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63+ Million Reasons to Join The White Rose Resistance with Seth Gruber

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FRANK:

Two-hundred forty-eight years ago this week, these immortal words were penned by Thomas Jefferson. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men were created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Do we really believe that? It's actually very consistent with the Bible.

That's just natural law, a natural law expression of what Paul says in Romans chapter two, where he says, the Gentiles who do not have the law, have the law written on their hearts. Jefferson wanted to create a country where he would have God given moral rights, but also have religious freedom. So, he grounded our nation on the natural law that comes from God, the same God that gave us the Scriptures.

But you don't need to be a Christian in order to have these rights or to justify these rights. You can just say that God has given us these rights, as Jefferson said, and those rights come from Him. They don't come from government. Government is supposed to secure these rights. In fact, Jefferson goes on to say that governments are instituted among men to secure rights. And at that point, the government that King George had implemented here in the United States was not securing the rights of the colonists. And that's what the Declaration of Independence was all about.

They listed a number of immoral activities that George had engaged in, King George had engaged in. In other words, King George was legislating immorally. And so, the colonists said, we have a right to our own government. And that began the United States of America. Now, notice in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life is stated first. Why? Because the right to life is the right to all other rights.

If you don't have life, you don't have anything. And a week or two ago, we had the great Seth Gruber on the program talking about the history of abortion in our country and much more







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than abortion. As a matter of fact, in The 1916 Project, go to The1916Project.com. Not The 1619 Project, The 1916 Project. And we had a very robust conversation that was shocking to many.

We didn't complete what we wanted to complete because there's so much there. There's a new book, a new documentary out that you're going to want to avail yourselves of by going to The1916Project.com. But I wanted to have Seth back on to cover a couple of more areas that we needed to cover on this issue.

So, here he is again ladies and gentlemen, the great Seth Gruber for the midweek podcast. Seth, we've got to talk a little bit about the founding of the nation and how at least our founders recognized there was a right to life. Even though they weren't completely consistent in their own private lives on this issue, they knew that there was a right to life. How did we get away from that in this country now that we're 248 years from the Declaration of Independence?

SETH:

Well, Frank, careful, careful, brother. You sound like a Christian nationalist.

FRANK:

That's better than a secular internationalist.

SETH:

Yeah, that's right. Better than secular globalism, isn't it? Who understands now, guys, if you listen to Frank, who understands now that dominion is inevitable? Meaning, someone's religion, someone's worldview, someone's ideology will be ascendant, will be dominant. That's how human nature works. If you don't believe that, you actually haven't studied human history, or you were smoking too much of the devil's lettuce, too much Haitian oregano when you were in high school, okay?

Dominion is inevitable. And so, how did we get here? Why has there been this attempt to say 1776 isn't our birthday, it's 1619? Because that's when the first black slaves came to American shores, Frank. We're so racist, says the New York Times. Systemic racism. There's nothing







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redeemable about America. We're so evil. They say racism is America's original sin. No, America's original sin is original sin. Okay? And so...

FRANK:

Just like everybody else. Yeah.

SETH:

That's right. This assault against American exceptionalism, this assault against western civilization. Actually, Frank, it's actually a proxy war against God Himself. Because western civilization is a byproduct of Christendom. It's a byproduct of Christianity. It's a byproduct of the belief that human beings are created in the image of God, that there's actually a Creator, and He made us for a purpose. And so, we're unlike the animals. We have a rational nature. We have moral accountability. The monkey and the horse don't have that.

We're unique in the creation that God has made. And so, God gives us certain rights, certain commandments, right? The cultural mandate, the first commandments ever given to humans, it wasn't given to horses. Be fruitful. Multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. You know, take control of it. Exercise dominion. The other side has been doing that, Frank, and they've been doing that by trying to replace the ideas that built this country, ideas that came from that good old ancient book called the Bible.

And so, revolutionaries like Margaret Sanger would say things like this, Frank. She would say things like, this is crazy. We didn't get to this last week, right, bro? She said, through sex, mankind may attain that great spiritual illumination which will transform the world and light up the only path to an earthly paradise. Did you guys know Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, said that?

In other words, do lots of sex stuff. Ignore God's commandments on how that act is supposed to be practiced within the fidelity of marriage and a comprehensive union of both man and woman for the good of society and the rearing of children. No, no, no, no, no, no. She says, if it feels good, do it. And if you do that enough, you might obtain some Gnostic secret knowledge of an earthly paradise. Do you see how religious all of this was?







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So, as we celebrate the founding of the country today, as we celebrate American exceptionalism, we're not idolatrously worshiping America before God. We're thanking Him for giving us such a unique civilization built on His ideas, found in His holy book, that has allowed for the protection of the innocent, the vulnerable, human freedom and liberty, expounding out to more people because we didn't get it all right at the founding of the country, and we're not getting it right today with all the babies we're killing in America.

FRANK:

Well, you have a ministry called The White Rose Resistance, and I wanted to talk about that because I find it fascinating, the history of this. Because most people, if you were to say the White Rose Resistance, what is that? Well, it's your ministry now, but it actually comes from a couple, a brother and sister who resisted Hitler in Nazi Germany in 1943.

Please tell the story. And by the way, friends, this is in the book that's forthcoming September 4, called The 1916 Project. Go to 1916Project.com/book to pre-order the book. But this is a fascinating story. So, tell the story, if you would, Seth.

SETH:

Yes, thank you, Frank. Yes, The1916Project.com/book, you can pre-order it now. It was really important to me, Frank, not just to expose the deeds of darkness, Ephesians 5:11, not just to say, like, look at all this junk from the 20th century and how it's affecting us today, but to finish with some hope, not hopium, hope, to tell the story of Christian heroes. So, some of the last chapters of my book are about kind of the divine trajectory of the people of God, the heroes of the faith who stood against injustices as an overflow of their belief in God and the Gospel.

And then, a specific story of heroes of the Third Reich, heroes who stood against Hitler, kids in their twenties, Frank. And by the time you get to this point in the book and in the film, 'The 1916 Project,' it's very clear that I'm not just randomly picking the Third Reich. What's that? Godwin's law. Right? They accuse you. If you connect anything to Nazism and Hitler, it's just like, oh, okay, yeah, everything bad is Hitler. Okay.

It's like no, that's not what we're saying. Actually, we trace these bad ideas back to the late 1700's, actually, with a guy named Thomas Malthus. But then, because of how all the





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connections that are mind-blowing and shocking between the Third Reich and American eugenicists and secular revolutionaries of that era, it made a lot of sense for us to tell the story of heroes of that time. And these were kids in their 20's, Frank, 20's in 1942 and 1943. And they wrote these leaflets, and they distributed them around Germany. It was a social media campaign, pre-digital age.

They were exposing darkness and asking people to act. They said things like, if you know, why do you not act? They said things like, we are Christian, and we are German. Therefore, we are responsible for Germany. And they knew that they would be held to greater account because of their faith in God. And so, Sophie, a 21 year old, finds one of these leaflets on the sidewalk one day in Munich. She reads it, and Frank, she's thinking, this sounds a lot like my brother Hans. He talks like this at dinner all the time. Sounds like one of his rants against the Nazis.

Wait a second. Turns out The White Rose Resistance had not only been co-founded, it was being run by none other than her older brother Hans, a 24 year old young man who was just trying to protect his little sister. You see, he knew how dangerous political resistance was to the Nazis in 1942. Sophie becomes the youngest member and the only woman of The White Rose Resistance. And they would spend the rest of the year in parts of 43, continuing these illegal leaflet campaigns to wake people up.

And on February 18, 1943, they took things to the next level, Frank. And they walked onto the campus at the University of Munich, where they were students. The university's guys had been co-opted, remember, by the Nazis. The universities, like the churches and clergy, had largely become tools of the Third Reich or were strangely silent and went along to get along. And during class time, they were dropping their leaflets all around the university.

And then in this iconic scene, as the bell rings and classes let out, Sophie runs three stories up to the third floor balcony of the University of Munich, which you will see in my film, 'The 1916 Project.' And she throws hundreds of leaflets, three stories down to the atrium below in this iconic act of resistance. The janitor, a committed Nazi, caught Sophie in the act, called the Gestapo, and Hans and Sophie were arrested within minutes at the University of Munich on February 18, 1943.





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They spent four days in prison, Frank, being brutally abused and physically interrogated. One of those interrogations lasted for about 9 hours, and they refused to implicate or rat out any of their other friends or members of The White Rose Resistance. And unfortunately, they found evidence of one of their friends, Christoph Propst, a 27 year old whose wife was in the hospital recovering from childbirth for a daughter he'd never meet.

The three of them had their heads chopped off four days later, on February 22, 1943. The prison guards were so disturbed by these 20 somethings bravery and calm in the face of death, Frank, that these Nazi prison guards relaxed the rules and let Hans and Sophie meet with their parents in a side room right before being taken to the guillotine. And according to records, Sophie's mother said, remember Jesus, Sophie. And Sophie responded, yes, but you too, mama. You too, mama.

Because they were killed on February 22, 1943, they missed a meeting that had been arranged for them that was scheduled three days later, a meeting they would never make. That meeting would have been with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the founder of The Confessing Church, who heard about these 20 somethings trying to build the same kind of Christian resistance he was already participating in. Sophie's final words as she was escorted to the guillotine was, how can we expect righteousness to prevail when there's hardly anyone willing to give themselves up individually to a righteous cause?

Such a fine, sunny day, and I have to go now. But what does my death matter if through us, thousands of people are awakened and stirred to action? But none of them were. The Church remained asleep, and Hitler's genocidal maniacal holocaust continued for another two and a half years. So, we're rebuilding The White Rose Resistance for this generation against our silent but far more deadly holocaust of abortion and culture of death today, before it's too late to mobilize, equip, and awaken the church to reclaim her heritage of Christian resistance.

FRANK:

Now, if you go to the website TheWhiteRose.Life, you will see a picture of Sophie, Sophie Scholl, right there, laughing, actually. She was the one that went to her death, along with her brother and one other colleague in The White Rose Resistance. I noticed that the Nazis didn't







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waste any time executing them. Four days after they were caught, they were executed. No due process there. But why did they call it The White Rose, Seth?

SETH:

Yeah, I've researched that for years now, Frank. Every historian or family member that was connected to the members of The White Rose resistance simply believed that it was a representation of purity and innocence, that the innocence and purity of a white rose. And they were calling the Church to build that kind of purity and innocence by waking up and getting involved.

So, they called themselves The White Rose Resistance. And what was powerful about these 20 somethings, Frank, is that they weren't blaming the doers of evil. And here's the connect to our time today, besides all the connections between what they were fighting and what we're fighting today, which you'll learn in my book and film that will blow your mind and that you probably never heard of before. But the last connect is that, listen, we spend too much time in the American Church, Frank, blaming the doers of evil.

All these people, they're transing the kids, killing babies, sexualizing children, the pornographic sex-ed in the schools, critical race theory, DEI, hiring black people instead of white people, not cause they're more credentialed or qualified, but simply because they're black. And we just yell at the culture, and we get so frustrated. Guys, come on, wake up. Evil people do evil things. Read Romans 1. Come on. What did you expect from people who hate God and the Church? The blame is on us, Frank, who know better, who have refused to act.

GK Chesterton once said, we are perpetually being told that what is wanted is a strong man who will do things, but what is really wanted is a strong man who will undo things. And that will be the real test of strength. According to historians, and her cellmate, by the way, Sophie's cellmate, these were some of Sophie's final words that I felt compelled to share with you. I think she was asking the same question we're asking today, Frank, which is, what is going on? What happened to my country? How did this happen?

Here's what a 21 year old said in a prison cell before her head got chopped off for trying to wake up believers in Germany. Frank, she said, you know what? She said, the real damage is





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caused by all of those millions out there who just want to survive, the honest men and women who just want to be left in peace. Those who don't want their little lives disturbed by anything bigger than themselves. Those with no sides and no causes. Those who won't take measure of their own strength for fear of antagonizing their own weaknesses. Those who don't like to make waves or enemies. Those for whom freedom, honor, truth, and principle, it's just literature.

Those who live small, die small. It's the reductionistic approach to life. Because if you keep it small, you'll keep it under control. If you don't make any noise, the boogeyman won't find you. But it's all an illusion, because they die, too. Those people who roll up their spirits into tiny little balls so as to be safe. Sophie said, safe from what? Life is always on the edge of death. Narrow streets lead to the same place as wide avenues. And a little candle burns itself out, just like the flaming torch does. But I choose my own way to burn. Who speaks like that at 21, Frank?

FRANK:

Yeah, she was brilliant and brave at the same time. And that's why I think it was Churchill who said that courage is the first of all virtues. Because if you don't have courage, you won't do anything else. We do have a lack of courage. And we do have people that are more motivated by incentives rather than what is right and wrong. And look, we can probably all count ourselves to a certain extent that way. Who wants to risk anything, right? Who wants to be uncomfortable? Who wants to stick your neck out? I get that.

But at some point, friends, we're going to have to do it. We just can't continue down this road, because then everything is at risk anyway. Your comfortable little life is going to be at risk sooner or later. You may not care now, but you're going to be made to care. Oh, I wish I could remember Niemoller's. You probably know it by heart. Seth, what's Niemoller's famous statement? You know, they came for the socialists, and I wasn't a socialist. They came for the Marxist, and I wasn't a Marxist.

SETH:

They came for the socialists, and I did not speak up because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists. I did not speak up because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew. And then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak up for me.







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Eugenics is so dangerous, Frank, because it has no limiting principles. When you say no gods and no masters, man takes the place of God, and we get to decide who lives and who dies. It's a very dangerous world. Those who murder the unborn cannot be trusted to govern the born. And those who murder the unborn will one day murder you too. The longer you tolerate the sacrament of Satan, this was all spiritual.

FRANK:

Yeah. It all goes back to who is the ultimate authority, ladies and gentlemen? Is it you or is it God? Who is the ultimate authority? If it's you, you have no rights, by the way. Because if there's no standard beyond you, it's just your opinion against somebody else's opinion. But if there is a God who created us and gave us His image, and has a plan, and a future for us, and He's the author of life, and can resurrect life, then He grants us rights. And it's only in Him that we can have rights. If He doesn't exist, you don't have any rights.

And yet, as you well know, Seth, and our audience has known, if they've listened to this program for any length of time, that all of these so-called rights, that people who are actually rebelling against God, they claim they have these rights. They're stealing rights, they're stealing from God while they argue against Him. It's ironic that all these claims for equality, and freedom, and liberty, all of these claims are actually claims that come from the Christian worldview. They're only there if God exists, and yet they're claiming they have them independent of God.

SETH:

Yeah, Frank, that's why you're such a gift to the body of Christ. And I just want your listeners to know that having been in the culture war and around Christian apologists for most of my life, I just want to tell you that there are too many Christian apologists out there who have brilliant arguments for God. But I don't think they know what time it is. I don't think they're as aware of what is going on.

You might have all the right answers and beautiful ways to, through natural law, and the observation of the universe, and the scriptures, and philosophy, be able to articulate the resurrection and why Christianity is rational. But guys, they're literally throwing people in gulags right now. I hope you understand that. Like Jordan Peterson is being forced into a digital





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gulag. Digital for the time being until they set him up physically because of his politically incorrect views. In Canada, our evil top hat, which is about 20 years ahead of us, there are prolife sidewalk counselors next month. This month? This month, sorry, in July, Frank, that are from Nashville, who were sidewalk counseling outside of an abortion center. But they were blocking the access to the door a little bit. They didn't chain themselves to the door, for goodness sake.

But they were singing psalms and hymns, and they were kind of in the way of the door. So, Biden's federal government is going up. They're trying to push for ten years in federal prison. But if you take your clothes off and dance naked in front of children at a Pride rally last month, that's totally fine, and the police will watch on and do nothing. Do you know what time it is? I'm so grateful, Frank, for your voice. Not just as a thinker, speaker, writer, and theologian, and apologist, but someone who's willing to talk about these issues, because they're happening now.

And we need to wake up the Church to contend against this, not for our sacred rights, but for two reasons. Because I want to have an answer to my grandchildren as to what I did and how I lived in these insane years. And I also want to have an answer to my father one day when He asks, what did you do as they were murdering babies and sexually mutilating them.

FRANK:

Well, what can people do, Seth? I mean, for so many people, it seems like an overwhelming problem. It seems like you're trying to hold back a bursting dam. I mean, you can only do so much as one person anyway, but the chances you're going to be any more than one person anytime soon is zero. So, you might as well just do what you can do. What can they do? What opportunities do you have, maybe? And through your organization, maybe, that at least people can get engaged somehow? What do they do?

SETH:

Yeah, that's right. I mean, we're hiring. You can go to TheWhiteRose.Life. You can join our newsletter. I'll tell you something huge that we're doing, actually. But before I do, have you ever heard of this Polish poet, an anti-communist dissident, Frank, Czesław Miłosz? Have you heard of that?







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FRANK:

I have not, no.

SETH:

I've been studying him recently because I just like studying, and he's fascinating. He talked about this word, ketman. And this actually will answer your question. Czesław Miłosz, this Polish anti-communist dissident and author spoke about, he described how people who were ideologically opposed to Communism would pretend to be okay with it and stay silent in order to stay out of trouble and not experience persecution in the workplace. Okay? And he used this word, ketman, to describe this strategy of silent dissent.

In my mind, like, all the other guys bowing down next to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Frank. Right? Like, in their mind, they were saying, I'm not really bowing down. Like, I'm not really worshipping. I know my body's doing that. But like, inwardly, I'm dissenting. And Czesław Miłosz called the anti-communist strategy of silent descent, ketman. And ketman is this Persian word for practicing the appearance of Islamic orthodoxy while going along with it in order to stay out of trouble and inwardly dissent.

And so, basically what we're talking about is inwardly dissenting to lies, but conforming to them anyways, so that you can remain a little bit more comfortable, not get fired, and not have the HR department visit your desk, right? So that your progressive leftist uncles at Super Bowl Sunday won't dislike you. You can keep your friends, right? You can go along to get along. And this is very dangerous because truth matters, guys. And remaining silent while letting evil reign and win has real consequences for your soul, actually.

Now, here's what I mean by this. Just as physical atrophy occurs through not using your muscles, so does moral and spiritual atrophy occur through not using your voice. Every time you give quarter to the lie, you let the lie go by. Maybe you don't believe the lie. Maybe you don't call Will Thomas, Lea Thomas. Maybe you don't say that he is a she, but you let the lie go by. You don't call it out as a lie.





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And you certainly don't do something to stop him from jumping in the pool with the young women that he wants to swim against. You don't stand against the culture of death, but you tell your mind and your heart, which no one can hear or see, that you disagree. This has real consequences, because the longer you inhabit the role of a coward, the sooner you will become the character that you portray. Having to be on all the time fundamentally changes someone. This is why uncle Screwtape tells Wormwood, he says, as the humans have said, active habits are strengthened by repetition, but passive ones are weakened.

The longer he, who's he? The Christian. The longer he feels without acting, the less he will be able ever to act. And in the long run, the less he will be able to feel at all. In other words, the longer that you feel all the right things inside, you're broken. You disagree with the insanity in our country. You feel it, but you don't act. Then eventually you'll never act. And that's exactly what Satan wants, actually. But the longer you feel and not act. Feel and not act. Feel and not act. Feel and not act. You do that long enough, you become dead inside.

You're no longer broken for what breaks your Father's heart. The evil happening that we've been talking about in these last two episodes together, Frank. So, I have a very simple answer. Speak the truth. Call lies, lies. Don't let them go by and masquerade as the truth. Call it out, lovingly, but call it out. Call out your weak, wimpy, cowardly pastors who don't want to offend the political sensibilities of their congregants by bringing the full counsel of God into conflict with the demonic ideologies raging around our country.

Because people in America are craving, whether they know it or not, they're craving for the prophetic voice of the church to bring truth to the masses. Call it out. Call the lie a lie. Speak the truth. Learn to look the culture of death in the eye and say, no, no. And if enough people do that, we can turn things around. What are we doing to do that at The White Rose Resistance, we're launching White Rose Resistance chapters all around the country.

We've launched in Boise. We're about to launch in Southern California. We're about to launch in Denver. In the fall, we're launching in Dallas - Fort Worth. We're hiring positions right now. We're looking for you to send in your resumes if you want to be a regional coordinator, potentially for a resistance chapter around the country. This is not students for life. I love those organizations. They're wonderful pro-life organizations, but I'm not doing university clubs.





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I'm doing chapters of believers of all ages all around the country. The believers who've been coming to me at pulpits, at churches in the foyer, Frank, for the last three years saying, what do I do? Tell me, where do I show up? I've never seen believers more hungry to act. And they're not looking for a job. They're just like, I can't not act anymore. To which I say, amen, brother. Amen, sister.

Buckle up. It's more dangerous than you thought. Why would you raise a generation of dragon slayers and then complain that there's dragons for them to slay? Buckle up. It's more dangerous than you thought. You wanted to know what it was like, Christian to live in the days of Elijah, welcome to America in the 21st century.

FRANK:

There's so much you can do, ladies and gentlemen. Go to JoelOsteen.com. No, I'm just kidding. Go to TheWhiteRose.Life and see what Seth and his organization are doing. Maybe you can join them. Maybe you can tell others about them. You can also get the book and see the documentary at The1916Project.com, because we've got to do something, friends. It's better to light one candle than curse the darkness.

And basically, all we've been doing is cursing the darkness. But thankfully, Seth and others are out there trying to make a difference for life, and we need to do that because it's the right thing to do. And the Lord has put us here on earth not to just wait for Him to take us out, but to know God, to make Him known, and to get other people to become fully-devoted disciples of Jesus in addition to ourselves. So, that's why we're here, friends. So, let's do that.

Seth, it's always a great pleasure to have you on. This is our second podcast together. We've got to do many more. We're going to be together on August 10 in San Jose, California, Lord willing, at Calvary Chapel, San Jose for an airing of 'The 1916 Project.' And then I guess you, myself, and the pastor there will have a discussion about it. So, I'm sure looking forward to that.

Friends, there's a lot more on our website, CrossExamined.org about events coming up. I'm going to be speaking here in Charlotte at a youth event later in July. Then I'll be with my friend Charlie Kirk down in Palm Beach for an event at the end of July. All the details on our website.







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SETH:

I'll be there with you.

FRANK:

You'll be there as well?

SETH:

Yeah, Believer's Summit at West Palm Beach.

FRANK:

At the Believer's Summit in late July. All the details on the website, probably Eric Metaxas will be there as well, and several other Christian speakers. So, you don't want to miss that, friends. And Seth, where can people see your speaking schedule? Because you're out quite a bit speaking. Where can they find that?

SETH:

Yeah, they can see my speaking schedule at SethGruber.com or TheWhiteRose.Life, and you can see our White Rose events. And then you can see my speaking schedule as well. And so, thank you, Frank, for having me on. If you guys want to learn more, go to TheWhiteRose.Life. And if you join as an ally at \$35 a month, you get a battle box in the mail. Welcome to the battle. And you can host one of these screenings at your church right now, Frank.

Any Christian can host a screening of this film at their Church right now before it releases later this year for the world. So, The1916Project.com, click the button, Host a Screening. Bring it to your pastor; have a screening at your church. And maybe I'll Zoom in live and chat with you. But see Frank and I in San Jose on August 10. And thank you, brother.

FRANK:

All right. Great work. Seth Gruber, ladies and gentlemen. Check out his multiple websites there, TheWhiteRose.Life, The1916Project.com and you can see him out on the road as well. And friends, Lord willing, I will see you here next week. God bless.



