

## What If?

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CHP Canada is at the point of decision whether we choose to challenge the City of Hamilton's action over the removal of our 'Competing Human Rights . . . Where is the Justice' campaign bus shelter ads. The City has violated our right to freedom of thought and speech guaranteed to all Canadians under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. (Fundamental freedoms (section 2), namely freedom of conscience, freedom of religion, freedom of thought, freedom of belief, freedom of expression, freedom of the press and of other media of communication, freedom of peaceful assembly, and freedom of association). Our Charter also acknowledges, at the outset, the supremacy of God.

This Judicial Review is a significant step given the estimated cost of \$50,000. Of course, we have to take this into consideration, while at the same time consider the cost of doing nothing; the cost of allowing municipalities to silence public scrutiny of public policy on public property.

Over the last 20 years I have found myself in several public battles regarding public policy. I have experienced the reward of battling at the front lines and watching the Lord's deliverance on issues including:

- Defunding of Planned Parenthood Hamilton and the subsequent closing of their doors
- Re-writing of the Hamilton Public Schools Board's sex education program and converting it from very bad to pretty good
- Raising the Age of consent across Canada from 14 to 16

Over the years, I have faced scrutiny, not only from the opposition but also from within; fair enough. We must always be open to scrutiny and be prepared to answer any question. If we expect this of government, why should we not require this of ourselves; this is fair (equitable). However, through it all, we must balance our insecurities around the possibility of loss with our often touted, but perhaps rarely exercised, faith in God's delivering power. It is one thing to have a belief in God but quite another to trust Him enough to venture further than our singing of hymns of victory; to actually move to the battle front as instruments God can use. This is faith, a step beyond beliefism.

I was listening to a radio preacher one day who presented another powerful point that has stuck with me. He said, ***"If you hope to succeed under seemingly tough circumstances, you must learn to look beyond the obvious."***

This is going to take a lot of work. What if no one helps? What if we can't find the right sound system? What if we run out of money? What if someone is offended? What if my church friends say Christians have no place in public affairs? Thankfully that **NEVER** happens. What if my Christian buddies tell me that CHP is a wasted vote? What if the Toronto Blue Jays are playing that afternoon? I remember those who would say to me, *"You can't fight city hall."* I have been told that the school board won't listen. I have

people that say, what will you do if this happens, how will you respond if this is said? All of the obvious stuff.

Anyone can find a difficulty, but the Nehemiah's of this day are already far past the what-if's. They have a vision beyond the mountain; they have told that mountain just how big **their** God is; they have already envisioned the end result; they have picked up their tools; and they have begun the work.

Let's not be nay-sayers and what-ifers. Stop and ask ourselves the bigger questions, "What if we as the Christian Heritage Party of Canada do nothing? What will happen to our nation if we sit and complain but do nothing?" These questions alone should be enough to make us want to do something.

Our campaign never envisioned the opening of the door at which we now stand. But, here we are, standing in the desert and looking across the Jordan. I believe that the Lord has brought us to this crossing. The question now before us is, "Do we have the intestinal fortitude to cross over and see what the Lord has for us next or do we choose the comfort of the desert?" I hope it is the former and not the latter.

Decision to move ahead must be made quickly! We are appealing to our members and our supporters to make your pledge today, Saturday, September 10th. We are not asking for funds at this point, we are asking you to pledge your commitment to freedom of speech. Send your email to Vicki Gunn at [ExecutiveDirector@chp.ca](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@chp.ca) or leave a message at national office at 1-888-868-3247 or fax 1-819-281-7174 or mail CHP Canada, P.O. Box 4958, Station E, Ottawa, ON K1S 5J1. We need your name, address, contact information and pledge amount.

This we know: doing something is no guarantee of success. However, doing nothing has a predictable outcome. Lord I don't just believe in you, I believe you.

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