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Dear friends:

It took my pastor this morning to help me put two and two together. I'm sure many of you share the same feeling I do: there needs to be a strong, constant and decisive military response to this week's horrific attacks. We have to seek and destroy, and president Bush seems to be on the right track. But there is something missing.

Among the cries of "how could something like this happen", or "how could God allow this to happen", as well as "God bless America", we need to ask ourselves, really, really, why did this happen, and are we safe from future destruction? Sure, the evil is out there. That is clear. We have this enemy, and if we do not destroy the terrorists, they will strike again. But more importantly, how does the U.S. stand as a nation? If this is a Christian nation, a nation under God, as it is supposed to be, then we sure should have little to worry about, right? How can we be destroyed if we have God on our side? The question should be, are we on God's side?

Did you know that the first textbook ever in public schools was the Bible? Did you know that the laws that were crafted by the Founders had their roots in the Bible? The Continental Congress prayed for hours on end, day after day, trying to receive inspiration. The result: the Constitution; the United States of America. All you have to do is read what the Founders had to say, what they believed in. The historical record is clear, this nation is a Christian nation, a nation that does not proclaim or support a "national religion" (which is what would-be Americans escaped from), but a nation whose Founders never intended to get rid of God in their government (a far cry from today's state of affairs). And by the way, I'm not talking about any god: not about Allah or Buddha or whoever, but about our Christian God!

Today, we are not allowed to speak about God in any public place. It seems Americans are scared to offend anybody, and in the process self-destruct by stripping their country from her Christian inheritance. Students no longer are allowed to do the patriotic thing of pledging allegiance to the stars and stripes, like they once did not too long ago every day before class started. Remember? "We pledge allegiance to this flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God....." how sad is that. The list of things America does and allows (or does not do) that goes against every Christian principle this nation was founded on, is too long.

So do we have the right, as a nation, to ask God to bless this great country, and to ask why He has forsaken us, or more yet, to ask Him to protect us from future destruction? Now, first of all, I'm no scholar, but in the book of Jeremiah, Jerusalem ignored warning after warning not to forget God, but as they continued, God eventually removed his protective hand and Jerusalem was conquered by Babylon (which by the way today we know as Baghdad, Iraq). The mighty Jerusalem, which up until then had His protection, fell. God begged Jerusalem to obey Him, but Jerusalem chose not to and thus had to pay the price. Do you want details showing the similarities between Jerusalem then and what is happening to America today? Read that book. I will. If America does not return to her old glory and to the side of God, then no matter how strong this nation's army is, it will not be enough. Military action I am convinced is necessary, but it must go in conjunction with national repentance to truly, once again, become a nation under God.

That is what I think and what I wanted to share. I hope I articulated it semi-ok. I'm not a U.S. citizen (yet), but I dare say I feel American and would fight and die for this country and what it stands for. Let's do whatever we can to restore it.

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