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Twelve minutes of observations. That is, America is the hope for the world. When a teacher leaves a 4th grade, things go haywire. When America refuses to lead, people can arbitrarily decapitate people and no one does anything about it. There can only be one leader in the world. Traditionally, that's the way it is. In our booklets last meeting we had the quote that said, "The British Empire is weakening. Nature abhors a vacuum. One nation will succeed it and I shall use all of my energies to see that that is the United States of America." – Teddy Roosevelt, 1904. During the American century, America has lead unlike any other nation—the most generous spot in the world. When a tsunami hits the largest Muslim nation on earth, to whom do they turn? They turn to the Christian Americans that come to their aid. When a plane disappears of the Himalayas, to whom do they turn? When a ship is attacked on the high seas, to whom do they turn? To the 325,000 Americans who wear the uniform of the United States Navy. This happened over 300 times last year. America is a standard for righteousness in the world and when America doesn't lead, we see what happens. There are people around the world that are praying that we choose the proper leadership to restore order.

Now, the question that is right in front of us that maybe times are really hard and it's complicated and maybe we can't do much. I want to take two quick examples and then we'll call it a night.

July 4, 1776, 56 men came up with an idea that no one had ever implemented before. They decided that because God had made them that they were endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among those are life—anybody comes along and tells you I don't want government involved in, you're in the wrong country, honey, it says right there on our birth certificate, to secure these rights this is what government does to secure life—liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They knew what they were doing when they signed it, they were risking everything. John Adams is the sponsor of the bill. He was able to speak and he said, "I give my heart and my hand to this vote." It's true that in the beginning we aimed not at independence but there's a Divinity that shapes our ends. Obstinacy of England has persisted until now independence is within our reach. We have but to reach forth for it and it is ours. We may not live to see the time when this Declaration shall be made good. We may die; die Colonists, die slaves, die ignominiously and on the scaffold. Be it so. Be it so. But if it be the pleasure of Heaven that my country shall require the poor offering of my life, this victim shall be ready.... But while I do live, let me have a country, or at least the hope of a country, and that a free country."

Now this is what a visionary does. He's looking down to us today. He said, "Through the thick gloom of the present, I see the brightness of the future as the dawn in heaven. We shall make this a glorious, an immortal day. When we are in our graves, our children will celebrate it with festivities, with illuminations, and bonfires. They will shed tears, copious, gushing tears, not of subjection and slavery, not of agony and distress, but of exaltation and of gratitude and of joy. Sir, I believe the hour has come. I give my heart and my hand to this vote, all that I have, all that I am, and all that I hope for in this life; I am ready here to leave upon it and I leave off as I began, that sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, I am for the Declaration. Independence now and independence forever."

And so, with just hope they risked everything and you know the consequences, They very solemnly were signing and Benjamin Franklin broke the silence by saying that if we don't hang together we'll hang separately. They went after each one. They attacked John Heart's farm. He and his nine children fled in every direction for their very lives. He returned home six weeks later to find his wife dead, his property gone, and he died six weeks later of a broken heart.

People in our founding risked everything to develop a place that we now enjoy but there were no victories in '76. Massachusetts and New York, you remember as they were being chased across the Hudson, the Lord kept a covering right there under the nose of the British fleet until they all escaped and they made it down to Valley Forge for the winter. They have lost all their weapons, all their supplies. They had been abandoned by everyone except 7,400 men were still laying around there in the cold on the ground cold and George Washington said in a letter to his cousin at Mount Vernon, "I fear this is just about up." He knew it was just about over, they had had no victories and everyone had abandoned them. It is now Christmastime— December 1776—and unless there is a reason, by January 1st the army is gone. Their enlistments are up January 1st which is the only reason they're hanging around. Benjamin Rush had been praying, founder of the American Bible Society. He comes down to see his friend George Washington and he said, "We must do something." They decided that they would could down and cross the Delaware River nine miles away to Trenton, New Jersey, where there was a cash of supplies and armaments where the Hessians were assembled. They knew if they didn't have a victory, there would be nothing left. And so, they put out the word. The crossword will be victory or death. Then George Washington said, "How many of you can stand with me?" Only 2,500 could stand and march. He said this the night there were about to go. "Post none but Americans on guard tonight."

They all have birth certificates. My goodness, they all have the uniform of the country. Being an American is spiritual. You and I can't be Japanese or Chinese but anybody can become American because that's a spiritual commitment and belief. I'll elaborate on it some other time but the fact is that of all the people there he said, "Post none but the Americans." That's the people in this room that know what this country is about. They got up and marched as best they good. Their shoes, made of leather, cracked and fell apart. They wrapped burlap around their feet. You could follow them by the blood in the snow. He only lost two soldiers in the battle, they both froze to death on the march. There were crossing the Delaware to attack on Christmas morning as soon as day break would come but they didn't make it. They didn't even get there until noon and they were going to have to attack in broad daylight. They went down and had the battle. Only six were wounded, one of the sixth President of the United States, James Monroe, was only 21 years old. He unfortunately was hit at an artery that began to spirt and they noticed and stuffed it shut. Nineteen year old Alexander Hamilton, who would become the greatest and the first Secretary of the Treasury. James Madison, 21 years old, 11 years later, would become the father of the American Constitution. They had a tremendous victory; 22 dead, 83 wounded, captured over 1,000 soldiers, but more than that, they captured food and supplies. Then, with that, a hopefulness swept throughout the colonies and Americans came to their aid and because of the leadership, in the darkest of times, because of the leadership America continued to be born.

We could talk about time after time that it happened. They made the compromise of the Constitution in which they said that they could have slavery for 20 years after America as a nation was founded; 1787, 1797, 1807, then on the first day they could end slavery, January 1, 1808, slavery was ended, quarantined, ended the slave trade. It would be no more. It was happy. It was going to wither and die. John Quincy Adams was elected in 1824, In 1826, his second year of his term in office, his father, John Adams, died on July 4th, his friend Thomas Jefferson died. The country was well underway but in an election of 1828, they chose for the first time, not only a person west of the Alleghenies, but a person who actually believed and favored slavery. He, a slave trader, Andrew Jackson came to Washington, the founder of the modern Democrat party and instituted the spoils system. He fired all these people from Washington, Adams, and Jefferson and brought his own people in. They had a big party in the White House the Inaugural night, took the furniture, chopped it up, and burned it in the fireplace, had a 1,200 pound cheese in the lobby. People ate it, it got into the wood, people said it smelled in the White House for 10 years. The importantly thing is that he changed the direction to allow the expansion of slavery that began to rip at America. The Jacksonian era, during that 30 years, began to fight and then they had a Supreme Court decision. First of all, they passed the fugitive slave act which said this: anybody up north, when somebody comes and says, "That's my slave," we'll go to court and find out. The folks up north wouldn't give them their slave back.

They had a trial by jury and jury would say, "No. We believe in freedom." The Democrats passed the fugitive slave act that said all you have to do is walk up and tap somebody on the shoulder and that person will immediately be denied habeas corpus rights, you can lock them up, they can't be given a trial by jury, and if the policeman refuses to lock him up, he can be fined in today's terms \$28,000. The country began to wobble and so they went to the Supreme Court. In 1857, the Supreme Court gave the famous *Dred Scott* decision, in violation of everything our Declaration had said, that people of color; that they were cattle, could be bought and sold like furniture and they were so happy and thought that they were successful. They had now reversed everything that had been done but they were wrong. That was the straw that broke the camel's back because America rose up with a vengeance, the Republican Party was born, took control of the northern legislature, elected a president, and put an end to it such that it has never been able to come back again. Now, it was difficult and complicated but because it got its freedom, 30 years later, the United States of America had their largest economy and their highest standard of living in history.

We could talk about what happened in the 1930s when Franklin Roosevelt came in and confiscated the gold, took all those beautiful American \$20 gold pieces, the symbol of stable currency around the globe designed by Teddy Roosevelt with his big gold eagle and "In God We Trust," melted them all down and made it illegal to possess one. At that point we could say, "What has happened to America?" Large rallies in Times Square and Chicago, communism was on the rise, it looked like America had lost its way, and yet, because of the leadership, people who prayed, stood for what was right, by the 1950s America was dominating and leading the world.

Finally, the one that I would refer to is in our lifetime. You and I remember what it was like in the 1970s. Everything was wrong; you find a house with a 70s bathroom, green and orange shag carpet, the architecture was terrible, the music was obnoxious, the hair styles were ridiculous, the shoes should be put on display for silliness, and we chose a lack of leadership in the White House. The first thing he did was go to Notre Dame and side we need to get over our inordinate fear of communism. He began to apologize for what America was and had become. Our adversaries saw the advantage of that, they began the march, and by three years into his term, America had 18 percent inflation, 22 percent interest rates. They had all these regulations. They said if you have the audacity to produce oil we are going to tax you twice as much anything else. So people said alright, we won't do that and we had gas lines so you got gas based upon the last number of your license plate. Being a liberal means you never have to say sorry so when it was my fault you say, "Well this is just the way it's going to be. You need to learn to live with less; wear your sweater, ride your bicycle, America is coming to an end next Tuesday, and there isn't anything anybody can do about it." The head of the Council of Economic Advisors, the chief cheerleader for the American economy, Alfred Cony, said, "The question of the 1980s is not whether or not America will have a declining standard of living, the question is whether or not Americans will learn to adapt to their declining standard of living." The Conference on African Unity invited the head of the Soviet Union as their conference leader. He said, "Because what we [the Soviet Union] are doing by the end of this decade (1989), we will be able to work our will any place on the planet because the coalition of forces—economic, military, and political—are on the side of socialism and communism." Economically, America had lost its way. Militarily, it was even worse; a third of all of the people in the military used drugs, only airplane in six met standards, they cannibalized them just to make them work. Politically, we had a President that apologized for us and people felt it was over, America is finished, learn to live with less because that's going to be our future.

John Wayne died that fall of 1980. On November 3, 1980, a former governor of California went on nationwide television and said I have a magazine here with John Wayne's picture and below it says America's last hero. He said I knew John Wayne. John Wayne was a friend of mine and no one would be more offended at that title than John Wayne. He said, "There's nothing wrong with this country that proper leadership can't cure," and he began to go through it step by step by step. Because he was an

outspoken conservative, he barely squeaked by against the second incumbent President that has been defeated in 100 years, by only carrying 44 states. Then he systematically began to undo the errors of the past.

Here's what happens. When you do the right thing, it corrects itself very rapidly. Don Hoedel, the past president of CNP, took all those regulations on oil and gas, threw them in the Potomac, killed the fish, and freed the country. It cut the taxes—now, 70 percent federal tax, 10 percent state, 3 percent local—what does that mean when you cut taxes? It means that if you invest you can lose your money but if you're successful, the government would take 83 cents and give you 17 and you say that's not worth the risk. By cutting taxes from 70 percent to 35 and you have a 48 percent tax rate that means that if I risk I get to keep at least half of it. By doing that, people began to take money out of gold that was \$832 an ounce, dropped to \$300 and began to put it back in the capital and financial markets and we began to create jobs more rapidly than anywhere on earth. A nation that was supposedly washed up and finished over the next 8 years, three out of every four jobs created on this planet were created in one country, the United States of America.

Liz and I were elected in 1980 and we had to drive back and forth between there and Hillsboro, Ohio six times between the first of November and the middle of January. We knew that there were no filling stations between Washington, D.C. and Hillsboro, Ohio that were open after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. If you didn't have a full tank of gas before 3 o'clock you weren't going to make it home. When we went home for Easter Liz was asleep on the seat. We live in Hillsboro, Ohio, and there's a hill. We're going up the hill to the town square and there's three filling stations at 11:30 at night, all three of them lit up. I woke her up and said, "Look, had we not won, that wouldn't have happened." Because of the proper leadership, by 1989 when we were supposed to be finished and the Soviets can work their will anywhere on the planet, the entire world is chanting "USA, USA, USA." The wall comes down. Liz and I were in the Kremlin the day they decided to do away with the Soviet Union. It wasn't in the cards, it wasn't obligated.

Leadership makes the difference and I'm here to say there's nothing wrong with this country that proper leadership can't cure. Half of all the people on earth today live on less than \$2 a day. Half of those, that'd be a fourth, live on less than \$1 a day. The second richest spot on earth is western Europe—France, Germany, Britain. In America we have a level in which we will not permit a person to sink. You come to this country, put your feet up on a park bench, gripe and moan about the country, we will bury you will stamps for food, a roof over your head, a bed to sleep in, air conditioning. A person living in poverty in America is more likely to have a telephone, a television, and air conditioner, an automobile, eats more meat, and has more square footage space than the average resident of the second richest spot on earth, Western Europe.

America works when it has the proper leadership but right now we've gone back in the ditch again with our military, with our economy, we have the highest capital gains tax in the world, we have the highest corporate tax rates in the world. My sister has the last manufacturing firm in her industry in America. When she was meeting with her association in Shanghai last year, all of her competitor are now in China and they hate it. They'd be home any time they could if they financially afford it, if they were allowed to. They hate the corruption, they hate everything about it. If America were to cut its taxes on businesses just 30 or 40 percent, we would not only begin to create jobs, we would suck jobs from around the world. Over the last eight months American has pumped more oil than any nation on earth, number one in natural gas, and number one in coal. This nation could be energy independent any day that we get a President that wants to be.

We are on the verge of great potential if we have the leadership to do it. That's where you and I come in. CNP will play a major role as to who does this and the world needs us. It is an economic battle that we

can solve, a military battle which we could correct, but it's a spiritual battle because America stands for righteousness in the world. Scripture says that if you conquer a city, you must bind the strong man. There is only one strong man in the world and that is America because we believe that each one is unique. At the end of World War II, after D-Day, we marched and were almost into Germany and over Christmas they took everything they had in an offensive called the Battle of the Bulge in which they literally overran the American lines, Americans were caught behind the enemy with no communication, no supplies, but they understood what freedom was and could think and act for themselves. They went after the bridges and the supplies and people said after World War II, the Allies had a secret weapon—the American GI. That's who Americans are. Americans write more books, more plays, more symphonies, more copyrights, more inventions than the rest of the world combined – the lightbulb, the telegraph, the telephone, the internet, the global positioning system. And so, on September 11, 2001, our enemies did something that had never been done before. There had been hijackings before, we knew what those were like. That's where you go to Cuba, spend the night, take pictures, and fly back. But somehow, these people were not only interested in killing you, but killing themselves as well. That had never happened before. Two planes into the World Trade Center, one plane into the White House. Anybody who has been in a cockpit before knows you can't see down. You can see out but you can't see down. Three times they passed over the White House and they can't find it so they go to the alternate source, the Pentagon. Then, the fourth one was to come up the mall and take out the dome, the symbol of freedom for the United States. Three paragraphs and I'm done.

The 9/11 report simply said this, "At 9:57 the passenger assault began. Several passengers describing that plane had terminated phone calls with loved ones in order to join the revolt." They discovered what was going on and everything in the world had changed. They had to think and act for themselves. "One caller ended the message with 'Everyone's running to first class, I must go now. Goodbye.' The cockpit recorder captured the sounds of the passenger assault muffled by the intervening cockpit door." They knew that if they didn't do something, Americans at home would be at risk. "Some family members who listened to the recording report that they can hear the voice of their loved ones among the all of the den. We cannot identify the voices that can be heard but the assault was sustained. In response, Jarrah immediately began to roll the plane to the left and to the right attempting knock the passengers off balance. At 9:58:57 Jarrah told another hijacker in the cockpit to block the door. Jarrah continued to roll the airplane sharply left and right, but the assault continued. At 9:59:52, Jarrah changed tactics and pitched the nose of the airplane up and down to disrupt the assault. The recorder captured the sounds of loud thumps, crashed, shout, and breaking glasses and plates. At 10:00:03, Jarrah stabilized the airplane. Five seconds later, Jarrah asked, "Is that it? Shall we finish it off?" A hijacker responded, "No. Not yet. When they all come, we finish it off." The sounds of fighting continued outside the cockpit. Again, Jarrah pitched the nose of the aircraft up and down. At 10:00:26, a passenger said, "In the cockpit. If we don't we'll die!" Sixteen seconds later, a passenger yelled, "Roll it!" Jarrah stopped the violent maneuver at about 10:01:00 and said, "Allah is the greatest! Allah is the greatest!" He then asked another hijacker in the cockpit, "Is that it? I mean, shall we put it down? To which the other replied, "Yes, put it in it, and pull it down." The passengers continued their assault and at 10:02:03, a hijacker said, "Pull it down! Pull it down!" The hijackers remained at the controls but must have judged that the passengers were only second from overcoming them. The airplane headed down; the control wheel was turned hard to the right. The plane rolled onto its back and one of the hijackers began shouting "Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest." When the sounds of the passenger counter-attack continued, the aircraft plowed into an empty field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 580 miles per hour, about 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C. Jarrah's objective was to crash the airliner into the symbols of the American Republic, the Capitol or the White House. He was defeated by the alerted, unarmed Americans of United flight 93."

The world needs America. We are on the threshold of a Supreme Court decision that, Dr. Dobson, I am ambivalent about, I am of the suspicion that this, just like the 1857 decision, might be the straw that breaks the camel's back, that makes the 70 percent of people get out of their pews and into the polls. This

country has been wagged by one and a half inches of the tail, the one and a half percent for too long. America needs CNP and CNP needs your leadership and together we will stand with those who built this greatest hope for mankind, took it through its darkest days, and can restore, and will restore it again. God bless.

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