

Together on the Journey

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IT'S TIME TO SAY SOMETHING October 18, 2020

I'm choosing to say something because...

1. The Bible speaks to all of life, including _____.
2. Preaching "the whole counsel of God" will include preaching about _____.
3. Pastors throughout _____ have preached about politics.
4. It's not _____ the _____ to preach about political issues.
5. Some people may leave our church, but the question is, have I been _____ to God.
6. This election is about more than the _____ years.
7. All that is at _____ in this election.

(Gratitude to Wayne Grudem for publishing an article that influenced today's sermon)

King Solomon was said to have written more than 3,000 proverbs. Many of them can help us as we evaluate candidates for elected office. Discuss

1. *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."* Proverbs 14:34 Sin only brings shame and weakness. God repeatedly says "return to me" (Zechariah 1:3; Joel 2:12-13), but first He calls His people to "turn from their wicked ways" (2 Chronicles 7:14). "Draw near to God," James says, but also, "cleanse your hands... purify your hearts" (4:8)

2. *"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers."* Proverbs 11:4 We may be voting—and that is our responsibility as good citizens—but ultimately it is the all-wise and sovereign God who sets up leaders and deposes them (Daniel 2:20-21); He will give wisdom and knowledge regarding elections and voting if we ask Him (James 1:5; Proverbs 2:6).

3. *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."* Proverbs 16:25 One of the reasons we need to seek God and His wisdom before we vote is this: We are so easily fooled! We may think we have things all figured out, but maybe we're missing something the Lord is trying to tell us. Our hearts are "deceitful" "de (Jeremiah 17:9) and we need the mind of Christ in all things—even elections!

4. *"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom."* Proverbs 11:2 Look for signs of humility before you go to the voting booth, and by all means, show some humility in interactions with other voters.

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