



Lewiston Church of Christ

March 8, 2020



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

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AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee' Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

Tired of Politics?

Are you getting tired of all the politics swirling around today's public discourse? We can always open up the Bible for a clean escape, right? Not so fast!

Besides being Bible characters, what do Pharaoh, Joshua, Saul, David, Solomon, Rehoboam, Jehoshaphat, Ahab, Jezebel, Jehoram, Jehu, Joash, Hezekiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazar, Darius, Xerxes, Herod, Antipas, Caesar, the Sanhedrin, Pilate, Cornelius, Felix, Festus, and Agrippa have in common?

Give up? This is a short list of political officials in the Bible who were directly confronted or counseled by great men and women of God. Many of them got their personal morality and even their public policies challenged.

Okay, what do Joseph, Moses, Gideon, Deborah, Samuel, Nathan, Shemaiah, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah-son of Jehoiada, Daniel, Esther, Jesus, John the Baptist, Stephen, Peter, and Paul have in common?

Answer: They are among the many Bible heroes who served or confronted political rulers. Many suffered for their courage and some were slain by political authorities.

When I hear people say that Christians must avoid public political conflict, I wonder if they have read the Bible. Moses confronted Pharaoh, Nathan called king David on the carpet, Elijah challenged Ahab, Esther bravely confronted King Xerxes, and countless prophets did the same at great cost to their comfort and safety. So did John the Baptist, Jesus, Stephen, Peter, and Paul. They were all agents of truth who spoke out with undaunted bravery. Jesus engaged in local political conflict by standing up to the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees in his theocratic culture. Moral, religious, and political conflict was a huge component of Jesus' earthly ministry and it got him killed.

None of this means that the gospel of repentance and forgiveness through Christ is primarily political or even earthly. The gospel does apply to all arenas of our lives but it ultimately points us to our citizenship in heaven. Earthly politics can't do that!

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