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## **What If I Don't Like Either Candidate?**

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Ladies and gentlemen, the gold standard in polling, from a Christian perspective anyway, the top Christian pollster is George Barna. And George Barna's a bit alarmed right now. He was on The Charlie Kirk show the other day saying that voter enthusiasm among Christians is way down for this election. And he fears that the voter enthusiasm being low is basically going to hand the election to a Marxist by the name of Kamala Harris.

That's what he has said. And half of Christians right now say they won't vote. And when they're asked why they won't vote, why they're complacent, 68% said they aren't interested in politics, and 57% said that they dislike both presidential candidates. Hey, I'm part of that 57%.

Let me just say up front that in the primary, I voted for DeSantis. I thought DeSantis would be a better candidate than Trump, but he got no traction. So, here we are. We're down to two candidates that you or I might not like personally. There may be some issues there. We know the background that these people have, and we're not too excited about it.

So, what do we do if we're Christians? Well, I think there's still an opportunity to love our neighbors by being involved in the political process. The question is, how do we do that? And I want to cover three points today. Well, I'm going to cover more than three, but under these three categories, the first thing I want to talk about is, can we legislate morality? I mean, you always hear, you can't.

Secondly, should Christians be involved in politics at all? And then thirdly, what should we as Christians do when we don't like either candidate? Which may be the situation with you right now. It certainly appears to be a situation with a good number of Christians. What are we supposed to do?

Well, let's dive right in. Let's talk about, first of all, can we legislate morality? And as you've probably heard me say on this program before, that's all you can legislate. Morality is always

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legislated. Every law declares one behavior right and the opposite behavior wrong. You can't think of a law that doesn't legislate morality.

Even speed limits imply a moral right to life. The reason we have speed limits is because we think life's valuable. And if we didn't think life was valuable, we'd say, hey, drive however recklessly or fast as you want. It doesn't matter. But we believe we have this moral imperative to ensure that people are kept safe to a reasonable degree.

We can't take all risk out of life, but we think speed limits are one way of doing it. And we legislate morality on abortion, on life, on marriage, on men and women's sports, on transitioning children, on parental rights, and of course, on basic issues like murder, theft, and rape. These are all issues that have a moral component to them, and these are biblical issues as well.

And so, Christians, for no other reason should you be involved, is because you love your neighbor, and you want to make sure that laws are put into place that don't do evil or harm to either yourself or your neighbor. And that's the primary role of government, by the way, is to protect innocent people from evil. That's why we have a government, and God set up government for that.

In fact, Paul says in Romans 13:4, he says, the ruler does not bear the sword for nothing. What does that mean? It means the ruler has the ability to punish evil and we need to be able to have that ability. The government has to have that ability, because if we don't punish evil, then we're going to have a lot of evil done, a lot of people are going to get hurt, a lot of people are going to die, and it's going to be a situation where we have anarchy if we have no government at all.

Which is why James Madison famously said, he said, if men were angels, no government would be necessary. I mean, think about what life would be like if there was no government at all. It would be very difficult to be safe in society because anybody that didn't like you or wanted to take your stuff could without any sort of formal threat of punishment.

And so, we need some form of government because we are not angels. It's easy to be bad, it's hard to be good. So, we need a governor on behavior. Now, whenever you bring up issues like

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this, you always have to address the separation of church and state. And of course, as many of you know, that has nothing to do with our Constitution.

But even if it did, let's say for the sake of argument, the Constitution explicitly said there was a separation of church and state. That would still not prevent us from legislating morality. In fact, a law that says we have to have a strict separation of church and state would be a legislation of morality. It would be saying it would be immoral for the Church to influence the state or vice versa. That's a moral position.

Now, in reality, the separation of church and state is a phrase that Thomas Jefferson used in a letter to the Danbury Baptists in I think 1803. The Danbury Baptists were concerned that Jefferson was going to set up a national church and they didn't want it. They didn't want a national church.

And so, Jefferson wrote them and basically said there's a one way wall of separation between church and state. He didn't want the state telling the church what to do. He knew the church could influence the state, but he didn't want the state to influence the church or to tell the church what to do.

And isn't it ironic, ladies and gentlemen, that the people who are always preaching separation of church and state actually violated that wall during COVID? They had the state tell the church what it could and couldn't do. According to our Constitution, that's a violation of the First Amendment. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Hopefully we won't fall for that again once the next crisis comes around. Churches were deemed non-essential while abortion clinics, liquor stores, and marijuana shops were. So were casinos. They were essential. But of course, the Church wasn't.

So, the separation of church and state has nothing to do with whether or not Christians ought to be involved in politics. By the way, we're not legislating religion anyway. We're not telling people where, when, how or if to worship.

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We're not requiring people to be part of a particular denomination or even a particular religion. But we are trying to tell people how they ought to treat one another, and that is unavoidable. Everybody's trying to do that in the public square. We're not legislating religion. We are legislating morality. Look, religion has more to do with our duty to God. Morality has more to do with our duty. Our duty. Easy for me to say. [Laughter]

Morality has more to do with our duty to one another. We don't have to tell people that they have to worship God, and we shouldn't be telling them that, that law is going to compel them to do that. Law can't compel that anyway. But law has to compel people not to murder, or not to steal, or not to rape. And everybody's trying to do that.

By the way, even on an issue like abortion, both sides are arguing from a moral position. The pro-abortion side is trying to argue that a woman has a moral right to do what she wants with her own body. Of course, that's generally true, but not if she kills somebody else in the process. And the pro-life side is trying to say that a baby has a moral right to life.

Notice both sides are trying to impose something. The pro-life side is trying to impose continued pregnancy on the mother in order to protect the life of the baby, but the pro-abortion side is trying to impose death on the baby whenever abortion is chosen. Both sides are trying to impose a moral position. It only turns out, however, that the pro-life side is the proper moral position because the right to life is the right to all other rights.

If you don't have life, you don't have anything. Yes, you can control your own body, but not if you murder another body in the process. So, the pro-life side is correct here. But the main point here is that everybody's trying to legislate a moral position. The only question is, who's morality are you legislating?

And when people say, don't impose your morality on me, I say, why not? Would that be immoral? Because you're imposing your morality on me right now. You're saying I ought not impose ought not, but why do you get to impose ought not on me, but I don't get to impose ought not to you?

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But secondly, this isn't my morality. I didn't make this stuff up. I didn't make up the fact that murder's wrong, that abortion's wrong, that rape is wrong, that theft is wrong, that men were made for women and women were made for men. And the best way to perpetuate and stabilize society, which is the reason the government's involved in marriage to begin with, is to legally recognize that man woman relationship over every other relationship.

I didn't make any of this stuff up. I didn't make up the fact that it's wrong to castrate children. It's not my morality. It's the morality. The one Thomas Jefferson said was self-evident, and the morality we'll talk a lot more about right after the break. Don't go anywhere. Back in two.

If you're low on the FM dial looking for National Public Radio, go no further. We're actually going to tell you the truth here. I would bet my life you will never hear this on NPR. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist on the American Family Radio network. My name is Frank Turek. The show is called I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. It's also a podcast, by the way.

We do two podcasts a week. One here is broadcast on the American Family Radio network, but the other is not. So, if you want to hear the other one, which comes out on Tuesday. Just find the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast. And you can listen this week or this Tuesday. We'll have the great Bill Federer on again. We just did a great livestream with Bill on 'The Shocking History of Open Borders.'

We're going to have him on next week to talk about silence. That silence can mean consent, especially if you're a Christian. So, you don't want to miss that show that we have with Bill on the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast. Right now, we're talking about the fact that all laws legislate morality. The only question is whose morality?

And by the way, I don't want to legislate my morality. I don't want to legislate your morality. I want to legislate the morality. The one Thomas Jefferson said was self-evident, the one the Apostle Paul said, the Gentiles who do not have the law, have the law written on their hearts. Everybody knows right and wrong on the big issues.

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Now, we often suppress that, but we know it whether we have a Bible or not. That morality is what ought to be legislated, not the kind of immorality that's been legislated in this country for quite a number of decades, largely because the Church has not been influencing the culture enough. It's our fault. It's not the liberals or the leftist's fault. They're just doing what they think is right. I'll be charitable.

We're not doing what we know is right. We have to influence people for good. So, the first question can we legislate morality? That's all we can legislate, ladies and gentlemen. I don't care if you're a conservative, if you're a liberal, if you're a Marxist, if you're a libertarian, wherever you are, you're trying to impose some sort of moral position.

The only question is, do you have a standard for this moral position outside of yourself that everybody's obligated to obey? That can only exist if God exists. That's why Jefferson said we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men were created and endowed by their government. No, he didn't say government.

Endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And governments are instituted to secure rights. The reason we have a government is to secure the rights people already have. And when a government doesn't do that, it's illegitimate.

That's why Jefferson and his colleagues signed the Declaration of independence, which basically was one long complaint list about how King Georgiana England was not legislating morally. He was legislating immorally. He was violating the God given rights of the colonists, and that's why they declared their independence. All right, so second question, should Christians be involved in politics? My question is, why not?

Are only atheists qualified to run the country? Well, maybe we ought to define what we mean by politics. Politics is just the process by which people, at least in a free republic that we have here, come together and decide how they're going to govern one another. What kind of laws and rules are we going to put into place to advance human flourishing and prevent evil from being done to citizens?

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Why shouldn't Christians be involved in politics? Oh, you're not supposed to legislate your religion. First of all, that's a moral position. But secondly, we're not legislating religion. We're legislating precepts that are consistent with religion. But we're not telling you you have to obey some sort of religious doctrine or be part of a religious organization, like we said in the first segment here.

And if you don't have a transcendental standard by which to back up what you say, then you're just trying to impose your own personal opinion. You're just trying to use power to impose what you want. We ought to be looking to self-evident truths beyond ourselves, not just our own whims that we want to put into law. Now, yeah, I'm sure there are some issues that aren't covered even by the Bible, that we have to come together and use wisdom to try and decide.

But on the big issues like don't murder, don't rape, don't theft, don't steal, don't castrate children, we all ought to agree on that. Unfortunately, there are some people out there who are suppressing that. And that's all the more reason why Christians have to be salt and light, why Christians have to be standing up for what is right and true, because we're supposed to love our neighbors, and we don't when we stay out of the process.

So, we have to be engaged. In fact, we wouldn't even have America if Christians didn't get involved in politics. Fifty-two out of our first 55 founding fathers or our 55 founding fathers were all Bible believing Christians, part of churches that believed in the inerrancy of the Scriptures. There probably were a few deists in there, among them Jefferson and probably Franklin. But other than that...

Of course, Franklin, I don't believe, signed the Declaration of Independence. I can't remember if he did or didn't. But anyway, he was one of the founding fathers at the Constitution when he put the constitution together both in 1787 and that Bill of Rights in 1791. In any event, we wouldn't even have America if Christians hadn't been involved in politics.

Now, here's what I hear from a lot of pastors, and unfortunately, this is probably more than half of the pastors. That's why half of Christians won't vote, tragically, in this election or any election, is because you hear people saying, I don't get involved in politics. I just preach the Gospel.

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Now, if you think about this, you'll realize this is foolish, not to preach the Gospel, but not to be involved in politics. Of course you want to preach the Gospel. That's not foolish. But to think that you can preach the Gospel in a vacuum, to think that politics don't affect the Gospel, you're not paying attention. I mean, if you don't think so, if you don't think politics affects the Gospel, go to North Korea and try and preach the Gospel.

How far are you going to get? Do you know there's no First Baptist church in North Korea? There's no Calvary Chapel of Tehran. There's no I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast in Saudi Arabia. Why? Because politically they've ruled it out.

And we just take it for granted here that we have political freedom, but we shouldn't take it for granted because we're losing it. In fact, a little bit later in this program, I'm going to show you how you're losing your religious rights, your religious freedom to certain laws that certain politicians want to pass.

So, we have to be engaged, if for no other reason, to protect our ability to preach and live the Gospel. In fact, if you think about this, ladies and gentlemen, politics affects almost every area of your life. Politics affects your church, your family, your health, your money, your business, your freedom, your property, your school, your safety, the poor, the unborn, your ability to evangelize, because that can be shut down, at least legally.

Your faith behavior, whether or not you're following what God wants you to follow. You know laws can prevent you or at least penalize you from doing that. We'll talk about it a little bit later. In fact, everyone and everything is affected by the laws made in Washington, the laws made in your state governments, and the laws made in your local jurisdictions.

So, you have to be engaged politically if you're going to protect your ability to preach and live your faith and also ensure that laws are passed that don't negatively affect your church, your family, your health, your money, your business, your freedom, your property, your school, your safety, the poor, the unborn, and your ability to preach and live the Gospel. We have to be engaged.

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In fact, for those of you that don't think you ought to be engaged, I just have a couple of questions. Here's one question. Should Christians care how people are treated? Is there anybody, any Christian going to say no. Even a liberal Christian is going to say, oh, yeah, you've got to care how people are treated. Okay, next question.

Should Christians care how people are treated by their government? Well, if you're going to say yes to question one, you've got to say yes to question two. Welcome to politics, ladies and gentlemen. Of course you have to be engaged.

In fact, let me ask you this. Is there any area of your life where you should not follow Jesus and the Apostles? Unfortunately, many Christians compartmentalize their lives. They think, well, I just need to be a Christian on Sunday morning and maybe at work and maybe at home, but not out in society. No, no, no, not in the voting booth.

Look, if you're a Christian, you ought to be a Christian, 365, 24/7, and Jesus and the Apostles, that the precepts, the commands they give us, particularly in the New Testament, which are binding on Christians, we have to follow what they say because Jesus is God and whatever He teaches is true and we are accountable to Him. And He said, if you love me, you'll follow my commandments.

So, we have to follow Him, not just on Sunday morning, but also at home, also at work, also at play, also online, also in the voting booth. Everywhere we follow Jesus. And by the way, people were involved in politics in the Bible, too. Joseph was involved with foreign governments. Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Nehemiah, Esther, Nahum, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, John the Baptist even went after Herod. He lost his head, but he got involved. Paul was involved, and even Jesus Himself was involved in politics.

Well, why would any of them be involved in politics? Let's just take a look back at Christians, what Christians have done over the past 2000 years politically. Let's start when Jesus ascended to heaven until now. Christians have politically abolished slavery, gladiatorial combat, death games, temple prostitution, kidnapped brides, wives as property, infanticide, child labor, child marriage, child sex abuse, child prostitution, class distinctions, and now in some states, abortion.

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Aren't those worthy causes? Yeah. Why do we do it? Because we love our families, we love Jesus, and we love our neighbors. And we don't want slavery, we don't want death games, we don't want child marriage, or child labor, and infanticide, or any of these things. That's why we fight against them. You say, well, how was Jesus involved? Who did Jesus go after the most? The Pharisees.

Who were the Pharisees? They were the political and religious leaders of Israel. Rome delegated much of the day to day lawmaking authority to them. And Jesus went after these people. Yes. Jesus got involved in politics and He wasn't so nice doing it. In fact, here's an easy passage to remember. Matthew 23:23. I'm just going to read it now. We'll unpack it after the break.

But here's what Jesus said to the politicians of His day. Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You give a 10th of your spices, mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law: Justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former, you blind guides. You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

Wow. Jesus wasn't always a nice guy. He said, you're tithing your spices. But you've neglected the more important matters of the law, including justice, mercy and faithfulness. What does that mean for us today? Jesus is telling us how we ought to vote, what we ought to consider when we vote. We'll get into it right after the break. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with Frank Turek. Back in two minutes. Don't go anywhere.

Ladies and gentlemen, do you know the best evidence for the resurrection? And can you answer the toughest objections against it? Well, join me and Dr. Mike Licona for a brand-new resurrection course that's starting this week. You can still sign up into next week. It's called, 'Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? Evidence and Objections for the Modern Mind.' I'll be your instructor along with Dr. Mike Licona.

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We'll be together several times on live Zoom Q&A video if you take the premium version. Go to [CrossExamined.org](http://CrossExamined.org). Click on online courses and you will see it there. Also, a little bit later this month, we're going to have 'Why Does God Allow Evil?' with the great Clay Jones.

Clay has done some absolutely great work when it comes to this question. And he's fighting cancer right now. He's right in the middle of it. And this is going to actually show you that this is not just theoretical, this question of evil with Clay. If you're struggling with that issue or you want better answers, take the course 'Why Does God Allow Evil?'

Also want to mention that I'm going to be out in Portland, Oregon, next weekend on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd. The 20th, I'll be at Sunrise Church in Hillsboro, Oregon. The next night I'll be at Westside Christian High School. And that's the 21st. And then on the 22nd, I'll be at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon.

Eugene, the running capital of America, by the way. Can't wait to check that out. In any event, the livestream for the University of Oregon event will take place probably at 10 Eastern. It's probably 7 Pacific time, so check all that out. The following weekend, I'll be at Park Valley Church in Haymarket, Virginia. All the details are on our website, ladies and gentlemen.

So, I hope to see you. And if you're anywhere in the Portland, Oregon area, I'd love to see you at any of those venues, just come right on out. All right. We're now talking about Jesus being involved in politics, and we're going to point out that when Jesus said that to the politicians of his day, that they were neglecting the more important matters of the law, that is key for us here in America today.

So, I'm going to point out in a minute what I think that means for us today. But now we got to dive into the question that we have posed for ourselves today because a lot of Christians aren't going to vote because they don't like either candidate. So, what should Christians do when we don't like either candidate?

Can we just admit something? Both of these candidates have problems. Trump is a braggart. We all know that. He appears to be a narcissist, although there are some who are now saying that Trump is on the spectrum, meaning that he doesn't pick up on social cues. That might

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explain a lot, but it still doesn't justify some of the crazy and out, you know, just, what's the word I'm looking for here?

Obnoxious things he has said and done. And of course, Kamala Harris has a checkered past. And that's not just true personally, but also with regard to policy. In fact, The Babylon Bee had a headline. 'Kamala Harris distances herself from Kamala Harris.' She won't answer a question straight. She won't tell us really what she's going to do, because if she told us, very few people would vote for her, given her past.

So, what are we supposed to do when we have candidates that we don't like? By the way, both of these candidates have a record. You can look back at their records. You can look back at Trump's record. And you, of course, you can look at Kamala Harris's record right now. Just recently, she said she wouldn't change anything from the Biden Administration.

That wasn't a good answer for Kamala Harris because so much of the things the Biden Administration has done have been disastrous, but she's just doubling down. Now, before we get into, what do you do, I need to point out that one great objection that Christians bring up to being involved in politics is they will say this, no politician can be your savior. Trump's not your savior. Certainly, Kamala Harris isn't and let me just second that.

Obviously, I agree no politician can be our savior. But when many people say that they almost make it seem like all Christianity is about is getting saved. As if Christians should be concerned with nothing else. As if Christianity is just fire insurance. Yes, no politician can be your savior, but no spouse can be your savior either. Yet it's still important that you pick the right one.

And no business can be your savior. No doctor can be your savior. No school can be your savior. No child can be your savior. No job, house, or investment can be your savior either. Nevertheless, those issues are still important, and you need to make wise decisions. It's true. Government can't save people. Government can't get people to heaven, but it can certainly destroy people.

It can certainly destroy livelihoods. It can certainly allow evil to be done that shouldn't be done. So, while government can't save you, it's still necessary. In fact, it's one of the three institutions

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that God created. He created marriage, government, and the Church. And unfortunately, too many Christians are two-thirds of a Christian. They're only concerned with marriage and the Church and not the other institution that God created, government.

We have to be concerned with all three, ladies and gentlemen. So, what did Jesus mean when He said that we've neglected the more important matters of the law? Well, this points out that there's a moral hierarchy. I don't have time to go through all these passages, ladies and gentlemen, but you can hear some of these phrases from different teachings of Jesus. Jesus talked about the greatest commandment.

He talked about greater love, greater sin, greater judgment. He said that greater knowledge would bring greater punishment. And as we just pointed out, He talked about the more important matters of the law. What does all this imply? There's a moral hierarchy. Some issues are more important than other issues, and that is true when it comes to politics.

That's why Jesus went after the Pharisees and said they were neglecting the more important matters of the law. Well, what are the more important matters of the law? Well, abortion is pretty important. Why? Because you're taking life. The right to life is the right to all other rights. If you don't have life, you don't have anything.

Now, we don't have time to get into this. I can't show you a video on radio, but David Daleiden was an activist who about 10 years ago, went undercover to expose the fact that Planned Parenthood was actually selling baby body parts. We'll put the video in the show notes. You can check it out. And at the time this happened, Kamala Harris was the AG, the Attorney General of California.

Do you know what Kamala Harris did? She didn't go after the illegal selling of body parts. She didn't go after Planned Parenthood. She went after the pro-life activist that exposed them. And the trial still hasn't happened yet. Yet, he's still charged. Apparently, he's supposed to go to trial this December after nine years.

And there's an article in the New York Post from August 2 of this year. Here's the headline. 'Kamala Harris accused of 'weaponizing' California's AG's office for mega-sponsor Planned

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Parenthood.' In other words, Planned Parenthood has given so much money to Kamala Harris way back when she was a DA, way back when she ran for Senate.

And of course, now that she's running for president, that Kamala Harris would not prosecute them when she was the AG. She went after the guy that exposed the crime. To show you how radical is she is on abortion. In fact, that's the only thing she'll talk about, is abortion. Man is that sad. I mean, think about this, ladies and gentlemen.

Nobody should be happy about abortion. Even if you consider yourself so-called pro-choice, why would you ever celebrate the taking of a life? Why would you do that? Kamala Harris not only wants that to happen, she wants it to happen all the way until the moment of birth and maybe even after birth. And she wants the government to pay for it.

I don't know how any Christian votes for that. How do you vote for that? Please, you're neglecting the more important matters of the law. In fact, what I want to do now is compare the platforms. Because let me just say right up front that if you don't like either candidate like I don't like either candidate, you need to remember one thing.

When you go into the voting booth, you're not voting for one person. You're voting for 5000 people to go to Washington and implement an agenda, implement policies, implement the platform that they have published. And that's what they will do. If the Republicans get in, they're going to try and implement their platform.

If the Democrats get in, they're going to try to implement their platform, their policies. Now, what do these people believe on the more important matters of the law? Life obviously is extremely important. Abortion. Democrats want to pay for abortion. They want the government. That means they want you to pay for it.

Republicans, Trump has sloughed this off on the states now and said, well, the states will decide, each state will decide what their abortion law is. And that is going to be a problem moving forward for Christians, because if Republicans become another pro-choice party, we're just going to have to look for another party.

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Ladies and gentlemen, right now, we know, however, that the Democrats will pay for abortion. The Republicans at the federal level will not. And they're just going to allow the states to do what they do. Kamala Harris wants to bring back basically a law that would codify Roe v. Wade, which would mean you could kill your child up to the moment of birth for any reason.

That's where we are. Sorry. That's the truth right there. And Kamala Harris wanted to go after the guy that exposed Planned Parenthood selling body [parts]. By the way, if you just think it's a blob of tissue in there. If it's just a blob of tissue in there, why are they selling body parts? How could they be selling body parts if it's just a blob of tissue?

In fact, if you're listening to this and you are in some way pro-abortion, pro-choice, whatever you want to call yourself, I double dog dare you to go to [caseforlife.com](http://caseforlife.com). Scroll down, watch the 1 minute video. It will show you the results of an abortion in all three trimesters. And then you tell me, if you tell me you're still pro-choice, all I can say is have a nice day, because you're suppressing the truth.

When you see that, you're going to go, no, that's a human being. We can't do that. Now, the Republicans are going to have to take an incremental approach on abortion. And that's a biblical way to do it. By the way, ladies and gentlemen, God even took an incremental approach with the Israelites.

In Matthew 19, he talks about that Moses gave you a certificate of divorce because your hearts were hard. But it wasn't this way from the beginning. Even in the Old Testament, God took an incremental approach to bring people along. We're not going to get a complete ban on abortion in America, given the current state of America. We're going to have to work harder as Christians to convince people that pro-life is the way to go. It's the right thing to do.

Until then, we're just going to have to limit the damage by putting people in office who will limit the damage, not put people in office who are going to not only have abortion up to the moment of birth, but have you pay for it with your tax dollars. We've got other issues we're going to go through in the final segment, religious freedom, transitioning children, judges, open borders, etc. Don't go anywhere.

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We're trying to inform you as to what the platforms are so you can make an informed decision. We're also going to give you a place where you can see where everybody stands based on your address. Put your address in, it'll show you everybody on your ballot. Don't go anywhere. We're back in just two minutes.

All right, ladies and gentlemen, we're speeding through this to show you where both parties stand and what Christians should do if we don't like either candidate. Remember, if you don't like either candidate, you're not voting for one person. You're voting for policies. At this point, you need to vote policies over personality.

I wish we had great personalities at the top. We don't. Even if we did, it's still about policy. That's why you put people in office and don't expect that you're going to get a perfect candidate. There are no perfect candidates. In fact, Gary Hamrick, who did a great election sermon... We'll show you how to listen to that here a little bit later.

In fact, you can listen to it by going to [voteyourfaith.net](http://voteyourfaith.net). [voteyourfaith.net](http://voteyourfaith.net). In fact, at [voteyourfate.net](http://voteyourfate.net), you'll also get that digital voting guide I mentioned and several presentations. Anyway, Gary said when he was talking to his congregation about don't expect the perfect candidate. He said, you don't get 100% of what you want in most decisions in life. How many of you are married?

Everybody laughed. Right? Your spouse isn't 100% perfect, and neither are you. So, you've got to go, well Frank, are we going to vote for the most good or the least evil? And the answer is yes. That's what we're going to do. All right? We're going to try and get as much good and shun as much evil as we can. All right, we talked about abortion.

How about religious freedom? Okay, I don't know how to express this to you any more strongly than what I'm about to say here. Religious freedom is on the chopping block when it comes to the Democrat platform. They want to pass the so-called Equality Act, ladies and gentlemen. And the Equality Act isn't about equality. It's about forcing people to disobey God and participate in immorality.

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In fact, it's a sword, not a shield. It would put LGBTQ concerns over anybody's religious freedom. What do I mean by that? First of all, what do I mean by a shield and a sword? A shield prevents others from doing evil to you. A law that is a shield prevents others from doing evil to you, like, prevents someone from discriminating against you, say, because of your race.

Okay, that's what a shield does. But a sword, a law that is a sword allows others to compel you to do evil, or it allows others to do evil to you. And that's what the Equality Act would do. The Equality Act would compel you to participate in same-sex weddings.

If you're, say, a florist, or a caterer, or a baker, like Jack Phillips. You know the whole Jack Phillips story. Google him. You'll find out about him. It would compel you to use certain pronouns at work. This is what the Equality Act would do. It would compel you to use your money for sex change operations through your tax dollars. That's what the Equality Act would do.

It would compel doctors to do abortions. It would compel them to affirm unwanted sexual desires. In other words, it would ban anybody from counseling people who wanted to get out of their unwanted sexual desires. It would ban certain counseling in other words, not conversion therapy, as people say, just counseling, just trauma therapy. It would ban that.

It would compel doctors to transition children through hormones and gender surgeries. It would compel doctors to treat people not by their biology, but by their gender identity, which is a disaster when it comes to medicine because men and women are different biologically, and they even metabolize certain medicines differently. And yet, this woke sort of medicine is going to compel doctors to treat a person not by his or her biology, but by what they think they are. Yeah.

Try giving a prostate check to a trans man. In other words, a woman trying to be a man. There's no prostate there, all right? There's no pap smear for trans women. But doctors would be compelled to try to say they did that. I mean, this is madness, ladies and gentlemen. Also, the Equality Act would open up the possibility your child would be taken away from you to transition them, as is already happening in California.

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It would prevent you from knowing they are being transitioned, like in California. The teachers cannot legally tell a parent that their child's transitioning. The Equality Act would also allow men in women's showers, bathrooms, and sports, which would be obviously an invitation to predators who just a man can just say, I'm a woman today, a predator, or a pedophile could just say, I'm a woman and go into a woman's shower or bathroom.

This is what the so-called Equality Act would do, and Democrats are for it. Of course, the Republicans are against it. They don't want religious freedom restricted. Transitioning children, the Democrats are for it. The Republicans are against it. Castrating children. Can we just stand aside and let that happen?

How are we loving our neighbor if we do so? The Democrats want lawmaking judges where the Republicans want law applying judges. By the way, how did we get Roe v. Wade? By law making judges. The Democrats want to use race to treat people by the law differently or use race in the law to treat people differently. The Republicans are against it.

In other words, the Democrats want Affirmative Action and other methods to try and get equity, which actually isn't fair to minorities because then everyone else goes, oh, I know why you're here. You're the diversity hire. You didn't earn this. No, I did earn it. No, you're the diversity. This is demeaning to people, and it's reverse racism.

You don't fix old racism by new racism. The Republicans are for school choice. Of course the Democrats are against it. And the border is wide open with the Democrats. And even Kamala Harris. She didn't say she'd do that differently when she was asked.

Now, the government's number one priority, ladies and gentlemen, is to protect innocent people from evil. We are not protecting innocent people from evil when we have an open border. It's not compassionate to keep an open border. By the way, compassion is not the goal of government anyway. The government's command is to protect innocent people from evil.

Not every individual command in the Bible is for government. If it was, we'd have to say the government ought to preach the Gospel. Do we want the government preaching the Gospel and making disciples? That's not the role of government. Government has a different role than

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the Church does. I mentioned the three institutions, marriage, government, and church. They're three institutions for a reason.

No one of them does everything. And by the way, God established nations and borders. Even the great commission itself says, go, therefore make disciples of all nations. Borders are presupposed. God created borders with the Tower of Babel. He had a wall around Jerusalem. He told certain Israelites, you can't cross the border into Moab.

You can't cross the border into Edom. Borders are to be respected. And an open border doesn't protect people. And it isn't compassionate. It encourages sin. It encourages drug-trafficking, sex-trafficking, crime, terrorism. It even takes benefits away from people who paid in. There are illegal aliens getting luxury apartments when Americans are homeless.

There are illegal aliens getting benefits from the government that people who paid into the system don't get. This also destroys cultures, including Christian cultures and Christian freedoms, which Bill Federer and I unpacked in a livestream called 'The Shocking History of Open Borders.' I don't have time to get into it all here, but an open border is a disaster.

We want immigration, but we want people vetted before they come in here. Just like you have a lock on your door. You just can't let anyone come in your house. We have to do the same thing with our nation. We just can't allow people to come in here like they've been coming in here.

And we know the Democrats just want to create a one party system where Democrats are always elected, and that would actually be a disaster long term. You can also look at what FEMA has been doing lately. We'll put some links in the show notes. They're more concerned with DEI.

In fact, there is a headline, a story that says 'Federal relief workers say FEMA is moving away from helping the greatest number of people to LGBTQ disaster equity' in a woke seminar. What's going on, ladies and gentlemen? These are people that are supposed to be helping hurricane relief, and they're more worried about LGBTQ equity.

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This is not a good use of government. When a government doesn't protect its own people from evil, when it actually does evil itself, it's a bad government. It's a dereliction of duty. That's what's going on right now. And, ladies and gentlemen, we need to vote according to the more important matters of the law.

The government is supposed to protect innocent people from evil, not allow crime, not allow 300,000 children now to be unaccounted for in America, that many of them are probably in the sex trade now because the Biden Harris Administration left the border open. That is not a good use of government. That's a dereliction of duty.

Now, I understand a lot of people don't like Republicans, a lot of people don't like Trump. I get it. Again, you're not voting for one person. You need to make a decision. What does God want you to do? I think voting third party or not voting is a waste of time. In fact, I think it's a dereliction of duty.

In fact, my friend Jack Hibbs put it this way. He said, well, if you don't vote, you need to repent. Every opportunity God gives us, we are to use, use it to the advancement of his kingdom. And voting is the easiest. We fire no bullets. We don't pull out any swords. There aren't tanks in the streets. We just get up and go vote.

So, how do you know where everybody stands? Go to [voteyourfaith.net](http://voteyourfaith.net), ladies and gentlemen. [VoteYourFaith.net](http://VoteYourFaith.net). It's got that digital voter guide up there. It's got about at least ten different presentations on this issue. And we have to do this. Why? As Tozer said, all that's necessary.

Well, Tozer didn't say this. It was actually Edmund Burke. All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing. So, for you half of Christians who aren't going to vote, you need to vote. Don't do nothing. Do something to move the kingdom forward and protect innocent people from evil.

Here's what Tozer said. Tozer said, in many churches, Christianity has been watered down until the solution is so weak that if it were poison, it would not hurt anyone. And if it were medicine, it would not cure anyone.

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Ladies and gentlemen let's repent of that. Let's move forward and at least vote and vote biblically. Go to [voteyourfaith.net](http://voteyourfaith.net). See where all the candidates on your ballot stand and vote for the greatest good and to prevent the most evil. And we'll see you here, Lord willing, next week. God bless.

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