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WHERE HAVE ALL THE ROLE MODELS GONE? Young People Need Positive Influences

This is the first of a three-part series.

Part 1: Nick Jonas and The Jonas Brothers

The Jonas Brothers. Remember when the teen band was one of the few that could be considered “family friendly?” Parents could allow their children to attend a Jonas Brothers concert knowing their impressionable offspring would not be subjected to vulgar lyrics. There would be no dirty dancing. The event would certainly be free of obscene gestures. In addition, parents knew most of the others in the crowd would share their morals and nothing at the event would contradict those values.



The Early Days: Nick, Joe, Kevin

There was another reason parents were happy to send their offspring to a Jonas Brothers concert. The three siblings, from Wyckoff, N.J., were raised by Christian parents and they reflected biblical teaching. In fact, each wore a promise ring (also known as a chastity ring or purity ring), signifying an intention to remain a virgin until after marriage. Needless-to-say, the overt wearing of such rings left the band open to ridicule.

Formed in 2005, the band was made up of Kevin Jonas (b. November 1987), Joe Jonas (b. August 1989) and Nick Jonas (b. September 1992). A younger brother, Frankie, is not in the entertainment industry.

My True Love Waits Commitment

Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate and my future children, to a lifetime of purity including sexual abstinence from this day until I enter a Biblical marriage relationship.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I Pledge: Wearers of a purity ring make a commitment to God, the signer, the signer's family, the signer's future mate, and the signer's future children.

The Jonas Brothers signed with Hollywood Records, a subsidiary of boycott target The Walt Disney Company.

The original band name, J₃, was dropped before the release of their first album in 2006. The group disbanded in 2013 and each began to pursue a solo career.

The talent is not limited to music. In August 2007 the trio made a guest appearance on the popular Disney Channel series *Hannah Montana*. Knowing when to capitalize on a good thing, The Walt Disney Company began production on *Jonas Brothers: Living the Dream*. First aired in May 2008, the reality show followed the brothers on a concert tour. In June 2008, the Disney Channel aired an original movie, *Camp Rock*, in which the three played in a band but they were not related.

At the same time, the Disney Channel took steps to create a new series featuring the brothers. Simply titled *Jonas* (later changed to *Jonas L.A.*), the show ran for just two seasons (2009-2010). *Jonas L.A.* was about three brothers who are members of the same band. (No stretch there.) It focused on the balancing act between spending time on music versus “normal” life. Some critics likened *Jonas L.A.* to the 1960s series *The Monkeys* and *The Partridge Family* from the 1970s.

So what’s not to love about the Jonas Brothers? Clean, wholesome and not afraid to express positive values.

That was then. This is now.



Before the Fight: Nick Jonas as “Nate Kulina” in *Kingdom*

Most post-Jonas Brothers success has been experienced by Nick Jonas. This past fall, he was a guest on the liberal *HuffPost Live* where Jonas spoke about his role in the DirecTV (a subsidiary of AT&T) series, *Kingdom*. He plays the son of the lead character—a former Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighter turned trainer struggling to keep his gym open while maintaining relationships with his sons. Jonas prepared for his role in *Kingdom* by spending many months in the gym. After all, the son of the lead character is also an MMA fighter.

More than a few eyebrows have been raised regarding Jonas’ character in the drama. He has appeared nude in

several episodes. Jonas is unconcerned that he is going against his faith by doing the racy scenes.



Purity Ring: "True Love Waits"

During the *HuffPost Live* interview, Jonas was asked about his promise ring, the absence of which was noticed by the program host. "This is a real growth in me and not something I'm doing anymore," Jonas said of the promise ring. "But I've got my set of values, things that are important to me now at this point in my life and that's all that matters."

In other words, public talk about sexual experiences is a sign of personal growth. An unwillingness to do so signifies a lack of growth (immaturity). It appears that once out from under the direct influence of his Christian parents, Nick Jonas has fallen (or sprinted) into the dark side of the entertainment industry. The same has happened to an untold number of innocent young people who have chosen to pursue a career in Hollywood.

The change in Jonas has not been limited to a promise ring; it is a reflection of a deeper conversion. "I've had an incredibly intense journey with faith and religion and my own growth," said Jonas. "My belief in God is still very strong and important to me as a person and I think that's all that should matter. I grew up in a church environment and still have love for the church."

Jonas still has "love" for the church and says a belief in God is "all that should matter." Every mature Christian knows it is easy to see the role God plays in a person's life by behavior and spoken words. Jonas is doing that which is contrary to God's law. Should his statements regarding God, faith and spiritual "growth" be given any credibility under such circumstances? We must not be *judgmental*, but we do need to use *good judgment*.



Jonas on The Wendy Williams Show

In an appearance on *The Wendy Williams Show*, the very first question was about the promise ring. Jonas made it clear he no longer wears it because of a change in his spiritual life and its corresponding lifestyle. Jonas said he did not regret wearing the ring or sharing his virginity with the masses, but he had felt pressured to do so.

"I think it was an important part of my childhood and it was that," Jonas continued. "As I grew up, I sort of figured out what was important to me and my own belief system. We all grow up and we all live life and find out what's important to us, that's what happened. I went on

that journey myself and I'm now comfortable with who I am and what I believe in and I'm an adult."

The obvious (inappropriate) next question from Williams regarded Jonas' sexual experience. She asked if he is still a virgin. "No..." Jonas responded. "I'm an adult in all ways." The studio audience responded with uproarious applause. (Nick Jonas has finally grown up!) Jonas did not mind sharing his virginity with the whole world; nor does he mind sharing his sexual experience with the whole world. After the episode aired, countless numbers of newspapers and magazines printed stories with titles such as, "Nick Jonas admits he's no longer a Virgin."

Jonas is essentially saying he acted like a young teenager when he was a young teenager, but now that he is an adult, he can completely change how he once behaved. Purity is for kids. Sex outside of marriage is for adults. Following the teachings of Jesus is for kids. *Professing* a belief in a "god" is for adults. Speaking without profanity is for kids. Using vulgar language (in and out of the recording studio) is for adults. Sickening and true.

Why do people feel free to ask another person such a question? Should not information about an individual's sexual life be discussed and/or divulged on a "need to know" basis? For example, Deidra asks John if he is "still" a virgin. John's response? "If I'm in a sexual relationship with you, Deidra, you already know the answer. If we are not in a sexual relationship, you do not need to know." Deidra is just a snoop and gossip. Yet it is still considered a subject and question for casual conversation—among family, friends, and virtually anyone else.

In addition to music and acting, Nick Jonas has signed with modeling agency Wilhelmina International Inc. The introductory text of a Jonas photoshoot is quite telling:

Recently-crowned Wilhelmina model and music superstar, Nick Jonas, sheds his clothes for Yu Tsai's lens for his up-close-and-personal, solo cover story in *Flaunt Magazine's* "Grind Issue"... Jonas channels Mark "Marky Mark" Wahlberg's iconic 90's Calvin Klein underwear campaign in different states of undress.

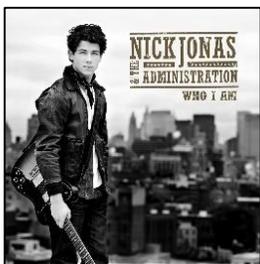


Flaunt Cover: "The Grind Issue" features the piece on Nick Jonas.

Nick Jonas continued to show the "new" him during an interview with *Flaunt*, which was published late last year. Tagert Ellis was about to begin the interview. "I'm ten seconds away from asking Nick Jonas if he wants people to have sex to his music," she wrote. "Suddenly, he tells me that he wants people to have sex to his music." Ellis noted her enthusiasm that she and her subject were of the same mind. "I think it's amazing! It's great," Jonas said. "It's two beautiful things colliding."

Needless-to-say, Jonas' foray into modeling was covered by newspapers and magazines worldwide. Most of these articles expressed great approval of the changes Jonas has made in his life. The title of an article in *People* is a good example of what faced readers. "Nick Jonas Bares Almost All (and Grabs His Crotch, of Course) in New Photo Shoot: See the Provocative Shots." Not surprising yet shocking at the same time.

While Nick Jonas is busy acting and modeling, his work in music continues. He formed the band Nick Jonas & The Administration, which released an album in 2010 titled, "Who I Am." His first solo album (*Nick Jonas*) hit stores late last year. A music video for a song on the new album, "Jealous," opens with Jonas riding down a desert highway on a motorcycle. He passes a road sign that reads, "Leaving Childhood." Yes, that is a message.



"Who I Am" by Nick Jonas & The Administration

According to Ellis, the song and video are intended "to underscore Jonas' move away from what people might expect of him..." (Mission accomplished.) She continued her analysis by saying the video "plays out sort of like a childhood sex dream...perhaps appropriately, it's a song you can totally imagine someone losing their virginity to."

With simultaneous work in three disciplines, it stands to reason that Nick Jonas would appear on many talk shows and attend charity events, photoshoots, interviews, press junkets, and so forth. One of Jonas' favorite charities is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), a group on the "Charities Behaving Badly" list published by LDI. He has also teamed up with boycott target Bayer AG, serving as its "diabetes ambassador." Jonas was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 13.

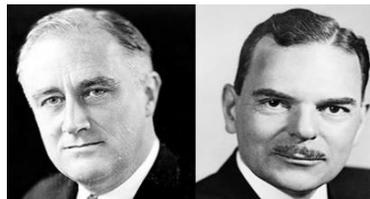
Part 2: Joe Jonas and The Jonas Brothers will be in the July-August 2016 edition of *The Caleb Report*.

ELECTION 2016 AND THE MAKING OF HISTORY

Message, wealth, and celebrity have combined to create a political whirlwind. We are about to witness history in the making. Regardless of who wins in November, there will be several "firsts."

Donald Trump will turn 70 years old in mid-June, which would make him the oldest candidate elected to the nation's highest office. At 69, Hillary Clinton would be the second oldest, just behind William Henry Harrison.

Both candidates come from the same state (New York), albeit an "adopted," opportunistic state for Clinton. This has not happened since 1944, when incumbent Franklin D. Roosevelt squared off against Thomas E. Dewey.



New York, New York: Roosevelt won 53.4% of the vote, 36 of 48 states, and 432 of 531 Electoral Votes, in his battle with Dewey.

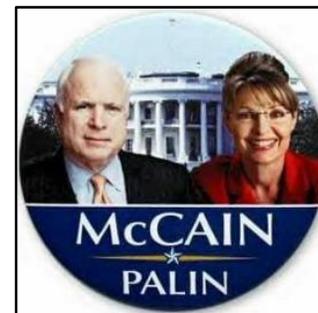
Not only were the two charismatic leaders from the same state, they held the same office. Dewey, a Republican, was governor of New York when he ran for president. Roosevelt, a Democrat, had served as governor from 1929 to 1932. He, too, ran for president while still serving as chief executive of what was then the most populace state. Roosevelt was sworn in as the 32nd president in March 1933.

It has been more than 60 years since a presidential candidate without experience in elective office had been elected. A Trump win would break this record, which is currently held by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Of course, it could be argued that Eisenhower had some "experience in government" since he served as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in World War II.

If Trump is wins, we could be looking at the least amount of money spent by a winning candidate in decades. He spent \$49 million through the end of March, of which \$39 million was his own money. Clinton, on the other hand, spent \$187 million in the same period.

The most obvious first is that no major political party has ever nominated a woman for the top job. Clinton could become the first woman elected president. "I have no problem with a woman being president of the United States," said LDI President Douglas R. Scott, Jr. "But I certainly do not want *this* woman."

Two women have been candidates for *vice* president. In 1984 Democrats nominated liberal Rep. Geraldine Ferraro of New York. She ran with liberal U.S. Senator Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota. The pair had the great misfortune of running against the virtually unbeatable Reagan/Bush ticket.



DOUBLE LOSS: Neither campaign was successful.

Everyone will recall that in 2008, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, a conservative Republican, ran in the second spot with moderate U.S. Senator John McCain of Arizona. (McCain has not made a secret of the fact that he blames Palin for the electoral defeat, as though she intentionally

sabotaged the campaign. In reality, McCain is the responsible party. After all, he is the one who selected a running-mate. If “blame” were warranted—and it is not—McCain should be pointing a finger at himself, show Palin some respect and stop using her as a scape-goat. Such behavior is unwarranted, ungodly and, frankly, childish.)

It may sound ridiculous but some voters have rather strange ways of decided for whom they will vote. Some vote for a candidate because the politician, if successful, will make history. And they want to be party to making history. When Barack Obama sought the presidency in 2008, he ran as a black man, even though he is as white as he is black. Yet Obama’s strategy was a good one. Many people wanted to help put the first black nominee into the Oval Office. Some even said they voted for Obama to “prove” they were “not racist.”



Obama in the arms of his mother (!); Obama was raised by his maternal grandparents

As shallow as it is to cast a vote based on skin color—practice that would be assailed by all races—it happens on a regular basis. How many people will back Clinton for no other reason than she will make history if she becomes the first female president? Oh, some will surely vote for Clinton to “prove” they are not sexist?

So history has been made and more is to come. But this is of no concern to people who actually care about issues. Thankfully, pro-life men and women care about issues.

MOTHER’S DAY

Happy Mother’s Day! We have found a poem that pretty much says it all. It begins, “To Mom”:

Your hands were always gentle
 When you wipe away my tears
 Your arms always a comfort
 As you hold me through the years

Mom I'd like to tell you
 That even as I've grown
 You still place my needs
 High above your own

Don't think I failed to see
 How very much you did for me
 The love we shared as you guided my way
 Words of thanks, I rarely bothered to convey

If I could go back and choose my mother
 For me, only the best would do
 And I wouldn't change a thing
 For the best mother in the world is you

Okay, the poem does not quite say it all. But when talking about mothers, is that even possible?

FATHER’S DAY

LDI’s president recently wrote about his father, Douglas R. Scott, Sr., on Facebook. We think you will like it:

My father thinks he’s still a U.S. Marine. (“Once a Marine, always a Marine.”) He has been blinded by macular degeneration and is battling Parkinson’s disease. And he’s dealing with both just like a U.S. Marine—bravery, strength and determination beyond anything I’ve ever seen; taking each day as they come. My dad even still has his sense of humor.

If I had just one-tenth of the character and strength this man has, I’d still be doing better than 90 percent of the population. I could not be more proud of the way he’s handling every challenge.

God may want to teach my dad some things as a blind man that would have been missed as a man who can see with his eyes.

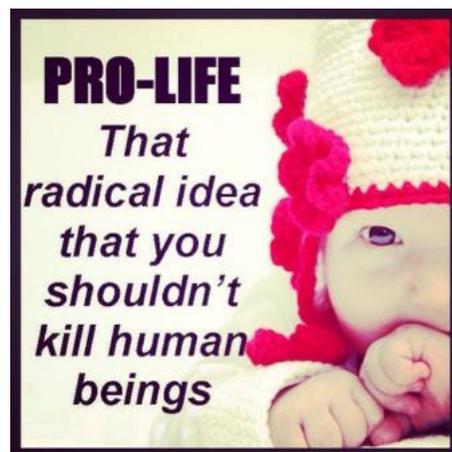
Truly amazing. Remarkably inspiring.

It may not have been intended as a tribute, but it sure ended up that way.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in *daily prayer* for people active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have been weak in their claimed pro-life convictions (subject to change; updates at www.fightpp.org).

May: former First Lady, U.S. Secretary of State and U.S. Senator **Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.**, a recipient of Planned Parenthood’s Margaret Sanger Award; *June:* U.S. Senator and avowed socialist **Bernard Sanders, D-Vt.**; and *July:* entertainers **Nicholas Jerry Jonas** and **Joseph Adam Jonas** who personally abandoned their True Love Waits pledge to God, family and friends, and now criticize the program as ingenuous.



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