

TENDING MY TIME

01.10.21 | ROMANS 13:11-14

Friends of Christ Pacific:

Below is an excerpt from the National Association of Evangelicals' *"For the Health of the Nation: An Evangelical Call to Civil Responsibility."* I offer it to you here as a catalyst for your prayer and engagement in the public sphere. As we gather for worship today, let this first line resound clearly.

The concerns we face in the United States are great, but they are not greater than God.

In creation, God called humans to just and compassionate governance. In reverence to God and with love for others, evangelical Christians engage in the public square — not for our own sake but for the health of the nation and world.

Our responsibility to society is grounded in the truth that all people are made in the image of God. Though we all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, we can find full restoration in our living Lord. Truth that brings life leads to flourishing and results in ongoing hope that guides our day-to-day approach to civic engagement.

We also engage with a gracious and winsome spirit. We should not echo the rage and disrespect that typifies much of today's political debates. Indeed, as the combative nature of 21st-century public discourse threatens meaningful efforts for the common good, the tone of our engagement will be as strategic as our involvement. Evangelicals of all political persuasions and backgrounds must demonstrate that differing opinions can be handled without demonizing, misrepresenting or shaming.

Evangelical Christians will not always agree on the specifics of governance or the best roads to social reform. However, from our understanding that all people are made in the image of God, we do hold many callings and commitments in common, including: protecting religious freedom and liberty of conscience; safeguarding the nature and sanctity of human life; strengthening marriages, families and children; seeking justice and compassion for the poor and vulnerable; preserving human rights; pursuing racial justice and reconciliation; promoting just peace and restraining violence; and caring for God's creation.

While these issues do not exhaust the concerns of good government, they provide a platform from which evangelicals can engage in common action.

Friends, let us worship the Living God today, standing as one body and in one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope in our one Lord, who is above all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:4-6)



Pastor Peter

DIRT FARMING

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YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song
of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God



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Starting Jan. 13

Wednesdays | 6-7:15A | 101-102

You are invited to study the Gospel of Luke. Bring a mask and your Bible.

Contact Jim Morris at 714-478-7854 for more information.

CR Step Studies | Starting Jan. 19

Women's Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30P | WH

Contact Dawn at 714-325-3921.

Men's Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30P | 101-103

Contact Nick at 714-728-2830.

Into the Unknown ECO National Gathering

Jan 29-31

This is a free virtual conference.

Register at econationalgathering.org.

Annual Congregational Mtg

Sun, Jan 31 | 7P | Zoom

Stay tuned for details.

Prayer Night

Mondays | 7- 8:00P

You are invited to join us for prayer via Zoom. Contact Ken Smith at

ksmith@cpchb.org for more info.

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays | 7:00P

Come gain freedom from life's hurts, habits and hang-ups.

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SO WILL I (100 BILLION TIMES)

God of creation there at the start
Before the beginning of time
With no point of reference
You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapor of Your breath
the planets form
If the stars were made to worship
so will I
I can see Your heart in everything
You've made
Every burning star a signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises so will I

God of Your promise
You don't speak in vain
No syllable empty or void
For once You have spoken
All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

And as You speak
A hundred billion creatures
catch Your breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature so will I
I can see Your heart in everything
You say
Every painted sky
a canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You so will I

God of salvation
You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created the light
of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak
A hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life
so I could find it here
If You left the grave behind You
so will I
I can see Your heart in everything
You've done
Every part designed in a work of art
called love
If You gladly chose surrender
so will I
I can see Your heart
eight billion different ways
Every precious one a child
You died to save
If You gave Your life to love them
so will I

If the stars were made to worship
so will I
If the mountains bow in reverence
so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness
so will I
For if everything exists to lift You high
so will I
If the wind goes where You send it
so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence
so will I
If the sum of all our praises
still falls shy
Then we'll sing again
a hundred billion times

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows
and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

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