

What can we, the church, do to change the course of America?

- 1. Do you want to play a role in God's plan for the redemption of humanity? He wants to use all his saints. We have a message to get across to the loss. How we live is more important than what we say. Take this to heart.**

[Rom 16:25 KJV] 25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

[1Co 15:51 KJV] 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

[1Th 4:13-18 KJV] 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

2. When you look at godly people what do you see?

Sarah, Moses, David

Have you judged God faithful? Sara did.

[Heb 11:11 KJV] 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

How are you living? Abraham lived by faith and acted through faith.

[Heb 11:24, 27-29 KJV] 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; ... 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

David knew who won the victories.

Psalms 18:43 You have delivered me from the attacks of the people; you have made me the head of nations. People I did not know now serve me, 44 foreigners cower before me; as soon as they hear of me, they obey me.

45 They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.

46 The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! 47 He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me,

God's Wonderful Plan

3. What does God expect from me?

a. Obedience (Saul was fired.) (Moses missed out on going into the promised land.)

[1Sa 15:22 KJV] 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams.

[Deu 3:23-26 NLT] 23 "At that time I pleaded with the LORD and said, 24 'O Sovereign LORD, you have only begun to show your greatness and the strength of your hand to me, your servant. Is there any god in heaven or on earth who can perform such great and mighty deeds as you do? 25 Please let me cross the Jordan to see the wonderful land on the other side, the beautiful hill country and the Lebanon mountains.' 26 "But the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he would not listen to me. 'That's enough!' he declared. 'Speak of it no more.

b. Grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

Add to your Faith, Moral Excellence, knowledge, self-control, patient endurance, godliness, brotherly affection, and love.

[Heb 11:1 NLT] 1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

[2Pe 1:3-8 NLT] 3 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. 8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

c. Pray, Seek, Turn

[2Ch 7:14 NLT] 14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Wicked ways. Sexual sins, stealing, telling lies, hate, murder, idol worship. (Being a Pharisee. Depending on religious actions to get closer to God.) Judging others.

We can reach a point where God says "Enough!"

[Jer 14:11 NLT] 11 Then the LORD said to me, "Do not pray for these people anymore.

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4. Christians can have a huge impact on their community.

Get your daily provision of mercy and grace from God.

[Heb 4:16 NLT] 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Shine the Love of Jesus.

[Mat 5:14 KJV] 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

[2Co 4:4 NLT] 4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Measure up

[Psa 119:5 NKJV] 5 Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!

[Psa 119:5 NLT] 5 Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!

Give Glory to God.

[Jhn 14:10 NKJV] 10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own [authority]; **but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**