"Father, I thank You for placing me in a nation where I have a voice. I repent of offense and hatred. I seek You first, I educate myself in truth, and I vote as an act of stewardship. I stand in the gap for my land. Use me — for such a time as this. In Jesus' name. Amen."

ImpactChurch
Church That Makes A Difference

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Sunday, November 1, 2026

1. **Your vote is a stewardship, not a preference.**
2. **You are not voting for a saint; you are choosing a direction.**
3. **When the righteous withdraw, the wicked rule.**
4. **Clean hands, educated heart, informed vote.**

POINT 1 — YOUR VOTE IS A STEWARDSHIP, NOT A PREFERENCE

Luke 12:48 (NKJV):
"For everyone to whom **much is given, from him much will be required**; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."

1 Timothy 2:1–2 (NKJV):
"Therefore I exhort **first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks** be made for **all men**, for kings and **all who are in authority**, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

> **Matthew 25:21** — "Well done, **good and faithful** servant; **you were faithful** over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things."

1 Timothy 2:2):
"**Pray**…that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

A vote is a seed. Seeds not sown are harvests not grown and somebody else will plant in your field.

POINT 2 — YOU ARE NOT VOTING FOR A SAINT; YOU ARE CHOOSING A DIRECTION

Exodus 18:21 (NKJV):
"Moreover **you shall select** from all the people a**ble men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness**; and place such over them as rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."

Isaiah 44:28 (NKJV):
"Who says of Cyrus, **'He is My shepherd**, and **he shall perform** all My pleasure, saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," and to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid.""

Daniel 2:21 — "He removes kings and raises up kings."
Proverbs 14:34 — "**Righteousness exalts a nation**, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Judge by the Fruit, Not the Packaging

(Matthew 7:16)
"You will know them by their fruits."

You are not electing perfection; you are steering direction and direction determines destination.

POINT 3 — WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS WITHDRAW, THE WICKED RULE

Proverbs 29:2 (NKJV):
"**When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice**; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan."

Genesis 18:23–24 (NKJV):
"Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?"

Genesis 18:32 (NKJV):
"Then he said, 'Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?' And He said, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.'"

Ten righteous people mattered to God for an entire city.

Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV):
"So **I sought for a man** among them **who would make a wall, and stand in the gap** before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."

Silence is not neutrality. Silence is surrender. Absence is permission.

When the righteous don't vote, they don't abstain — they transfer their authority to those who reject God.

The authority you refuse to exercise doesn't stay parked. It gets reassigned.

POINT 4 — CLEAN HANDS, EDUCATED HEART, INFORMED VOTE

James 1:20 (NKJV):
"For **the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness** of God."

Proverbs 18:19 (NKJV):
"A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle."

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV) — "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."

1 Thessalonians 5:21 — "Test all things; hold fast what is good."

Philippians 4:8 — "Whatever things are true… noble… just… pure… lovely… meditate on these things."

Psalm 106:33 (AMP)
For **they provoked [Moses']** spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (NKJV)
Test all things; hold fast what is good.

A lazy believer casts an opinion; a diligent believer casts a conviction

Vote from conviction, not emotion — because anger never legislates righteousness, and ignorance never guards liberty.

Esther 4:14 (NKJV):
"For **if you remain completely silent at this time**, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet **who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this**?"

You did not land in a nation where you can vote by accident

Matthew 5:13–16 (NKJV):
"**You** are the **salt of the earth**… **You** are the **light of the world**…"

If believers won't disciple the culture through the ballot box, the culture will discipline the believers through its laws.