

INDEPENDENCE

WE THE PEOPLE

HOW BAD THINGS CAN GO RIGHT

America's best victories are when individuals and bodies of people come together, are called upon Providence to give thanks, or to plead for help. This occurred as the nation was struggling for independence, during each of our wars, and even more recently in time. ***In 1986, the world was reminded how bad things can go right.***

Take a step back in time to 1986, and **Cokeville, Wyoming**. The story is retold well in, **The Cokeville Miracle** (1:33:00, free), where an entire elementary school is held hostage. As the news spread, everyone in the town became acutely aware of the situation. Newswires picked up the story and immediately the story went national then global. Locally students and adults alike began to pray. People from distant cities and lands did the same, searching for hope that the children and people might be protected.

When the time comes, and the criminals decide to follow through with their plans, the bomb goes off, killing the 2 perpetrators, while the adult staff and children escape. Key words as quoted by one of the perpetrators, speaking to the children, "This is an experience you will all tell your children and your grandchildren, all about". The words were prophetic.

As the children later told their stories, they mentioned how they were provided peace and reassurance that all would be fine. How they described, well you need to watch the movie.

What stumped the investigators afterwards is why the bomb did not kill more people. Simple answer, by those that were there, Providence stepped in and provided a way to deliver.

CAN WE BENEFIT FROM MORE MIRACLES TODAY?

As our nation, communities, and families grapple with the challenges of today in our schools and everyday life, we will be better off if we take time to remember the blessings of an almighty that has given this nation so much. History has shown us that if God can deliver Israel as a people out of bondage and walk them through the Red Sea, then he can perform miracles today. A miracle was performed in Cokeville, can we benefit from more miracles today? Are we ready to call upon God, to soften hearts and open doors? Look to God in your way, worship how you choose, ask for Him to open your mind to more Truth's as you reach out to lift others.

As we have been reminded in our studies this month, the need for Independence was a result of the British Crown, imposing among other things, the **Intolerable Acts**. Colonists began to recognize the self-evident Truths, including that all men (and women) are created equal...endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights...and that ***governments derive their just rights from the consent of the governed or "We the People"***.

