(British General) Howe's first object is, partly by threats and partly by promises, to terrify or seduce the people to deliver up their arms and receive mercy ... Were the back counties to give up their arms, they would fall an easy prey to the Indians, who are all armed: ... And were any one state to give up its arms, that state must be garrisoned by all Howe's army of Britons and Hessians ... Howe is mercifully inviting you to barbarous destruction, and men must be ... fools that will not see it."

We are fighting for liberty. We can't win without God, and God won't act without us.

[Braveheart Clip.](#)