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“Be concerned about your brother. [...] either we go up together or we go down together. Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters of life. At points he wanted to trick Jesus, and show him that he knew a little more than Jesus knew and throw him off base. [...] Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from midair and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man who fell among thieves. You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side; they didn't stop to help him. Finally, a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy. But he got down with him, administered first aid, and helped the man in need. Jesus ended up saying this was the good man, this was the great man because he had the capacity to project the "I" into the "thou," and to be concerned about his brother.” Last speech of Dr. Martin Luther King, I've Been to the Mountaintop, Memphis, Tenn., April 3, 1968.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA MUST DEMAND REFORM, NOT DEFERRED OR TEMPORARY LAWS THAT NEVER RESOLVE OUR COLLECTIVE PROBLEM

The issue of Immigration Reform from a Conservative Christian perspective is an issue that we must examine with a sober mind like that which we profess. Dismissing the subject in our circles as well as condoning the violation of the law is hypocritical and destabilizing at the congregational level. It goes without saying, that due to our inaction, often, unjust and severe criticism by the extreme left, pokes at our distorted view of the Church and for what we really stand. First, we must understand that we should not “confuse the responsibility of the Church to show mercy and invite everybody with the responsibility that God has given the government to protect our nation” – Pastor Robert Jeffers. Pastor Jeffers’ statement is in line with Romans 13: 1-7. Therefore, based on this premise, let us discuss at least two predominant points that exist today with Illegal Immigrants and the role of the Church in America.

THE RUBBER ARM SYNDROME

The following experiment presented in this video is an example of how the mind of an illegal immigrant tricks them into a false narrative or claim:



Original Source: <https://www.facebook.com/TheSpectacularShow/videos/910121385836382/>

As in this experiment, many illegal immigrants who have been provided an extra arm or a temporary arm of work, food, and shelter by this country, have been mentally conditioned through time to think that their fake arm of TEMPORARY AMNESTY is, in fact, a REAL arm that when someone as ICE places a pin on their fake arm or tries to hammer the arm they immediately yell in pain and call foul play. This same yell is applied to members of the church who attempt to bring them to the light of this reality. The truth, however, is that the real arm that is not being pinched or hammered is in fact across the dividing “wall” of reality. The real arm, is outside the wall, as in the experiment.

Therefore, accepting that one is illegal, particularly as a Christian it is essential. Your illegal status, therefore, means that you are NOT protected under the Constitution and Federal Laws of our country. Accepting that we have a problem, just as when we come to Christ, is and must be the first step to recovery and help. Your real status also means that you are NOT entitled to rights that you simply do NOT possess, and nor should you ever make a claim to possess or demand such rights. The old wise saying says that you must NEVER bite the hand that feeds you. If you are illegal, you must stop creating resentment with those who understand the Constitution and understand the LEGAL rights and laws provided to real citizens of America. Instead, it is vital that you work with Conservatives to help you and guide you correctly on acquiring LEGAL Reform and a legal PATH to Citizenship. Do NOT accept any longer a “Deferred Act” designed to manipulate voters and expire. A temporary fix designed to be addressed by

the next leader in power that later those who created the problem can pin on others, while during eight years of the Obama administration, they failed to fulfill to our illegal brothers and sisters. Do not accept temporary ideas that hook unfairly naive youth who can easily be persuaded by false pretenses, to a right that was never given to them. They are only “dreams” unable ever to be fulfilled because they are bound to expire as “deferred” empty promises. I must emphasize that what we need in America is Comprehensive Immigration Reform and a LEGAL path to Citizenship affecting millions in the United States.

To our LEGAL CITIZENS with conservative Christian values *“We are saying that we are God's children. And if we are God's children, we don't have to live like we are forced to live.” [...]*

Now, what does all this mean in this great period of history? It means that we've got to stay together. We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula of doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity.

*We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles; we don't need any Molotov cocktails. We just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country [**as the Washington Swamp**], and say, “God sent us by here to say to you that you're not treating His children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment where God's children are concerned. Now if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support [and votes] from you.” Dr. Martin Luther King, *I've Been to the Mountaintop*, Memphis, Tenn., April 3, 1968 – My emphasis in brackets.*

The Church vs. President Trump's Role:

As conservatives, we are united, for this reason, we voted in favor of the least of the expected candidates. We strongly believe in the solemn command of God to protect the Sanctity of Life and the dignity of our citizens, and that is why we voted as we did. Our present leader has placed in the lap of those responsible for our division the tool to pass or reject proper Comprehensive Immigration Reform and Path to Citizenship. Let us understand, that as he promised, when Trump was asked if he would accept a DACA deal without the wall, he stated, “I'd love not to build the wall, but you need the wall.” More importantly, and contrary to left opinion, President Trump promised to sign what he called a “**bill of love**” to extend protections to 800,000 immigrants who entered the United States illegally as children, which in fact are now calculated more than three million. It is time for us not to allow Pharaoh (the liberal left and the media) to continue to keep its slaves fighting among themselves. It is time to stay together in UNITY and make something change in Pharaohs Court of temporary manipulative bills and their divisive rampage tactics fueled with the use of bricks and bottles that keeps us in slavery.

THE ROLE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

As the Church of Jesus Christ, in the midst of it all, we must consider illegals as they are, as human beings that need our help. We can forget for a moment and even forgive those who feel entitled by the fake rubber arm the liberal left has given them to make them feel included as if were real. Above all, we must be sober and rethink our goals as the Church by not necessarily applying capital punishment to illegal immigrants among us. Punishment must be equivalent to the crime committed. What this means is that we should not be unjust and apply the capital punishment equivalent to all illegals, as deportation. By acting as children of God and forgiving, we do not deny other realities, as the reality that there is a good number of criminal element that threatens our nation and our borders that must be addressed, rightfully so, and that **MUST** be deported to protect our citizens. Good illegal citizens agree with this type of deportation as well. Jesus Christ demands compassion within the church. He demands that we forgive others who have trespassed us. Nonetheless, as a matter of order in the Church, he also empowered our Pastors and leaders to ex-communicate those unrepented members who insist on sinning within the church (as the illegal criminal elements). As US citizens and Christians, we should forgive those who have wronged our country by violating immigration laws of civil penalty and remove those who are a direct threat to America and its citizens.

“Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge, to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation” – Dr. Martin Luther King. Let us Make America Great Again!