
How to Vote Like Jesus

I. Our Identity — In Jesus.

[Galatians 5:1](#) (ESV) **For freedom** Christ has **set us free**; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. *[slide 1]*

Freedom in EVERY sphere of Life

B. Response and Responsibility of Freedom

Galatians [5:1b](#) ... stand firm **therefore**, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

STAND FIRM— Stick to your ground. Stay there. Stand UP not Stand DOWN. Live your life, do your job.

DON'T SUBMIT (be **burdened**, be **entangled**, **get tied up**) **AGAIN** to a yoke of slavery...

II. What About Political Engagement?

A. Biblical Leaders and Politics

1. Some think that churches should not be engaged in politics, but there is clear Biblical precedent:

Moses and Pharaoh and Israel, Nathan and David, Nehemiah, Esther & Mordecai, John the Baptizer, Jesus and Pilate, Paul and various leaders

2. If the church won't disciple people in how to think, the World will.

[Matthew 28:19-20](#) (MSG) Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. ***I'll be with you as you do this***, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

3. The Church is not getting more political, Politics is getting more theological.

Build roads, issue drivers licenses, provide police, teach math, etc. All good!

But!! — it is not good when it moves into theology and ontology

Redefine marriage

Erase gender

Reframe abortion as reproductive rights

Using schools to indoctrinate

The church didn't move, the government did!

So, with the Bible, Holy Spirit, and wisdom, we the EKKLESIA are saying to government, **“Get back in your lane!”**

III. Would Jesus Vote?

A. God gave us 3 institutions that shape human life

Family — [Gen 2](#)

Church — [Acts 2](#)

State — [Rom 13:1](#) (ESV) Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

B. USA - not a Democracy, but a Constitutional Republic.

Elected leaders represent the People. If the elected leaders represent, **who are the leaders of this nation?**

“We the People!” ... whose rights are endowed, not by a king, or a president, or a bureaucrat, but by the Creator of the Universe!

C. Whatever God creates, the enemy will try to capture

True in families - [Gen 3](#)

True in churches - [Rev 2](#) ... Pergamum & Thyatira write

Balaam.... Jezebel.. immorality and idolatry.

True in States

[Prov 29:2](#) (NKJV) When the righteous are *in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan. (* *rab* — increase - become great)

D. When Christians do not vote

Abdication of leadership position in a constitutional republic.

A form of passive rebellion

Wrong for a husband to not lead

Wrong for a pastor to not lead

Wrong for you to refuse to vote and not engage in your assignment

E. Would Jesus Vote?

YES! He would not abdicate the God-given responsibility.

IV. Common Confusions about Voting

A. A Vote is not a Valentine

Not based on who is cool, cute, handsome, or funny. warm fuzzies

[1 Samuel 16:7](#) (NIV) But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance**, but **the LORD looks at the heart.**”

Personalities come and go. Policies last a LONG time.

Don't vote for the one you “like” the most. ***Vote for the POLICIES!***

B. A Ballot Box is not a Mailbox to “Send a Message.”

“Neither candidate is pleasing, so I'm going to send a message by not voting.”

Write-ins don't work! 3rd party candidates don't work.

No one is reading that message.

The only message that is read is WHO WON.

Don't waste your chance to make a DIFFERENCE trying to make a POINT!

C. A Vote is a Selection, not a Sacrament

This is NOT Communion nor Baptism

Every candidate is flawed.

No one can vote for someone they FULLY support in every single thing.

Jesus is not on the Ballot!

V. Three Kinds of Leaders

A. Josiah - A Righteous Person who Led Nation into Righteous Practices

Restoration of exclusive worship of Yahweh. Discovered book of TORAH. Read it to entire nation line by line. PRESERVED JUDAH

B. Ahab & Jezebel - Evil Persons who Led Israel into Evil Practices

Idolatry, child sacrifice. Persecuted Bible teachers, closed the churches, murdered innocents, stole from citizens.

AHAB - passive JEZEBEL - Aggressive, Promiscuous With this kind:

Cities filled with lawlessness, theft, chaos in the cities. Months in calendar to celebrate perversion. Perversion taught to children in sex-ed classes. 9 month babies killed in womb. Parents lose children if they don't endorse warped thinking. Bible believing Christians stigmatized and marginalized.

Terrible things happen. Hell on earth.

C. Jehu - Not so Righteous, but Anointed by God. Carried out Mandate with Swiftmess and Ferocity

1. Don't treat a Jehu like a Josiah

2. A flawed leader who does good things is *better than* suffering under Ahab & Jezebel, who are WICKED.

VI. Voting — The Power to Pick the Best **AVAILABLE** Path Forward

What Robert F Kennedy, Jr. did.

[Matthew 5:13](#) (ESV) “You are the **salt** of the **earth**, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Salt- preserves by slowing decay.

Whose policies are most likely to slow societal rot?

VII. 5 Key Policies

1) Border Security

IMPORTANT: We are called to LOVE immigrants! Remember... we are pilgrims.

Government is responsible to **ENFORCE** the **LAW**.

God established nations and borders

[Acts 17:26](#) (NIV) From one man he (GOD) 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**.

We love immigrants, especially the legal immigrants. Each one enriches us.

DHS in the last month — 10-20 million estimated

of those vetted and released 425k with criminal records; 16k rapists; 13k murderers.

Which candidate is likely to restore our borders?

2) Religious Liberty

The early church— Jesus is Lord! revolutionary!

1st Amendment. Freedom of Speech. Assembly. No violation of conscience.

Doctors and Nurses - not required to perform abortions. able to diagnose and treat disease. Bakers (Zach Phillips). Graphic Designers. School teachers (Byron Cross). Football Coaches (Joseph Kennedy) Nuns.

Which candidate is likely to best protect religious freedom?

3) Biological Sex

[Genesis 1:27](#) (ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God loves each transgender person (grace and truth)

Detransitioned persons testify. FEELINGS come and go. GOD'S LOVE IS **FOREVER!**

YOUR SCARS don't define you; **HIS SCARS** define you.

To call God a Liar

Rebel against the created order.

Erode the family

Contribute to mental illness

Deprive people of the only truth that can set them free

14 states have “t.g. shield laws” for transgender. 2023- Minnesota signed by Gov Tim Walz.

Minnesota can take “temporary emergency jurisdiction” of minors whose parents are not supportive.

Evil never stops itself. It must be dethroned!

Which candidate is most likely to protect the traditional family?

4) Family

4 arenas of authority Individual - Family - Church - Nations

The health of each institution depends on the health of its components

When government attacks the family

Easy and incentivized divorce

Redefining Marriage

Erasure of Gender

When government attacks the family, it seeks to REPLACE the family.

Protect, Provide, Educate, Indoctrinate... All roles of the family

The result is slaves, not healthy individuals.

Which candidate is most likely to support Parental Rights?

5) Life

(If you are one of the 25% of women in America who have suffered an abortion: Know this:

The Lord loves you and forgives you.

You are not defined by the death of your child but by the SIN CLEANSING death of JESUS, the Son of God!

Which candidate will best protect the unborn?

Neither is consistently pro-life.

Trump - after Roe was overturned - moved left.

The Democrat party has moved from Bill Clinton (“safe, legal, rare”) to 2024 celebrating & promoting the killing of the unborn. 12 states have abortion up to 9 months. At 9 months, a child in the womb is thinking, feeling, emotionally connected to the mother.

We cannot support this position.

Kamala Harris refuses to articulate even one restriction on abortion. She has stated that she wants to eliminate the filibuster (180 years) to pass a law that would make any restriction on abortion illegal.

DNC had mobile abortion clinics! “Shout your abortion” Celebrating death!

[Proverbs 8:36b](#) (ESV)... all who hate ME love death.

WHICH CANDIDATE WILL BEST LIMIT THE TAKING OF UNBORN LIVES?

VIII. Tragedy of Non-Voting Christians

“No policy or politician can save America” True or False?

Save from WHAT?

A. Only Jesus can save us from HELL (as individuals).

B. Righteous leaders save us from Hell on earth.

Decisions have consequences.

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Hell is darkness, chaos, lawlessness, rebellion

Hell in a city

Rioters, burning cities (5 miles in Minneapolis)

No law enforcement

Open drug use

Businesses and people fleeing

Make no mistake, decisions were made that brought HELL into cities.

Leaders who lead cities or states like that should not be given MORE AUTHORITY to lead an entire nation into chaos.

VIII. Call to Action

2020 — **30 MILLION** Bible-believing Christians ABDICATED their spiritual responsibility and did not vote.

30 Million!

2020 election was determined by 42,000 strategically placed votes!

Let's go! Let's do our God-given job!

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Register!!

You can still register today and tomorrow until midnight. In the lobby.

PRAY and Vote!!

Vote early if you can.

You are #1 a citizen of HEAVEN. Part of the “church,” ekklesia, legislature of Heaven ON earth. Make your voice heard in Heaven and in Earth. Pray! Vote!

But #2 a citizen of the State and of the United States.

[Galatians 5:13](#) For you were **called to freedom**. Do not use your freedom ... for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**. ¹⁴ The **whole law is fulfilled** in one word: “**Love your neighbor as yourself**.”

If you are a big R republican and a small c Christian, or a big D democrat and a small c Christian, you need to be **Born Again**.

Judeo-Christian values can keep you out of jail.

Only the BLOOD of JESUS will keep you out of Hell.

You cannot solve a spiritual problem with politics.

Only God can do that.

May God Pour out Holy Spirit on our nation in REVIVAL and REFORMATION.
Amen

