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Anxiety About the Election

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Ladies and gentlemen, in this podcast, we're going to see what God says about rebellion, about sovereignty, about government, about leadership, about our responsibility, about sin, about anxiety, and about prayer. Yeah, we're all going to cover that in this short podcast today.

We're recording this the day before the United States election, and all of these issues are at least touching on this election. Let's start with the rebellion. You know, there's a psalm that I've always found extremely intriguing, particularly when it comes to rebellion. It's Psalm 2.

Check out Psalm 2, ladies and gentlemen. Psalm 2 says this. Why do the nations conspire and the people's plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed saying, let us break their chains and throw off their shackles. The one enthroned in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.

Now, what's this about? It really seems to me that this is talking about how the nations around the world are in rebellion against God. And this psalm was written by David, probably related to his coronation as king. He, of course, is trying to follow the Lord. He of course, doesn't do that perfectly. But the nations around them don't. They want to throw off the shackles of the Lord. They want to break the chains of what the Lord wants. And we see that in our government now. We see that in human governments all over the world.

We as people don't want to follow the Lord. We want to throw off what we perceive to be God's chains and throw off God's shackles. But the one enthroned in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in His wrath, saying, I've installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain. I will proclaim the Lord's decree. He said to me, you are my son. Today I have become your Father.

This is a messianic psalm as well, ladies and gentlemen. God says, ask me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth, your possession. And that's ultimately what's going to happen in the end times. We are going to rule over the whole world.

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That Jesus will come back and rule, and there's not going to be any more rebellion. You, meaning God will break them with a rod of iron. You will dash them to pieces like pottery. Therefore, you kings, be wise, be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss the Son, or He will be angry.

Remember, this is Old Testament, ladies and gentlemen. Psalm 2. Kiss the Son or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction. For His wrath can flare up in a moment, blessed all who take refuge in Him. I pray that we take refuge in the Lord. And not our own will, but His will. Of course, his famous prayer says that we want to pray in the Father's will, not our will.

Yet we want to just rise up against the Lord, don't we? We want to throw off the chains and the shackles of God, thinking that somehow, they are limiting our freedom, when in reality they are guides for us, to protect us from this dangerous world. If we just live according to our whims, if we live according to our desires, without reason, without moral restraint, without God's righteous law, we're not only going to hurt ourselves, we're going to hurt others.

And we're ultimately going to be judged. And that's what Psalm 2 is really talking about. Rebellion. How about sovereignty? We could talk about sovereignty in a lot of different ways. And we're just touching on these issues, ladies and gentlemen.

We can't go into great depth since we're covering so many today. Psalm 47, verses 7 to 9 says this. For God is the King of all the earth. Sing to Him a psalm of praise God. Reign reigns over the nations. God is seated on His holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the kings of the earth belong to God. He is greatly exalted. No matter what happens in earthly elections, ladies and gentlemen, God will remain on his throne. And no matter what happens, God will bring good from it in some way. We are, of course, supposed to do what's right, do what's good, and leave the results to God.

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But regardless of what happens, God is ultimately sovereign. And yes, we'll make our free choices. We will rebel. But in the end, God will judge. He will judge nations, and He will judge individuals. He judges nations here. He judges individuals in eternity. And there's two, only two things you can get in eternity, ladies and gentlemen.

You can either get grace or you can get judgment. Justice in other words. Do you really want justice? I don't. I want grace. Because if I get justice, I'm not going to make it. God is infinitely just. And so, since I haven't been infinitely just, He has to punish me if He's going to remain just. And of course He is. But He doesn't want to punish me, and He doesn't want to punish you.

So, what does He do? He finds an innocent substitute to put our punishment on that substitute. Where can He find a substitute? An innocent substitute? Not in any one of us. We're all fallen. The only way he can find an innocent substitute is for Him to be the substitute Himself. That's why He adds humanity to His deity, comes to earth, allows us, the creatures that rebelled against Him, to torture and kill Him, so He could take our punishment upon Himself.

And then by trusting in Him, we are not only forgiven, we're given His righteousness, ladies and gentlemen. That is the greatest story ever told, and it happens to be true. And this is why Jesus is the only way. It's not an arbitrary claim. He's not just saying, I'm the only way because I said so.

It's the only way even philosophically, you can think about this. That if there's a being that's infinitely just, that rules the universe, then He has to punish unjust creatures because otherwise He wouldn't be unjust or He wouldn't be just I should say. He would be unjust if He didn't punish us. So, what does he have to do?

He has to find an innocent substitute. And He's the only one that can be that substitute. That's why I don't want justice. I want grace. And that's what God has promised us, regardless of the difficulty we have here on earth. We're supposed to do what's right and lead the results to God. But God ultimately will judge nations, and in eternity, He's going to judge individuals. Yeah, choose grace rather than justice.

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Accept what Jesus has done. Repent. Accept what He has done, and you will get grace. Now, what has he said about government? We talked about rebellion. We talked about sovereignty. Let's talk about government.

Probably the most direct passage on government is found in Romans 13, where Paul says, let everyone be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authorities, rebelling against what God has instituted. And those who do so bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong.

Do you want to be free from fear of the One in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For here's the key purpose of government. Here's what He says. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid. For rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath, to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to authorities not only because of possible punishment, because as a matter of conscience.

So, the purpose of government is to punish people who are trying to do evil, to punish them for doing that so they don't do that. In other words, the purpose of government is to protect innocent people from evil, and that's why we have government. Now, Paul is putting a general principle out here.

Of course, there are governments that do evil to their people, and there are governments that try and force people to disobey God. If a government tries to force you to disobey God, then you peacefully resist. If you say, no, I'm not going to abort my child. No, I'm not going to transition my child. No, I'm not going to call somebody something they're not.

I'm not going to use pronouns because you told me to. That would be lying to people, and it wouldn't be right. I'm not going to violate God. I'm not going to violate my conscience. Now, the problem is you might have to take some civil penalty for that.

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So, that's what civil disobedience is all about. But Paul is putting forth a general principle here, that the reason we have governments is to protect innocent people from evil and that good governments are working as an agent of God to bring wrath, to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. We have a problem though, ladies and gentlemen. When the government begins to bring wrath on innocent people, it starts to do evil itself.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil. And in this election, we know there are politicians out there that want to do evil. They want to transition children; they want to abort children up to the moment of birth. They want the government to pay for it. They want to allow sex-trafficking. Oh, well, they don't really want to allow it, but their policies are allowing it by basically allowing an open border.

Oh, but it's not completely open. It may not be completely open, but it's open enough when it shouldn't be. We're not protecting innocent people from evil when we allow evil to come across our borders in the form of fentanyl, in the form of sex-trafficking, in the form of terrorism. We are allowing and enticing people to sin. We're not protecting innocent people from evil when we do that.

So, governments are instituted to protect innocent people from evil. When they begin to do evil on their people, then we have to work for a new government. And that's what elections are all about, ladies and gentlemen. Go to voteyourfaith.net if you want to see where the candidates stand.

We've talked about a lot on this program but go to voteyourfaith.net and there are a lot of presentations up there. There are comparisons of the platforms and remember, I know you're not interested. A lot of people say I don't like either candidate at the top. I get it. In fact, we have a whole podcast. 'What If I Don't Like Either Candidate?' Well, what you have to do. Well, we're going to get to it here in a minute.

But what you have to do is remember you're not voting for one person. You're voting for 5,000 people to go to Washington and implement policies, implement an agenda. So, it's not about one person, it's about a whole number of people going to Washington and doing that. Okay, what about leadership? Which is related to government here.

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Proverbs 11:14 says this. For lack of guidance, a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors. Who are the advisors that have come along with whoever you're going to vote for president? Who are they? Are they levelheaded people? Are they people who are wise?

Or are they people that don't understand human nature and want to implement policies that don't work and can't work because they're against human nature? Who are the advisors? Remember, you're not voting for one person, you're voting for 5,000 people. When you add up all the political appointees and all the hires that a new administration brings in, it's several thousand people.

It's not just one person. And if we have a lack of guidance, our nation is going to fall. Proverbs 29:2 says, when the righteous thrive, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan. You groan when there's a bad government. It hurts people. When the government's not doing its job of protecting innocent people from evil, then innocent people will groan, quite obviously.

Of course, Jesus said, every kingdom divided against itself, will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. Our country is pretty much divided, as you know, ladies and gentlemen. I don't know how much longer this great divide can go, but it's really a difference in worldviews. There is a worldview and neither of the parties obviously are completely good on these issues, as we've talked about before.

But there are better policies, in my view anyway, on the Republican side than the Democrat side. And some of the Democrat policies are going completely against human nature. They're going completely against not only the word of God, but just natural law. We shouldn't be killing children. We shouldn't be transitioning children. We should have safe borders. We shouldn't be... I don't know if you just saw. Kamala Harris just came out and said we need to stop disinformation.

This seems like it's coming right out of the Soviet Union. Disinformation? What are you talking about? The government's going to tell you what you can and can't say in direct violation of the

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First Amendment to the United States Constitution just because you don't like what people are saying?

Look, the solution to disinformation, and I got to agree with her, there is a lot of disinformation out there. But the solution to disinformation is better information. Not less speech, but more speech. But what's the solution to a divided nation?

Well, the ultimate solution, of course, is a spiritual revival. That's what we need. Christians need to lead people back to Jesus and to make them disciples. That's what we need to do. But if we have a secular worldview versus a generally theistic worldview, we're always going to be divided.

Now, what about sacrificing children? We talked about rebellion. We talked about sovereignty. We talked about government. We talked about leadership. Well, here's what Jeremiah was saying to Judah just before they were judged by God. This is from Jeremiah, chapter 7.

They were judged by God, as you may know, in 586 BC, when the Babylonian dictator Nebuchadnezzar came down and destroyed the temple, destroyed the city, killed a lot of people. And why? What was one of the reasons that they destroyed Judah?

Well, here's what Jeremiah says. By the way, if you ever feel like people don't listen to you, if you ever feel like, you know, I'm not making any progress. Nobody believes like I do or very few do. Everyone I talk to rejects me. Well, you're sort of channeling Jeremiah there, because Jeremiah probably is the only prophet we know about that might not have had any actual conversions.

Nobody listened to Jeremiah. Even the king wanted to put him in a cistern. This guy's bad for morale. Shut him up. Put him in a cistern. Anyway, here's what Jeremiah says. He says the people of Judah have done Evil in my eyes, declares the Lord. This is Jeremiah 7, verse 30 and following.

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They have set up their detestable idols in the house that bears my name and have defiled it. They have built the high places of Topheth in the valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire. Something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.

In other words, they're sacrificing their children to Molech. Even Solomon got involved in this, ladies and gentlemen. So, beware that Solomon got involved in it centuries before Jeremiah is talking about. But anyway, Jeremiah's saying, okay, God's patience has run out, so beware. The days are coming, declares the Lord, when people will no longer call it Topheth or the Valley of Ben Hinnom, but the Valley of slaughter.

For they will bury their dead in Topheth until there is no more room. Then the carcasses of this people will become food for the birds and the wild animals. There will be no one to frighten them away. I will bring an end to the sounds of joy and gladness and to the voices of the bride and the bridegroom in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem.

For the land will become desolate because they're sacrificing their children. The next chapter, chapter 8, verses 5 to 6, says this. Why then have these people turned away? Why does Jerusalem always turn away? They cling to deceit. They refuse to return. I have listened attentively, says God. But they do not say what is right.

None of them repent of their wickedness, saying, what have I done? Each pursues their own course. Like a horse charging into battle. Yeah. There's so many people out there in the political world, and even some now in, who claim to be Christians. These progressive Christians, charging. They're like...

They got a horse charging into battle. They're pursuing their course, charging into battle to do evil. Like, let's have unfettered abortion. Let's have it up to the moment of birth. Let's have the people pay for it as well. The government, tax dollars go to it. Jesus said this. It's better to have a millstone hung around your neck and thrown into the sea than mislead any one of the little ones here that follow me.

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How about mislead? How about killing them? That's what we're doing in this country. I don't know how much longer God is going to bely His judgment or delay His judgment. But if this continues, who knows maybe it'll be this election, maybe we'll just go full bore.

Let's sacrifice our children and celebrate it as some on the left have done and are doing. Let's celebrate it now. Trump certainly isn't as pro-life as I want him to be, but I know he doesn't want to kill children in the third trimester and have the government pay for it. But that's what's going on, ladies and gentlemen. That's what the Left wants to do.

Proverbs 14:12 says, there is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death. How about responsibility? What's our responsibility in light of this? Now, you know, I've talked a lot about Jeremiah 29:11 and how a lot of people take that verse out of context to try and say, oh, this promise applies to me.

You know the promise, all the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future. That's not a promise to 21st century Americans, ladies and gentlemen. That was a promise to the exiles that Jeremiah just warned when they were taken from Judah and taken to Babylon in 586 BC, God said, 70 years from now, I'm going to prosper you. I'm going to bring you back into the land.

And by the way, that happened in 516 BC. They went back to the land after Cyrus gave them the go ahead to go back to the land and they began to rebuild the temple. So, God's promise came, came true. Jeremiah 29:11 came true 70 years later. But it's not a promise to us. Yet, as I've said before, this passage does give us some principles that do apply to us.

The promises don't apply to us, but the principles apply to us. Like for example, if God says He's going to do something, He's going to do it. There's also a passage just before 29:11. It's 29:7, which says this. Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I've carried you into exile.

Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Now, that's a principle that he told them, that's a command He gave them when they went to a foreign land. Seek the prosperity, the peace and the prosperity of the city to which I've carried you into exile. Because when you prosper, or when it prospers, you'll prosper too.

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Now, that principle is a good principle for even for us today. Wherever we are, we ought to seek the peace and prosperity of where we live. And of course, Jesus echoes this in the New Testament. We're supposed to love our neighbors, in other words. That's another way of saying the same thing. Seek the peace and prosperity of the government, of the city in which you live. We're to be involved, ladies and gentlemen. We're going to love our neighbor.

And the way we love our neighbor through politics is to put laws in place that protect innocent people from evil. And if you don't do that, who is going to do it? The folks on the Left don't want to protect innocent babies from evil. The folks on the Left don't want to protect children from evil. They think they're doing good actually by trying to transition them.

We have to love our neighbor by putting laws in place that protect them. The folks on the Left want a porous border. That's not loving their neighbor. They're allowing, as I mentioned earlier, so many evils in terms of sex-trafficking, and fentanyl, and terrorism to come across the border. Not to mention the benefits now that are given to people that come across the border that even Americans don't get.

It's one of the reasons also that housing has risen so dramatically. Because when you import 11 million people in just a few years over the border, they need housing too. It drives the price of housing up. There's a domino effect here. There's a ripple effect, ladies and gentlemen. And we talked a lot about how it's not compassionate to just allow anybody to cross the border without being vetted, because some of the people coming across the border, many of the people coming across the border are being forced across the border against their will to be sex trafficked.

There's over 300,000 children who have come across the border, and we don't know where they are in our country. They're probably all sex-trafficked, or many of them are, I should say. Not to mention there's 425,000 or so as Homeland Security has admitted, people that have criminal records, including 13,000 murderers, 16,000 sex offenders that we have let across our border.

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How are we protecting innocent people from evil when we allow that to happen? Now, for all those Christians out there who refuse to vote or want to vote for unbiblical policies in direct contradiction of the Bible. Remember, as James says, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not to do it. That's James 4:17.

If you're going to love your neighbor, how are you voting for policies that are in direct contradiction to the Bible and put people at risk? How are you doing that? Oh, you say, well, there's some from each party that are like [unintelligible]. Okay. vote on the more important matters of the law. That's what Jesus pointed out as we've said earlier.

In Matthew 23:23, He says to the politicians of His day, the Pharisees, you've tithed your spices, mint, dill, and cumin, but you've neglected the more important matters of the law, justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former, or the former without neglecting the latter. You blind guides, you strain out a gnat and swallow a camel.

What's He saying? He's saying, look, you're doing the little things as lawmakers. You're tithing your spices, but you're neglecting justice. And we're doing that in this country. We're neglecting the bigger matters of the law. We're telling people what light bulbs they can and can't use, but we won't say, don't murder your children. Kamala Harris wants to ban plastic straws, but she doesn't want to ban child mutilation.

She wants that to happen. Oh, she doesn't think it's child mutilation. She thinks that's perfectly fine. That that's a good thing for kids. You know, I came across an article we had Laura Hanford on yesterday. She sent me this article that we'll put in the show notes.

And this article points out how people on the Right actually have to water down the policies being put forth on the Left. Because when you talk about those policies, people think you're lying. They think, how could anybody be for...?

Warning PG-13 here, ladies and gentlemen. How can anybody be for chopping the genitals off of children? There's nobody in public life that wants to do that. Au contraire. But when you tell people that that's actually what's going on, people think you're crazy.

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They think, no, it can't be that bad. Let me see if I can find this article while I'm thinking about it. Laura sent it to me last week and, yeah, here it is. This is an article from the Tablet magazine. I don't know about them. I don't know where they stand politically or who even this guy is, Park McDougall. But I read the article, and I said, no.

He's interviewed a bunch of people for the article, and it says Republican activists say they have to water down the reality of their opponent's agenda in focus groups. They just don't believe it's true. It can't be. And the title of the article is 'The Democrats Insanity Defense.' And it's not just transitioning children.

The abortion issue is in there, the border issue is in there. Some of the things that happened with regard to Iran is in this article. Like why would we be siding with Iran over Israel? You know, Iran wants to kill Americans. We're the great Satan. Why would people do this? Nobody can believe that this is happening. But it is. And you probably think I'm crazy too, but you can look at the policies and say no. They're doing this.

In fact, if this election is contested, of course it probably will be, people who, when it's over, when people start saying oh, you're just saying that this election was stolen because you lost. And you can't say that the election was stolen because you know, that's un American. And that's, first of all, both sides have said this election's been lost over and over again.

I mean 2016 Hillary said that, you know? I mean, so if, if it comes to the election day and it turns out that it's a close election and let's say Kamala Harris wins and the, the Trump people say well the election's been stolen, okay, that's going to create a whole bunch of trouble. And even if it's the opposite way that Trump wins and Kamala Harris, it's been stolen, okay?

If you look at though what the Left has done in the last four years, it's not a conspiracy theory that they don't want a fair election because of what they're actually doing. I mean the borders are porous, nearly open and they haven't stopped it in three and a half years. The illegal. They won't pass laws that ask for voter ID.

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Why would anybody not pass a law for voter ID? You need an ID for virtually everything you do in life, but not voting? And now they're suing states like Alabama and Virginia because the governors in Alabama and Virginia said we have a law in the books, and it says we've got to purge. If there's the dead voters or illegal voters on our rolls, we've got to purge them.

And the Biden Harris Administration sued both Virginia and Alabama to prevent them from following their own laws to make sure only citizens and people alive voted. I mean they couldn't do anything more to convince a coherent public that they don't want a fair election when they do these things. Open borders, and no voter ID, and no you can't take illegals off the rolls? I mean this is insane. But yet that's what they're doing.

Now, the Supreme Court of the United States sided with Virginia because that's the Virginia law and it makes sense. In fact, there is an amendment on the North Carolina ballot where I live that basically is a yes or no. Do you have to be 18 and a member of the United States to vote? I mean this is a no brainer. Of course, you have to be 18 and a member of the United States to vote a citizen of the United States.

But we're putting this up for referendum now, apparently. I think there's one in South Carolina as well and maybe some other borders or other states I should say. But look, if it comes to a contested election, you couldn't do more from the Left to convince people on the Right that you want to cheat when you're doing these things, which obviously show that you don't want just US citizens voting.

Now, what about borders? And before I get to borders, I want to mention that next week, the 12th, we're going to be down at Louisiana State University LSU for I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. That's the 12th, I think if I'm not mistaken, that is a Tuesday, the 12th of November. Let's see. Yeah, it is Tuesday. Go to our website for details. I hope to see you for anywhere near Baton Rouge. It's open to the public. Anyone can come.

Louisiana State University, we normally have a good crowd. We've been there before. We're doing I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. We'll have plenty of time for Q&A. So, check all that out. And if you're not anywhere near Baton Rouge but you want to see it, it will be live

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So, check out the app. It is free. Let's talk about borders. You know, borders are important. We've mentioned them earlier in the program. But biblically, borders were started by God. He divided people up into nations. This is what happens in Genesis. And then in. And of course, throughout the Pentateuch, God is telling Israel that they have certain borders, that God has promised Abraham certain land.

And He even tells Moses, hey, you can't cross the border into Edom or Moab or these kinds of places. So, borders are respected. And then in Acts 17, Paul is preaching to the Athenians right there in Athens, and he says this. The God who made the world. This is Acts 17, verse 24. The God who made the world and everything in the world of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. Now, notice when he says this, he's standing on Mars Hill. And if you know anything about the geography, there behind him is the Parthenon, the great temple to the goddess Athena where you get Athens from. And that's where Athena is supposed to dwell.

And Paul is just telling these people who built this beautiful Parthenon right behind him, you know, the God of the universe, He doesn't live in temples built by human hands. Paul is pretty brash, isn't he? Anyway, he goes on to say, and He is not served by human hands as if He

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needed anything. Because, you know, in those days, they thought that, well, we've got to make sacrifices for God to feed the gods.

We got to leave food out for gods to feed the gods, that human beings work for God because God needs things or the gods need things. And Paul's saying, no, that's not the case. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man He made all the nations. Notice, not nation. He made all the nations that they should inhabit the whole earth.

And He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He's not far from any one of us. For in Him we live, and move, and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, we are His offspring.

So, God has created nations. He's created boundaries. He's marked these times out or these boundaries and times in history out. So, boundaries, borders are biblical. By the way, there's a wall around Jerusalem, or there was. And in biblical times, it was rebuilt after it was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans. It was rebuilt by a Muslim caliph, I think, in the 1500's.

That's the old city walls that you see in Jerusalem when you go there now. But God believes in borders because God created borders, and he realizes that there are nations, not just one nation. And borders are necessary for safety. Borders are necessary for security. Borders are necessary because people might have different practices, and different customs, and different affinities.

And when you just open borders, you're going to create a lot of trouble. Now, we need immigration. We want immigrants, but we want them to come in in a vetted way. I remember when we had Bill Federer on for our live stream on 'The Shocking History of Open Borders', he gave an analogy. He said, suppose you had to eat all the food that you would eat in a year, that you had to eat it in one day.

Well, you couldn't do it, right? If you did, you'd kill yourself. Well, the same thing is true with immigration. You can't take everybody that you want to take in all at once. You're going to have to spread it out. And our country can't take the whole world in We're only 4% of the

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population. Just like you can't take everybody into your house, and you have a border around your living area. You have a lock on your door for a reason. It's not because you hate your neighbors. It's because you love your family.

And if you're responsible to take care of your family, and you are, you have to have borders. You can't just allow anybody to come into your house and eat all your food or sleep in all of your bedrooms or take over your home. If you didn't limit that, you couldn't take care of your own family.

And the same thing is true when it comes to nations. By the way, the Great Commission says, go, therefore make disciples of all nations. We've talked about this before that Pentecost is the reversal of the Tower of Babel, you remember that? Well, I don't have time to get into it now. It comes from Michael Heiser. Good insight from Michael Heiser.

All right, so borders are biblical. How about anxiety? A lot of people might be feeling anxiety going into this. There's no better passage on this than Philippians 4. Here's what Paul says. And by the way, this is a prayer that he writes when he's in prison, okay? So, check this out. He says, rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, anything. But in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

So, do not be anxious. Present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. This is a passage we memorized as a family. So, look, if it's getting too much for you here in the last day or two of the election, then just vote. Get other people to vote, but then pray. We should pray anyway.

In fact, that's our next topic, prayer. First of all, we ought to be praying for our nation and we ought to be praying for our leaders. Whether you agree with our leaders or not, whether you agree with the candidates or not, you ought to be praying for Joe Biden, for Kamala Harris, for

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Donald Trump, for J.D. Vance, for senators, for congressmen, for governors, for local house, and local state.

You know, in your states, you ought to be praying for your local officials. You ought to be praying for everybody. And here's what Paul says through first and when he writes to Timothy in 1 Timothy 2. He says, I urge then first of all that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

So, pray, especially if you disagree with somebody, you ought to be praying for them. By the way, it's hard to hate people that you pray for. And you ought not hate people anyway. You might not like what they do. You might hate the evil they want to do or do, but you don't hate them.

In fact, this is what Paul says in Ephesians 6. He doesn't say this directly, but he points out in Ephesians 6, for our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore, put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. And after you have done everything to stand. He goes on to say, pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Pray, ladies and gentlemen. That will take away anxiety. And it's also what God wants us to do to be dependent on Him. So, we know that God can move hearts, and move minds, and ultimately appoints leaders to the presidency, to the vice presidency, to Congress, state and local levels. We ought to pray for all that. Pray for our leaders to protect our freedom so that we might live out our faith freely and without fear.

We should pray for the salvation of all of our nation's leaders that they may know God, they may know Jesus. And we pray that God puts people in power who revere you and will serve you, Jesus, for the good of our communities.

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So, let's pray for that. Let's pray for the unborn. Let's pray that the Church would be salt and light. Let's pray that Christians would vote and vote biblically. Let's pray that we don't fall into the trap that love means approval. Love doesn't mean approval. Love means seeking what's best for other people according to God's will, not our will. Remember, Paul says, love always protects.

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing. Love rejoices in the truth. That's 1 Corinthians 13. Pray that we maintain the freedom to preach and live the gospel, because some of the policies put forth, particularly by the Left in this election, would hinder that, hinder our ability. We'll have to choose between following God or following the government.

Pray for people who don't believe in the gospel, that the Holy Spirit would convict him of their sin and the need for Jesus. And pray that God uses you and me to help them see that. Pray that as a nation we would continue to export the Gospel, to send missionaries out there. Pray that we'd also continue to export the free market system so we can help people get out of poverty, because that's the best way to do so.

The free market. Pray for divine wisdom. James says, if you don't have wisdom, ask God. Pray for it. God will give it to you. And pray that our leaders will follow the will of Jesus, not their own will. And that ultimately that God's will will be done. No matter what happens in this election, ladies and gentlemen, God can bring good from it, but we just have to do what is right.

Vote biblically and pray, get others to vote biblically and pray, and then we move forward making disciples no matter what happens. So, do that ladies and gentlemen. Again, if you want more insights on this election and where the candidates stand, where the parties stand, go to voteyourfaith.net, that's voteyourfaith.net. There's a lot up there and Lord willing, we will see you here later this week. God bless.

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