

‘This Is an Esther Moment’: Lou Engle Calls Believers to Fast and Pray for US Supreme Court

Once again, we find ourselves in a life-or-death moment of decision concerning the U.S. Supreme Court and the potential to overturn the 1973 decree of death known as *Roe v. Wade*. We are urging everyone who cares about the future of America to join us in a three-day Esther fast, Aug. 18-21.

In 2004, Bound4LIFE began with the simple prayer, “Jesus, I plead Your blood over my sins and the sins of my nation. God, end abortion and send revival to America.” It is a powerful prayer that has continued to this day, and we believe that the answers of these two epic cries could now come in the same time frame—the ending of the scourge of abortion and the beginning of another Great Awakening. To miss either one would be catastrophic for the future of our nation.

Through the years, the story of Esther has been a dominating prophetic theme for our prayer movement, understanding that *Roe v. Wade* is not unlike Haman’s evil edict that threatened the genocide of Esther’s people. She rose up “for such a time as this,” risking everything to overturn Haman’s death decree. Esther’s story is timeless in the sense that we periodically find ourselves in similar moments that demand intensified prayer and fasting for the sake of shifting wicked circumstances. It is our conviction that America is in another Esther moment.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a tragic decision in the *Dred Scott v. Sanford* case that seemingly sealed the fate of slaves in America. In spite of powerful spiritual

awakenings, we failed to end the bloodshed of slavery. Catastrophe followed, and new estimates show 750,000 lives were lost on the battlefields during the Civil War. We believe the same implications of God's justice still stand today. In essence, He is saying, "If you don't deal with it in your courts, I'll deal with it in mine."

Will the Supreme Court Now Shift?

With the current vacancy on the Supreme Court now in focus, we are calling the body of Christ to understand the full weight of the situation we are facing. We cannot afford to have a new justice seated on the court who would ultimately rule to uphold *Roe v. Wade*.

Proverbs 14:12 teaches, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." So much is at stake. We must rely on clarity from heaven rather than simply doing what we think is right.

When Justice Kennedy announced his retirement from the court on June 27, we remembered how often we had prayed throughout the years for his reformation or resignation, in spite of the fact that a pro-life president appointed him. This is because, in 1992, he infamously switched his vote at the last minute and decided to uphold abortion in the pivotal case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. That decision strengthened *Roe v. Wade* and allowed the abortion total to now soar to more than 60 million lives lost.

Judge Brett Kavanaugh has now been nominated to replace Justice Kennedy. Many are rejoicing over the choice of Judge Kavanaugh; however, we, along with many concerned intercessors, do not yet sense a resounding yes over this choice. He may very well be the man for the job, but then he may not be the right one. We believe in a moment like this, the body of Christ must leave nothing to chance.

Months before Kennedy announced his retirement, Matt Lockett

received a prophetic dream that highlighted another potential choice. In his dream, Karen Pence—wife to Vice President Mike Pence—was summoned to say whom she thought the next justice on the Supreme Court should be. However, she was unsure of whom to recommend. In the dream, Matt grabbed her by the shoulders and said to her in very focused words, “Remember the name Amy Barrett.”

Imagine our excitement when it was reported in recent weeks that Judge Barrett was among the short list of potential nominees. Even though the president did not select Judge Barrett for the current vacancy on the court, it is our conviction that she must not be forgotten. Perhaps she will be raised up in the days ahead as a replacement for Ginsburg or someone else. We will continue to stand in faith and declare to the spiritual realm over the president, the Senate, and all involved, “Remember the name Amy Barrett!”

An Esther Movement Will Rise Up

In March 2017, Lou Engle dreamed of a movement in which women gathered from all around to hear a woman teach the book of Esther. In the dream, she pointed to the text and said, “These two words mean Nazgul.” You may recall from the movie series *The Lord of the Rings*, the Nazgul witch king was destroying the armies of men, and he boasted, “No man can kill me!” It was the maiden of Rohan who confronted the Nazgul on the battlefield. She pulled off her helmet and declared, “I am no man,” as she pierced him through with her sword.

Waking from that dream, Lou understood there are certain spirits of witchcraft and death that can only be broken by women, and he knew that “Esthers” must arise to challenge legalized bloodshed that fuels witchcraft over the whole nation.

Around that time, witches worldwide rose up to curse the president of the United States. In response, we called a

three-day Esther fast, which quickly spread around the world. We believe that fast strategically broke something in the spiritual realm that was necessary at that time. Later in the year, women were called to the Rise Up gathering in Washington, D.C., and more than 30,000 women rallied on the National Mall to represent a corporate Esther. They made their appeal to the high court of heaven to overrule the Supreme Court of earth. That challenge continues today as we enter a new season of seeing the U.S. Supreme Court shift.

A Call to Fast Like Esther and Mordecai

Immediately following Justice Kennedy's retirement announcement, something quite revealing began to take place—something you won't hear about in the news. Sources revealed that witches began making phone calls to senators' offices to curse them with brazen witchcraft in an effort to exert a demonic influence over the process. Make no mistake—this is a spiritual battle of the highest order.

Therefore, we are calling *all believers*—mothers, fathers, sons and daughters—to fast like Esther, Mordecai and their people did in the time of crisis.

While we do not yet have clarity of revelation concerning the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh, the Scriptures charge us to bind (or disallow) and loose (allow) on earth in cooperation with heaven (-19; 18:18). We are calling a three-day Esther fast to stand in the gap on behalf of the nation and disallow anyone from being confirmed to the Supreme Court who will not ultimately reverse Roe v. Wade. We declare life over this empty seat and reserve it for God's choice.

We have seen nominees rise and fall as well as seen multiple vacancies open up at the same time. We believe God's purposes are now pressing in to bring about a prophesied shift on the court. Would you stand with us now to look beyond the current vacancy and believe for yet another justice to retire or be removed?

We urge you to join us—along with thousands of believers—beginning the evening of for a three-day Esther fast.

A unified cry will shake the heavens. Together, we will possess this seat for God's choice, for someone who will uphold the Constitution and for the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

If you read this and your heart burns to see breakthrough, then help us mobilize the fast far and wide. It's time to rise up again!

Again, the Esther Fast will be: Aug. 18-21, 2018. For more information, visit: . {eoa}

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