To the issue of SB12

I have been told that I must keep this short so I will go straight to my point. I know we live in a society that strongly rejects God. But this does not change the fact that His truths are still true and going against those truths has, and will destroy a nation. So today I come to you with a Biblical perspective. Our country is feeling the effects of our rejection of God's truths even today. For this reason I come to you today in the spirit of *Ezekiel 33*. In vs 6 it tells us:

But <u>if the watchman see the sword come</u>, <u>and blow not the trumpet</u>, and <u>the people be not warned</u>; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

My prayer is that you will allow the words of the creator of all there is, to strongly influence your decision today.

The Bible tells us that God created each of us with distinction and purpose, and that no matter what men might think, God never makes mistakes. With this in mind, listen to what He says in *Genesis 1:27-28*:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

We live in a world where evil has crept in and now seeks to destroy the very foundation that our country was built upon. It is this evil that strives to remove everything that speaks to the existence of God, but as I said before this does not negate the fact that God is true and will continue to show Himself true to His Word. A wise man once said, We never really in essence break the laws of God, but we often end up breaking ourselves while proving His Laws.

I have spent the majority of my life working with children in several varied ministries. My wife spent years working with special needs children in a public school. There is an important truth from these ministries that I need to share with you, we have never yet found a child where God made a mistake. Each and every one of them was created in God's image, and each is set on this earth with a purpose. We may see in others what we would call deformities, but that's not what God calls them. God created every child perfect for His purpose, to carry out His calling in a broken world. Our job is to help each of them realize that calling, to help them and move them forward in that calling. Please remember, it is God that has created them and will now use them in this place to help others grow through the struggles of this life.

All children are set into this world with a need, the guidance to grow and know God and His way. Common sense teaches us that they are not yet fully developed physically or mentally and not yet capable of making important life changing decisions on their own. They need the nurturing of a good family, the advice of good father, the discipline of a good household.

God's Word is a book full of wonderful promises, but it is also a Book of warnings. In closing, I will admonish you to please give careful attention to the warning of God that I have laid before you this morning, because it comes with the promise of *Luke 17:1-2*:

Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

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