

Foolish people claim to know all about the future and tell everyone the details! But who can really know what is going to happen? Ecclesiastes 10:14 [NLT]

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes... Hebrews 4:13 (NLT)

God cares more about **you** than what happens in this election.

Our captivation with **politics** can replace our captivation for **God.**

We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone. Psalm 33:20-22 (NLT)

If we trust God:

Our hope is in God not **politicians**.

After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses my servant is dead. Joshua 1:1-9 NLT

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Therefore it is necessary to submit to authority,... This is also why you pay taxes, <u>for the authorities are God's servants</u>, who give their full time to governing. Romans 13:5-6 (NIV)

- Servants come, and servants go, but God never **leaves** us.
- ...the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. Joshua 1:2 (NLT)

I promise you what I promised Moses: `Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. Joshua 1:3-5 (NLT)

Regardless of who's elected, God is in **control**.

...he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. Hebrews 2:8 (ESV)

I am the LORD, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27 (ESV)

Two things to remember:

- Our trust is not in the **servant** but the savior. ...the time has come for you to lead these people...Joshua 1:2 (NLT)
- When servants are replaced, God's **promises** remain. I promise you what I promised Moses...

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We don't trust God because we don't know God.

God chose <u>Moses</u> personally because God loved His <u>people</u> passionately.

Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." Exodus 3:9-10 (NLT)

...they plotted among themselves, "Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!" Numbers 14:4 (NLT)

• If we don't know God we will **replace** Him with **man**.

No matter who's elected, God wins.

So here how we trust God in this:

We accept the results as **God's will**.

Action steps for this week:

Turn the <u>news</u> off and tune into God.

God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. Instead, they find happiness in the Teaching of the LORD, and they think about it day and night. Psalm 1:1-2 (CEV)

...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 (KJV)

Take your uncertainties to <u>God</u>.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Was there a statement in this Talk that bothered you? Explain if you feel comfortable.
- How can our captivation with politics replace our captivation with God?
- Read Romans 13:5-6; Do you see those in authority as "servants of God"? Why is this difficult?
- Are you convinced that regardless of who's elected God is in control?
- Why do we tend to trust the servant over the Savior? (We don't do it intentionally, but we do it)
- What does it mean: "When servants are replaced God's praises remain"? Why is that important for us to understand if we are to trust God?
- Do you find it true that those who don't trust God don't really know God? Explain why you feel that way.
- If we don't know God, how do we replace God with man?
- Are you able to accept the results of this election as God's will? Explain why this is important to trusting God.
- Is there something you need to hear from God to increase your faith?
- What uncertainty do you need to take to God?

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