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1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

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TO PRAY FOR GOVERNMENT SO THAT HIS PURPOSES WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LOUISIANA

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Dear Intercessors,

Please read the below report from [Louisiana Family Forum](#) on a court decision that came down last week. Prayer points are following.

"Daddy"... Reconstructed and Redefined!

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A New York same-sex pair scores victory in Louisiana's birth certificate case. In a move reminiscent of activists in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, Louisiana's 5th Circuit yesterday, issued the most sweeping anti-family opinion in that court's history," ordering Louisiana public records to accommodate an out-of-state adoption of a Louisiana-born child, "Infant J", regardless of whether the New York adoption was considered legal in Louisiana.

The opinion, authored by Judge Jacques Wiener in the case of Adar vs. Smith, demanded that Louisiana public records amend "Infant J's" birth certificate to replace "father and mother" and insert the language "parent and parent." **Bizarre?** Not according to this three judge panel who found that this New York pair had standing to sue Louisiana to impose New York values on Louisiana children and courts. "In Louisiana a birth certificate was formerly a record of birth and parentage. Today it's the political tool of choice to redefine marriage, family, adoption, and states' rights," said LFF President Gene Mills about yesterday's disappointing decision.

The 36 page opinion by Weiner "thoroughly rejected the state's position" and demands that New York adoption policy be given "full faith and credit" in Louisiana adoption and public record procedures. This sweeping opinion will be appealed, according to the Louisiana Attorney General's office, in a en banc petition to a full panel of the 5th circuit and then perhaps writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pray for "Infant J's" safety and protection. Pray for Attorney General Buddy Caldwell and the Assistant Attorney General Kyle Duncan as they prepare to petition the 5th Circuit. Pray for LFF who advocated the fix for this mess in the 2009 legislative session and faced considerable opposition from a few in the Louisiana Senate.

Obviously, the attack on the definition of family is a continuing battle in our nation and now a court in our state has decided that they will try their hand at re-defining family as well. It is becoming very clear that God has been calling us at IFL to pray for the Attorney General, Buddy Caldwell and his staff for a very important reason. It is in the judicial realm where so many of these decisions that affect the entire populace of our state are decided. Often those decisions are without the input of the citizenry and often they affect children who have no voice in the matter at all. This is reminiscence of the whole abortion industry - *the most affected have no voice of their own.*

It is also obvious that when the input of the citizenry was being implemented last year in the legislative session that certain citizen representatives decided that they were not going to let us have a voice on this issue by not permitting a bill which would have solidified the definition of family to be voted on. Below is an excerpt from last July's IFL Newsletter:

HB 60 by Rep. Perry was proposed *to strengthen* Louisiana law dealing with adoption and birth certificates. A current lawsuit in federal court seeks to require Louisiana to list 2 homosexual men as “parents” on a child’s birth certificate.

HB 340 by Rep. Henry places a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot for the voters. The amendment prohibits government infringement of the right of every person to freely express his religious beliefs. It gives protection over religious expression.

Both of these bills died in the Senate without coming to a final vote. The majority of our Senators would have voted favorably for the family in supporting these bills and in fact had on previous occasions. In the final analysis; **Senate President Joel Chaisson did not permit the vote.**

As intercessors, I hope this causes you to be even more committed to pray for our government according to first Timothy 2:1-4 as is our mandate at IFL. We must fight to be in right standing with God; it is what permits Him to show Himself strong on our behalf. Proverbs 3:32 says - “For the crooked man is an abomination to the Lord, but the Lord is intimate (His private counsel is) with the upright.” Oh, that our leaders would be recipients of the private counsel of God!

As we pray for this matter I have a few thoughts for us to ponder. Also, let us remember to have both mercy and truth bound around our necks and written on our hearts as we go before the Throne of Grace. (Proverbs 3:3)

Truth Exodus 20: 12 states: “*Honor your father and your mother that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord God gives you.*” Many studies have been done and concluded that people involved in the homosexual lifestyle shorten their life spans considerably. Could the spiritual root of this natural manifestation be that in the homosexual lifestyle there is a constant dishonoring of the very relationship that brought the man and/or woman into being? Without the father and mother the person would not even exist. That which God instituted brings forth life while homosexuality brings forth death.

Truth Proverbs 8:36 – “*but he who sins against me (wisdom) injures himself and all those who hate me love death.*” The “population control” crowd loves homosexuality because no children are produced and to them more people equals destruction of the planet. These folks also favor abortion emphatically. Surprise, surprise.

Mercy Romans 5:8 states: “*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ Jesus died for us.*” Roman 3:23 – “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” Christians know what mercy is all about. We who deserved hell have been given life through the forgiveness of our sins paid for by the Lord Jesus on a cross. As we pray about these things let us call on the same mercy that saved us to save others as well.

Prayer Points:

- 1) Ask God to extend mercy to those in the homosexual lifestyle that they may be set free. Pray for repentance to be granted to those within this lifestyle.
- 2) Pray that God would redeem the proper role of men and women to children like “Infant J” so that their life can be long on the earth.
- 3) Pray that Louisiana would stand strong on the foundations of family as set forth in God’s Word.
- 4) Pray for the Attorney-General's Office to defend the foundations of the family successfully in Louisiana.

Remember, **Jesus** is The Champion of the World.

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