

This week I read the book recently published by **Eric Metaxas** entitled *Letter to the American Church*. I highly recommend this thought provoking—hopefully action provoking book. It is to say the least a wake-up call to the church. I also found it personally convicting because of the limited scope by which I focus most of the time. The book draws parallels of today’s church in America to the church during the rise of the Nazis in Germany. It exposes some of the doctrines within “religious Christianity” which satan used and still uses to keep the church from being involved to counter the evil goes on in our world. It issues a warning we should not take lightly.

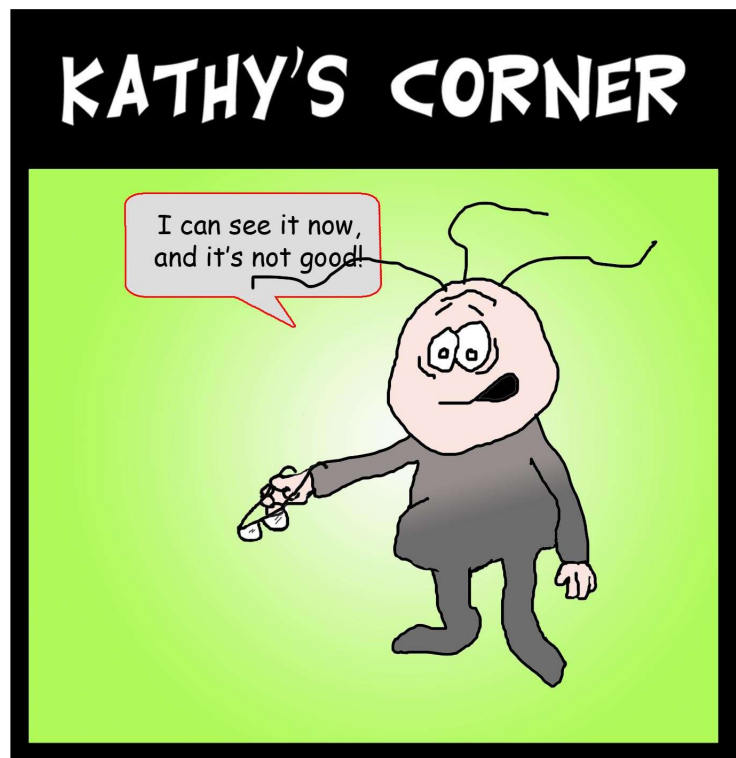
Looking at the madness that is rampant in society in America today, and being aware of where it is headed if satan has his way, makes me wonder what excuse will be acceptable to our Father if we don’t involve ourselves more by taking a stand and being vocal—not against people, but against what satan is doing through them.

A few years ago there was a lesbian/gay movement. People came “out of the closet.” This has rapidly expanded to LGBTQ+++++. The more radical of the “alphabet people” have openly said, “We are coming for your children.” And have they ever!

Satan wants there to be boundaries between our faith and everything he is promoting in our world. Our government is in his pocket these days as we Christians are being silenced “legally.” We are being persecuted when we bring our faith to the workplace or anyplace in our cancel-culture culture. No lies, no murders or persecutions will ever alter the Truth because, as Eric Metaxas stated, “...**Truth is a Person who knows no bounds, who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and who died that we who are the crowns of God’s creation might at last live in true freedom, with the authority that He gave us when He died and rose from the grave.**” Metaxas also spoke of people “who are outraged by the evil that they see—are willing to risk everything to engage it, and to fight with all their might and main, whatever the outcome. They know that unless they try to vanquish it, evil will win.” Metaxas’ book is both enlightening and challenging.

As I thought about *fighting with all our might and main*, I thought about our total commitment to the One true God—loving Him with **all** our hearts, minds and souls! I know that you know how important this commandment is—so important it is included in three gospel accounts (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). I ran across a similar kind of commitment in the following passage from the NIV:

**Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.”**



**“Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.”**

Jonathan said, “Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us. If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them. But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands.”

So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. “Look!” said the Philistines. “The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in.” The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, “Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.”

So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Climb up after me; the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.” (1Samuel 14:6-12)

After reading this I got curious as to exactly what an armor bearer was. The first definition I came across was, “The armour bearer is an officer selected by kings and generals because of his bravery, not only to bear their armour, but also to stand by them in times of danger. --According to Easton (1996: 97-98)”; but I really prefer this definition: “The requirements for armorbearer were simply loyalty and love for their master, and bravery in battle.” ([jesualive.cc/armorbearer-definition/](http://jesualive.cc/armorbearer-definition/))

**Loyalty and love for *our* Master, and bravery in battle!** Can we say with faith the words of Jonathan—**“Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.”**

Will the church wake up before it is too late? Will it come out of the system that silences truth? Will the church again be allowed to call a sin a sin, giving the Holy Spirit a chance to convict and convince? “When he (*the Holy Spirit*) comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:” (John16:8 NIV)

If you falter in a time of trouble,  
how small is your strength!

Rescue those being led away to death;  
hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,”  
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?

(From Proverbs 24:10-12 NIV)