

WE MUST PICK A CANDIDATE



BUT WE HATES THEM



WHAT DID WE GET OURSELVES INTO?

*NAVIGATING THE CHAOS BETWEEN
FAITH AND POLITICS*

THESE ARE CHALLENGING TIMES

- SOCIETY HAS EMBRACED A SLOW BUT ESCALATING MORAL AND ETHICAL DECLINE FOR YEARS.
- OUR ELECTED LEADERS REFLECT THIS DECLINE.
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- THE CHURCH HAS LOST ITS WAY AND ITS VOICE BECAUSE . . .

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- **REST IN THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY. (ACTS 4:27-28; DANIEL 4:30-32; NEHEMIAH 2:1-9)**

HOW WE VOTE MATTERS

- FAITH VS. FEAR/WORRY,
- ETERNAL HOPE VS. SELF-PRESERVATION.
- FORWARD-LOOKING ANTICIPATION VS. DOWNWARD-FACING EXASPERATION.
- OUR HEART-ATTITUDE IS REVEALING.

OUR HOPE:

- **WE “WIN” REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION.**
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR WITNESS INCREASES.**
- **JESUS GIVES US EXAMPLE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.**

HEBREWS 12:1B-3 "...LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US, 2 FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF FAITH. FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM HE ENDURED THE CROSS, SCORNING ITS SHAME, AND SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD. 3 CONSIDER HIM WHO ENDURED SUCH OPPOSITION FROM SINNERS, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART."

**'HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS
AND TO SEEK YOUR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE. WE KNOW YOUR WORD SAYS,
'WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL EVIL GOOD,' BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE
DONE. WE HAVE LOST OUR SPIRITUAL EQUILIBRIUM AND REVERSED OUR VALUES.
WE HAVE EXPLOITED THE POOR AND CALLED IT THE LOTTERY.
WE HAVE REWARDED LAZINESS AND CALLED IT WELFARE.
WE HAVE KILLED OUR UNBORN AND CALLED IT CHOICE.
WE HAVE SHOT ABORTIONISTS AND CALLED IT JUSTIFIABLE.
WE HAVE NEGLECTED TO DISCIPLINE OUR CHILDREN
AND CALLED IT BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM.**

WE HAVE ABUSED POWER AND CALLED IT POLITICS.

WE HAVE COVETED OUR NEIGHBOR'S POSSESSIONS AND CALLED IT AMBITION.

**WE HAVE POLLUTED THE AIR WITH PROFANITY AND PORNOGRAPHY
AND CALLED IT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.**

**WE HAVE RIDICULED THE TIME-HONORED VALUES OF OUR FOREFATHERS
AND CALLED IT ENLIGHTENMENT.**

SEARCH US, OH GOD, AND KNOW OUR HEARTS TODAY;

CLEANSE US FROM SIN AND SET US FREE.

- AMEN!'