

IF THE LORD NUDGES.....

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Have you ever felt the Lord nudging you?

He had been gently nudging me for a few days. Every time I walked by the phone (no cell phones in 1983), I felt the Lord whisper, “Call them.” I kept hesitating. Did I really want to get involved? Did I have the time? After all, we had just moved to Plano, and I finally had all three kids in school. Now I was free for several hours during the week to pursue my own interests.

Nudge, nudge.

Little did I realize that when I finally made that call, my life would be changed forever.

Two things happened that day: I became a volunteer at my local crisis pregnancy center encouraging clients to choose LIFE for their unborn babies... and I met Cathie Adams. She, too, was passionate about the LIFE issue, and we became friends.

Fast forward to a year or two later: the CPC closed due to lack of funds. Cathie was



invited to attend an Education Seminar, and I tagged along. The event was sponsored by a group called Texas Eagle Education Forum (TEEF) and was held at a local Dallas hotel. Co-sponsors were Texas Eagle Forum and Dallas Eagle Forum and the keynote speaker was a lady I had never heard of named Phyllis Schlafly. Her book, “Child Abuse in the Classroom,” was featured at the seminar.

The information of what was happening in public education blew me away, as did the articulate and spellbinding speech by Mrs. Schlafly! I learned that concerned parents and citizens had testified at a U.S. Department of Education hearing that public school curriculum was infused with “violent, disturbing books and films; materials emphasizing parental conflict, death, drugs, mental illness and despair; role playing, involving death, pregnancy, abortion, divorce, hate and suicide; explicit pornographic instruction in sex education, and hopelessness resulting from preoccupation with ‘inevitable’ nuclear war.” That was in 1985, folks!

As a result of that seminar, both Cathie and I joined Dallas Eagle Forum, attended monthly meetings and became involved. Having taught in the public schools for several

years, education became my focus. I began reviewing high school English Literature and Health textbooks up for adoption in Texas and wrote reports which were submitted to the State Board of Education for textbook hearings. Some of what I saw in those books matched what the seminar had discussed.

Eagle Forum taught me to speak up in my local school when I saw something that concerned me. I volunteered in the library of my daughter's elementary school, and one book was so popular that I decided it must be a good read. I was appalled when I realized it was a manual on how to commit suicide (at that time Plano was having a rash of teen suicides). I asked the school librarian if she was aware of the content of the book, and she said the American Library Association had given the book a rating of "worthy" so, despite my concern, the book would remain on the shelf. But if I was unhappy, I could talk to the principal. After meeting with the principal and eventually the district's head librarian, the book was moved to the Adult and Parental Approval shelf. That suicide manual for 4th-6th graders was tame compared to what kids are reading today.

While my focus was on education, Cathie stepped up to become president of Dallas Eagle Forum. When her "volunteer" position became a full-time job, she asked me to help with the DEF newsletter and various administrative tasks. Thus began 30 years of involvement with Dallas Eagle Forum and later Texas Eagle Forum.

Through the years, I have seen women and men of all ages soar as Eagles and make a real difference in their communities and state.

They contact their legislators to support conservative issues and hold them accountable when they fail to do the right thing. (Eagles know their facts and present them succinctly and calmly, never in an angry or disrespectful way. The word "gracious" comes to mind.)

They travel to Austin during the legislative sessions to testify on issues of concern.

They write letters-to-the editor to their local newspapers.

They hold events informing the public on the perils of not only public education, but the plan to destroy U.S sovereignty, and the mischief of United Nations' conferences and treaties.

They take criticism and ridicule for reporting on a new disease affecting homosexual men, called AIDS. Years later, as the homosexual agenda becomes mainstream, they fight for privacy for women in public restrooms, dressing rooms, and locker rooms.

They picket Planned Parenthood when learning that organization is coming to their city and endure not-so-friendly gestures from passers-by with a smile and friendly wave.

They attend annual Eagle Councils led by Phyllis Schlafly in St. Louis and Washington, D.C. and glean reams of information to take back to their circles of influence.

They man phone banks and walk their precincts handing out flyers for the candidates of their choice. They are delegates to state conventions and even run for office. Most importantly, they pray together.

When asked why they become involved in politics, Eagles reply, "Because we love God, family, and country. And we want to be able to tell our children and grandchildren that we did everything we could to ensure a brighter future for them and for our beloved nation."



Is the Lord nudging you?
You, too, can become an Eagle and soar with the thousands of members who have shown you the way. Join us as we continue to fight for conservative Judeo-Christian values and keep Texas Strong!

“They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be

**weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”
Isaiah 40:31**