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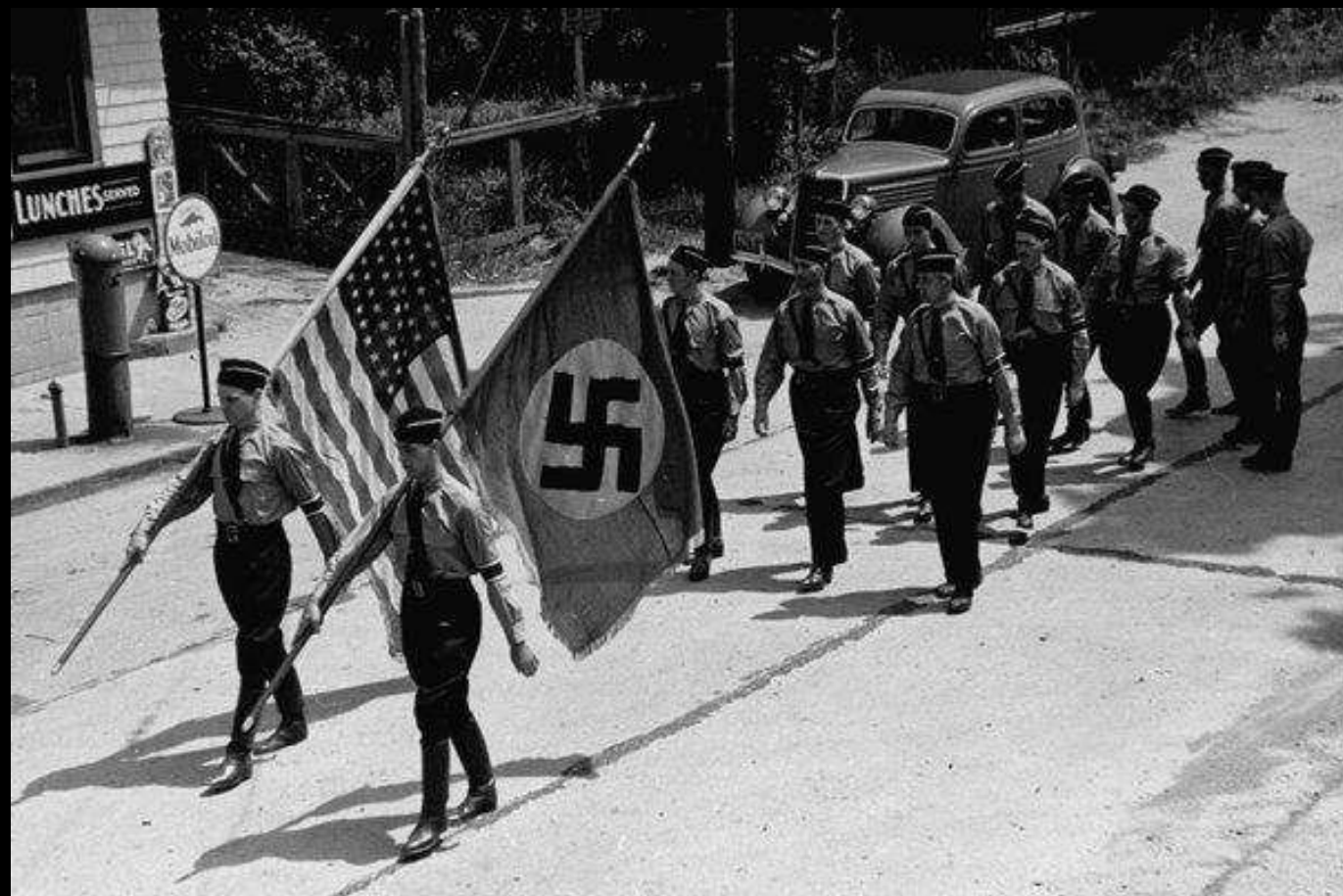
“We got there that evening and found several hundred people dressed in brown shirts. The stage was decorated with a swastika and pictures of Hitler. The speaker started ranting. There were only about fifteen of us, but we went into action. We attacked them in the hall and threw some of them out the windows. There were fistfights all over the place. Most of the Nazis panicked and ran out. We chased them and beat them up, and some of them were out of action for months. Yes, it was violence. We wanted to teach them a lesson. We wanted to show them that Jews would not always sit back and accept insults.”

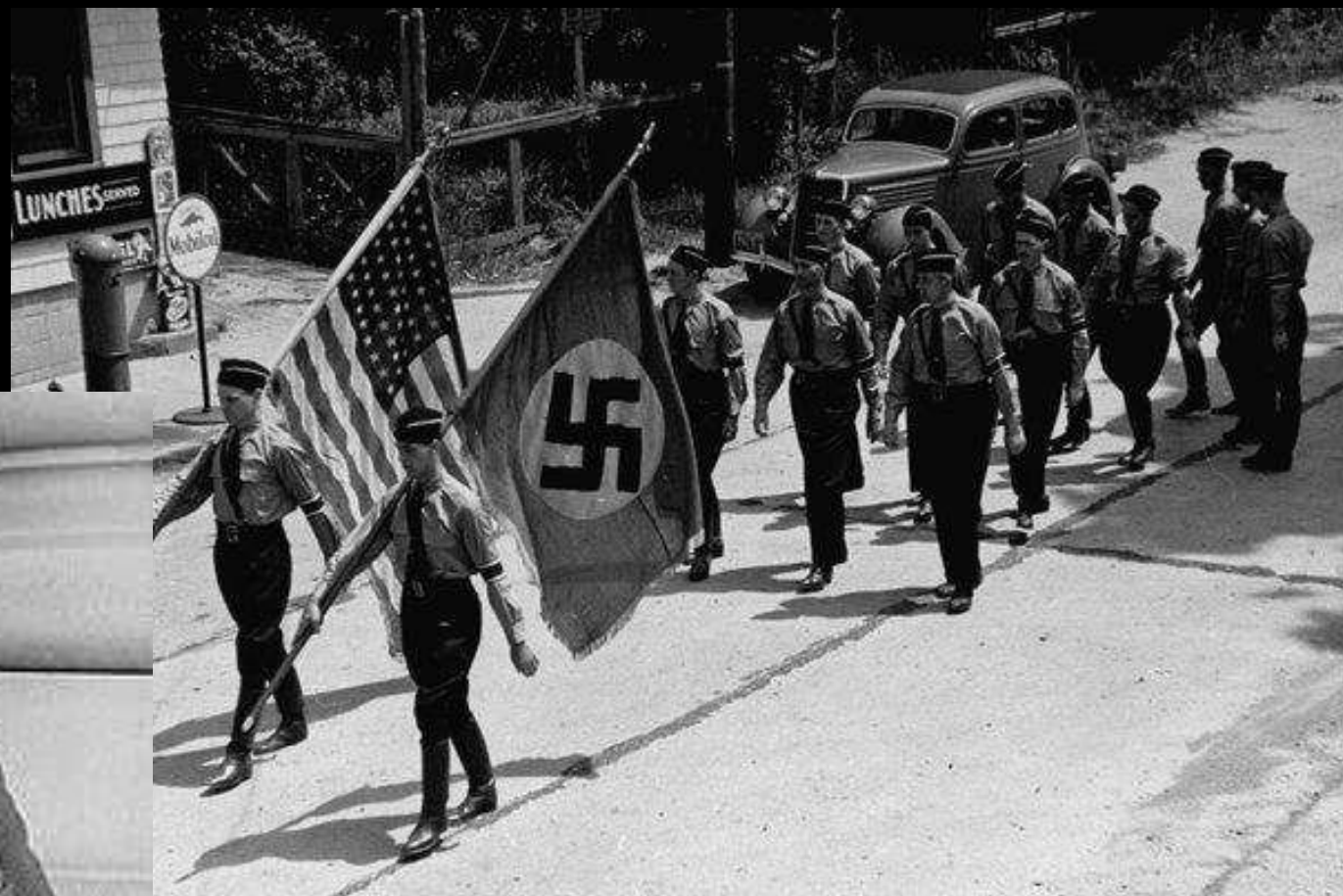
(Meyer Lansky, as quoted in Timothy Newark's book *The Mafia at War: Allied Collusion with the Mob*, page 73)

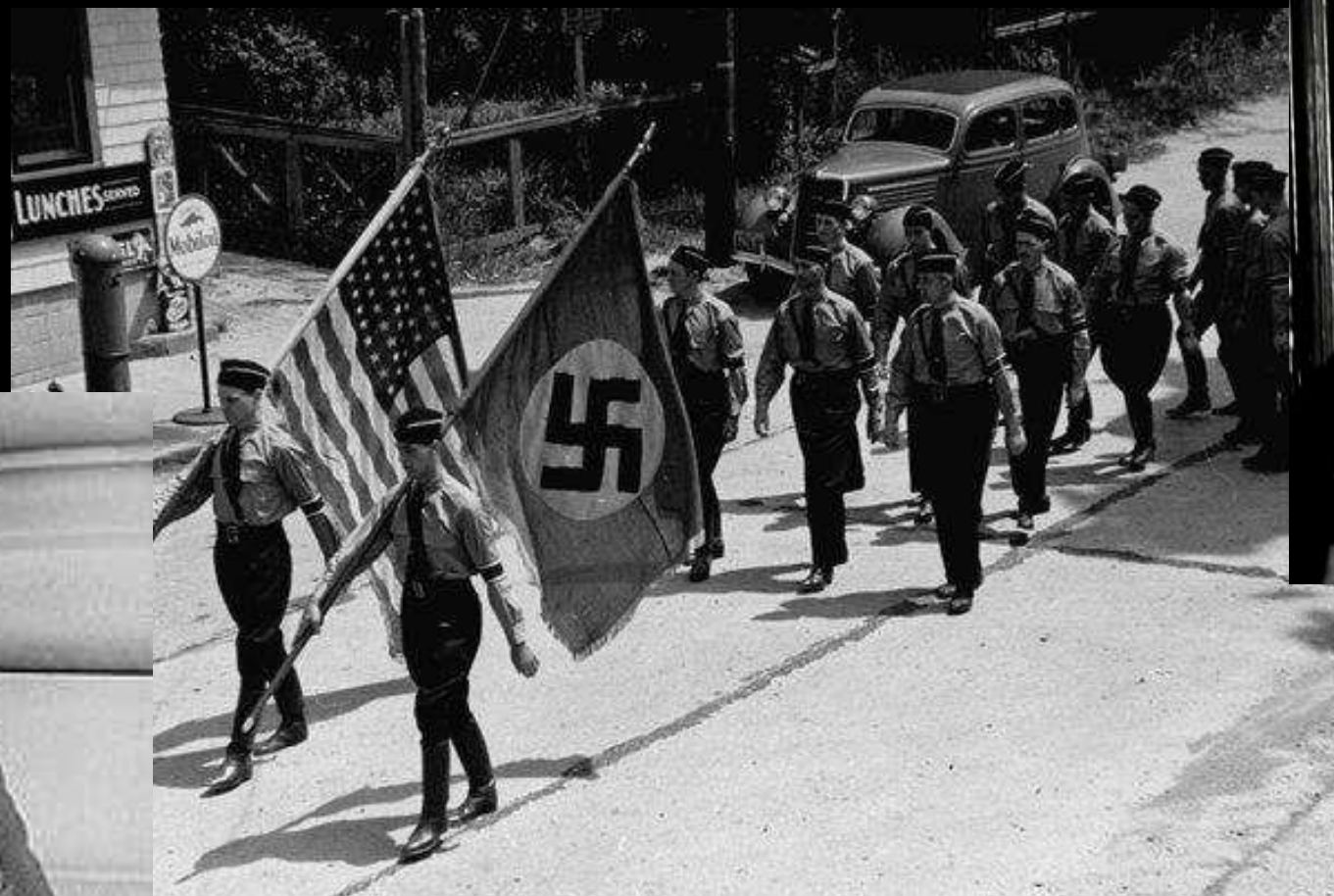
“The Nazi scumbags were meeting one night on the second floor. Nat Arno and I went upstairs and threw stink bombs into the room where the creeps were. As they came out of the room, running from the horrible odor of the stink bombs and running down the steps to go into the street to escape, our boys were waiting with bats and iron bars. It was like running a gauntlet. Our boys were lined up on both sides and we started hitting, aiming for their heads or any other part of their bodies, with our bats and irons. The Nazis were screaming blue murder. This was one of the most happy moments of my life.”

(Max “Puddy” Hinkes, as quoted in Timothy Newark’s book *The Mafia at War: Allied Collusion with the Mob*, page 75)









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1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV): “The LORD said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ 2 And Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.’ And the LORD said, ‘Take a heifer with you and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.” 3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.’...”

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“...4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ 5 And he said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.’...”

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“...**7** But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’ **8** Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’ **9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the LORD chosen this one.’ **10** And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen these.’...”

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“...**11** Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.’ **12** And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, ‘Arise, anoint him, for this is hi.’ **13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.”

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1 Samuel 9:1-2 (ESV): “There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. 2 And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.”

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1 Samuel 10:17-19 (ESV): “Now Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah. 18 And he said to the people of Israel, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, “I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.” 19 But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, “Set a king over us.”””

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1 Samuel 10:23-24 (ESV): “Then they ran and took [Saul] from there. And when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, ‘Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? There is none like him among all the people.’ And all the people shouted, ‘Long live the king!’”

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Main Point

MEN LOOK FOR
SUPERHEROES;
GOD CHOOSES
ANTIHEROES.

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Luke 16:15 (ESV): “And [Jesus] said to them, ‘You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.’”

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1 Samuel 16:7 (YLT): “For man looketh at the eyes, and Jehovah looketh at the heart.”

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1 Samuel 13:14 (YLT): “Jehovah hath sought for Himself a man according to His own heart.”

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2 Timothy 1:9 (NIV): “He has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.”

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Romans 11:5-6 (ESV): “So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NASB): “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

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Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV): “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.”

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Application

STOP

PRETENDING

TO KNOW

WHERE GOD'S

INTENDING

TO GO.

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Romans 11:33-34 (ESV): “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?’”

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“My heart is full of praise that one so insignificant, uneducated, and ordinary in every way could be used to His glory for the blessing of His people in poor persecuted China.”

(Gladys Aylward, as quoted in the article Gladys Aylward’s “Impossible Mission” to China on Christianity.com, April 28, 2010)



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