



POWER and PRIVILEGE “Overcoming the political spirit” Part 2
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Share what this series IS NOT

- It will not address nuance of the political election
- It is not meant to help you decide who to vote for
- It is not addressed to non believers but this series is specifically being spoken to followers of Jesus Christ
- It is not meant to exhaust everything that can be addressed but my commitment is to simply cover what the Lord has put on my heart for this community here at Garden City

The goal of this series

1. To be empowered to resist how the world engages during election season. There should be something different when they look at the Body of Christ.
2. To invite God to help us navigate this and future election seasons in a way that glorifies Him and demonstrates that we care for one another.
3. To establish increased faith, hope and confidence in the sovereignty of God and His plan to restore all things in the midst of uncertainty and shaking.

I believe as a result of this series God is going to be magnified. He's going to be seen rightly. He is going to be made BIG again, in our hearts and minds bringing us into freedom, peace and hope that can't be taken!

What is the political spirit?

Mark 8:15 Then He charged them, saying, “Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”

So, the work of leaven was considered an illustration of the work of sin and pride.
The presence of a sin and arrogance can corrupt a large amount.

The impact of the the political spirit

1. Pride
2. Fear & Anxiety
3. Hatred anger/rage
4. Division

Civic Duty as Christians

Civic Duty—a responsibility that a citizen of a town, state, or country has because they live and benefit from the services provided to them there. In the United States, the main responsibilities are voting, obeying laws, paying taxes, and jury duty.

How the political spirit influences us to treat each other

1. Dismiss
2. Dehumanize
3. Demonize

Instead we should

1. Empathize with each other
2. Embrace each other
3. Empower each other

When it comes to voting, do your research, pray, search the scriptures, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what pleases God (Ephesians 5:10) and then respond accordingly with conviction and confidence.

Remember whatever is not done from faith is sin (Romans 14:23)

When it comes to the issues please know:

1. God sees
2. God hears
3. God cares
4. God is involved

Last week we talked about Jesus having the HIGHEST POWER

Jesus stands face to face with the political leaders of His day

John 18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” **(READ AGAIN)**

John 19:11 Jesus answered, “**You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.**

Sovereignty: Supreme power or authority.

Daniel 2:21 Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. **21** And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Whoever is in the Whitehouse in November is there because God ALLOWED and APPOINTED them to be there.

What we need to be asking ourselves

1. In whose power are we putting our faith?
2. In whose power are we putting our trust?
3. In whose power are we putting our hope?

John 10:17-18 “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. **18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This command I have received from My Father.”

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Greatest Privilege (Policies, Platforms & Promises)

I’m believing God for freedom and deliverance through this series!

John 8:31-32 makes it clear: So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, **32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

As these scriptures hit your heart, lean in and let them loose the chains of fear, anxiety, anger, malice and rage! Let the word of God break off apathy and numbness of heart today!

Ask the Lord who in your life needs this freedom. Listen today not just for yourselves but to help those in your life walk in peace and hope as well!

Privilege defined: a special right, advantage, or [immunity](#) granted or available only to a particular person or group.

We all have measures of privilege and when our privilege is used to glorify God and serve others it's healthy. Our right to vote is a privilege many believers do not have in countries all across the world. They live under evil dictatorships with no right to vote. But even without that privilege they are still being asked to advance the Kingdom, preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, make disciples, trust God, and live a life that glorifies Him!

As believers our highest privilege is the access we have to the living God, and our ability to agree with Him to impact the earth! As believers we are not helpless and we are not victims of the outcome of this election. We are a royal priesthood who have the mind of Christ and are called to partner with the Lord to see His will come to pass in the earth!

God is calling us higher in this hour!!

Ephesians 2:6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 7:24-25 But He (Jesus Christ), because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. **25** Therefore He is also able to save [into](#) the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Our greatest privilege as sons and daughters of God is to agree with God on the earth. Human agreement through prayer and praise is God's chosen vehicle to accomplish His will and purpose on the earth!

- **God's commands and statutes are invitations to agree with Him**
- **God's promises are invitations to agree with Him**
- **God's prophetic words are invitations to agree with Him**

- **God making His wisdom and principles known to us are invitations to agree with Him**

God's definition of good leadership

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from *the one* before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

Leaders who give themselves to His presence and His word!

There is a need for good leadership in this hour! Where we aren't just running to voices who share their opinions or their own wisdom, but leaders who are unapologetically committed to sharing what the word of God says. You are a part of God's priesthood, you are a leader in your own sphere of influence, you are a minister of the gospel. Have you given yourself to His presence and His word. Is His word the primary thing that is shaping your thoughts and perspectives about the issues facing our country today?

Policies Platforms and Promises

The Bible speaks clearly about God's heart related to each of these issues:

- Protecting the life both of the unborn/the shedding of innocent blood/child sacrifice (Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Proverbs 6:16-19, Exodus 20:13, Exodus 23:7, Psalm 106:38)
- Caring for the needs of the poor, orphan, fatherless and widow (Proverbs 31:9, Isaiah 1:17, Deuteronomy 10:18, Deuteronomy 14:29, James 1:27)
- Economic strategies that prioritize how to handle debt, steward resources responsibly, providing for the poor, etc. (Exodus 23:10-11, Deuteronomy 15:1-2, Leviticus 19:9-10, Leviticus 25:21-22, Ruth 2:2, Matthew 25:31-40)
- His covenant with Israel, Israel being saved through Jesus Christ and fulfilling its prophetic destiny. His promise and plan for Ishmael and his descendants, that through Jesus Christ alone will they be saved and fulfill their prophetic destiny. (Genesis 12:1-3, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 11:26-28, Genesis 16:9-16, Genesis 17:18-21, Genesis 21:12-18)

Isaiah 62:1-2 For Zion's sake I will not **l**et My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns. **2** The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. **6** I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall **n**ever hold their peace day or night. You who **m**ake mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, **7** And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Romans 11:25-27 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own **o**pinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so all Israel will be **s**aved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; **27** For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

I've been praying these prayers and agreeing with God's plan for Israel for twelve years. It didn't take a war, the tragedy of Oct. 7th, to get my attention. It didn't take 1300 dead Israelis, hundreds kidnapped, 40 thousand dead Palestinians to get my attention. It didn't take bombs and missiles from Iran and Lebanon, to get my attention. I was already agreeing with God's heart about this issue and even after all of this pain, suffering, and tragic loss of human life, my response is going to be the same, I am going to agree with God's word!

The Bible speaks clearly about God's heart related to each of these issues:

- His desire for all weapons to be destroyed and turned into farming tools (Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3)
- Sexual purity and righteousness (Exodus 20:14, 1 Cor. 6:9, Acts 15:29, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thess. 4:3)
- How to treat the stranger and foreigner (Exodus 23:9, Leviticus 19:34, Leviticus 23:22, Numbers 35:15, Deuteronomy 14:28-29, Ephesians 2:19)
- The use of national boundaries and borders, and the distinction of people groups in the earth (Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 24:14, Acts 17:26-27, Revelation 7:9)

Policies can fail, platforms can change but God's promises are sure! Are we coming into agreement!?

We won't agree with promises that we don't have faith in, and we can't have faith in promises that we don't read and that we don't know!

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Now more than ever we need to fix ourselves before the word of God, reading it out loud, getting it deep in our spirits, hearing ourselves agree with God's word out loud, this is so crucial to the building up of our faith in this hour!

When Jesus returns He will be looking to see if we had faith, if we had hope!

Luke 18:7-8 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? **8** I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

READ the scripture to bring our minds into agreement with God

PRAY the scripture to bring our wills into agreement with God

SING the scripture to bring our affections/desires into agreement with God

God is jealous for our agreement in this hour!!

It's not just prayer and agreement for the sake of outcome but it's prayer and agreement for the sake of intimacy and overcoming that which is threatening the soul (fear/anxiety, rage/anger, indifference/apathy!

Why don't we pray:

- 1. We are disobedient**
- 2. We don't think it will make a difference**
- 3. We don't keep a record of answered prayers**

The second and third reason can be fixed through teaching training and equipping. But true confidence in the place of prayer comes from doing it!

I loved our five month series on the priesthood but there's no amount of teaching about the priesthood that could ever compare to all of us committing to the activity of the priesthood which is primarily agreement with God through praise and prayer!

Paul knew that for the believer prayer was going to be our life line in this life. It's why we find him exhorting us to pray without ceasing so many times!

1 Thess 5:16-18 Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Ephesians 1:16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

Ephesians 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Philemon 1:4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers,

Why we should pray:

1. Jesus is worthy

2. It is our role as a priesthood

3. It is powerfully impactful

When I talk about agreement today, I am not just talking about a loose agreement with christian values. I am not just talking about a loose agreement with cultural christian moralism. I am talking about an active submission to the Lord, truly finding delight in the Lord, His wisdom, His word, His will and His ways.

I am afraid that many believers are becoming content with people in our society agreeing with “christian” values but never actually giving their lives to Jesus Christ. I am afraid that there is satisfaction with people behaving in “christian” ways in certain areas, without them truly submitting to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is very concerning. We decide which sins are a big deal and which sins aren’t and are seemingly at peace as long as there is a surface level outward expression of religious christian expressions even though we know there hasn’t been true internal transformation.

Agreeing with christian values does not save us. Agreeing with christian values doesn’t forgive us of our sins. Agreeing with christian values doesn’t make us righteous. Agreeing with christian values doesn’t make us children of God.

You can agree christian values and still be an atheist.

You can agree with christian values and still worship false gods.

You can agree with christian values and still be on your way to hell.

Repenting of our sin, believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fully embracing with faith and trust what Jesus alone did for us on the cross and through His resurrection is what we all must do to be saved!

Three questions every believer should be asking right now:

1. Lord, will you show me what you're doing?
2. Lord, will you help me hear what you're saying and give me confidence in what you've already said.
3. Lord, will you help me feel what you are feeling?

Revival is not dependent upon the policies and platforms of political parties but within the context of God's sovereign power, revival requires the agreement and action of a priestly and prophetic people who know His promises and how to appeal to heaven through prayer and in a way that shapes how we engage in the earth!

The agreement God is looking for requires both intercession and action.

We show our lack of faith when we suggest God's ability to move is dependent upon the outcome of any election. God is so much bigger than that.

We show our pride when we suggest that revival in the earth is dependent upon what happens in America. We aren't as important as we think we are!

Some of us are preparing to just throw our hands up and roll over depending on the outcome of the election while the Lord is looking to release strategy, give assignments for the advancement of the Kingdom and creative gospel solutions for what's ailing our societies!

The Lord wants you to be ready to partner with Him in your neighborhood, your school, your workplace, through your business no matter what happens in November.

Yes there are policies that will determine the outcome of the lives of children in the womb, whether children will be given access to devastating life altering sexual procedures. Yes there are policies that will improve our economy, make our borders safer while at the same time care for immigrants who are trying to legally come into our country. There are policies that will impact our involvement in the wars of other nations, whether or not we continue to fund and supply weapons to foreign countries.

We need to take these policies seriously, voting for the political platform that we believe is most aligned with God's principles!

But hear me loud and clear. It is not the politician or their policies that we see God searching the earth for, it is the prayers of His people!

Ezekiel 22:30 (NIV) “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Joel 2:17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD,

There was still power in the prayers of God’s people in the midst of captivity. In the midst of a wicked government, under a wicked leadership.

Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Who is hearing you talk about the policies and the election the most? Is your neighbor, your co-worker, your friends, your followers on social media? It should be the Lord!

The fear of the Lord is more powerful than any policy

Exodus 1:15-18 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16 “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” 17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. 18 Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

Jesus never promised to purify politicians He did promise to purify the priesthood

Malachi 3:3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites (the priesthood) and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

Jesus never promised to release justice and righteousness through policies but he did promise that wherever His people praise Him that His throne would be established and the foundation of His throne is righteousness and justice (Psalm 89:14).

National revival in the Bible was always marked by the re-establishment of Davidic worship. Day and night worship and prayer in the temple!

The righteous kings of Israel that followed David re-established Davidic worship within the context of Temple worship.

These revivals of Davidic worship paved the way for spiritual renewal and military victory. These times of revival and victory were under:

- Solomon (2 Chr. 5-7) – 101 B.C.
- Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. 20) – 896 B.C.
- Joash (2 Chr. 23-24) – 835 B.C.
- Hezekiah (2 Chr. 29-30) – 726 B.C.
- Josiah (2 Chr. 35) – 623 B.C.
- Ezra (Ezra 3:10-13) – 536 B.C.
- Nehemiah (Neh. 12:28-47) – 446 B.C.

Let's talk about the consequences of not internationally agreeing with God. We either are going to intentionally partner with God's promises or we will be susceptible to unintentionally partnering with demonic principalities that want to exploit and take advantage of our unsundered pride, fear, anxiety, anger and rage.

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** 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.

Ephesians 6:18 And 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.

There's a lot of things we can stop doing and still survive as Christians. Prayer isn't one of them! If the enemy can convince us to stop praying, distract us from praying, or convince us our prayers are pointless he is cutting us off from our source of hope, our source of confidence and our source of authority! It's not because of how powerful we feel our words are when we pray but, it's about the power that is released when we agree with God's word!

Prayer keeps us connected to our mighty God! Prayer realigns our perspective, prayer is the vehicle of intimacy and fellowship with the one who is VICTORIOUS!

And not just individual prayer but corporate prayer! Corporate prayer increases and strengthens unity, corporate prayer increases our collective anointing. Corporate prayer is a vehicle for corporate encounter in His presence, prophetic ministry, and revelation! Where we all leave having seen, heard and experienced God together! Where we are able to steward His word, prophetic instruction, all going towards the same target together! In corporate prayer we get to engage with the spiritual realm and the Lord's angelic hosts together, receiving strategy and insight for what God desires from us!

In the body of Christ it seems like we get excited to gather together for everything BUT prayer! We prioritize gathering corporately for teaching, for conferences, for worship through songs and music, for outreach, for training, for artistic expression, for Kingdom business and marketplace workshops, for marriage/family advice, we will gather for miracles and deliverance services, but the corporate prayer meeting is still the least attended gathering amongst the body of Christ and we wonder why our nation is so sick and why the church is so powerless, in part it's because we aren't lifting up our voices in agreement with heaven together!!

So what now?

- Repent for not asking God what He is doing, what He is saying, and how He is feeling about the things happening in our nation, and in the earth.
- Ask the Lord to give you a desire to pray like never before
- When it comes to the election, search your heart. What issue matters most to you. Get into the word and commit to praying over that issue based upon what God has said about it.

Altar call: A time of repentance for not intentionally agreeing with God's promises. A prayer for grace to increase ministry to the Lord and intercession as our primary response to this season!