

Letter to the American Church

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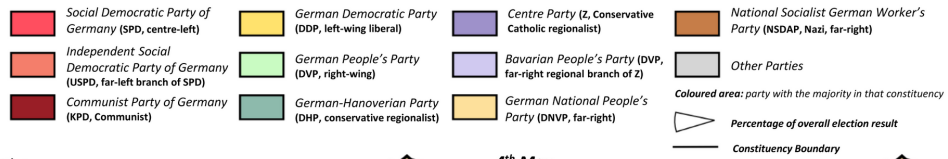


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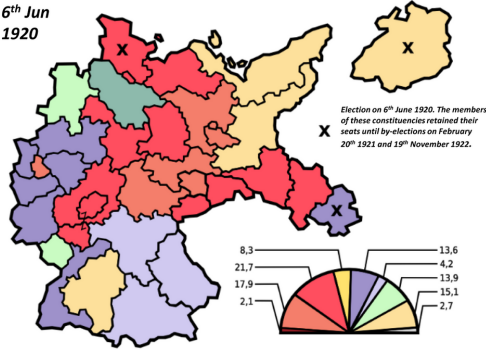
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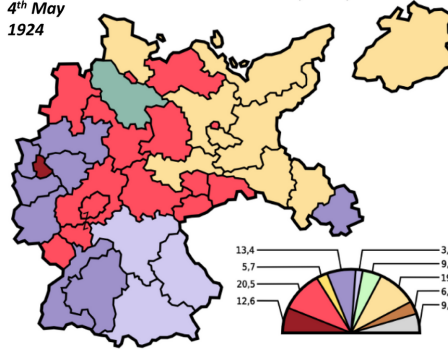
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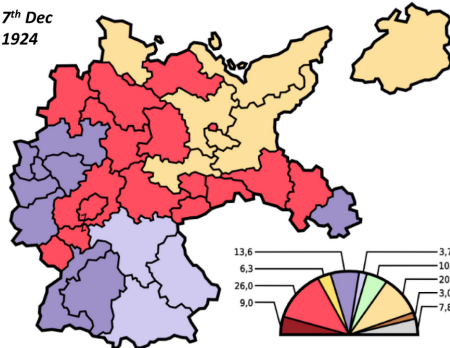
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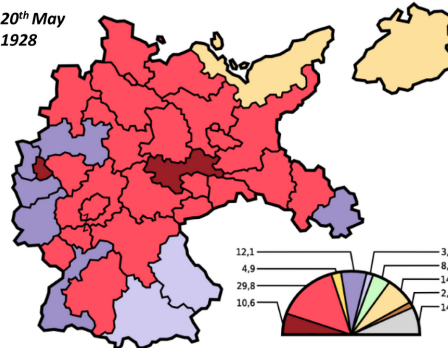
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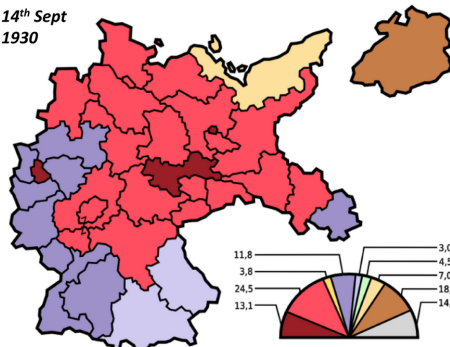
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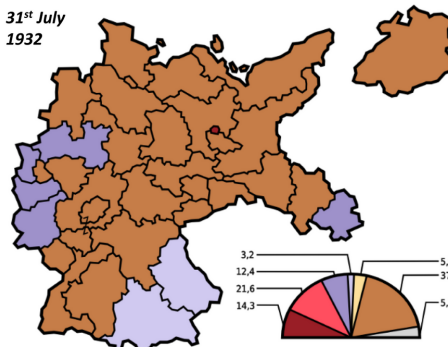
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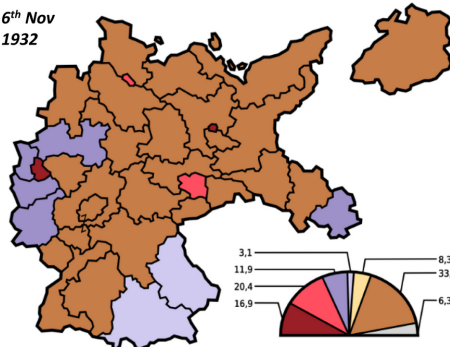
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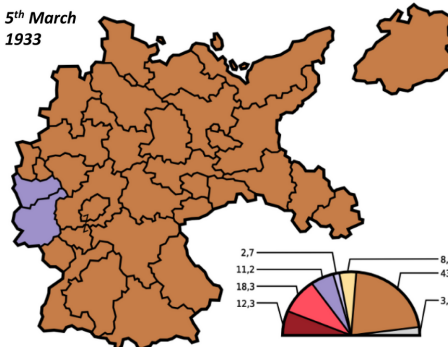
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1918	21 March	German spring offensive : German forces attacked the British Fifth Army and broke their line in northern France.
	8 August	Hundred Days Offensive : An allied force of primarily French, British and American troops drove back the German line at Amiens .
	9 November	German Revolution of 1918–19 : Wilhelm abdicated his titles as German Emperor and king of Prussia.
	10 November	German Revolution of 1918–19: The Council of the People's Deputies , a body elected from the workers' councils of Berlin, introduced sweeping liberal reforms including the elimination of the Prussian three-class franchise and women's suffrage.
	11 November	World War I: A German delegation signed the Armistice of 11 November 1918 , promising an immediate cessation of hostilities, significant territorial concessions, and the surrender of Germany's war materiel.
1919	15 January	Spartacist uprising : The Freikorps crushed a Berlin uprising by the Marxist Spartacus League , killing some hundred and fifty civilians and executing their leaders Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg .
	11 February	German presidential election, 1919 : Friedrich Ebert of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) was elected president by the Weimar National Assembly , with seventy-three percent of the vote.
	6 April	Ernst Toller declared the establishment of a Bavarian Council Republic in Bavaria .
	28 June	Paris Peace Conference, 1919 : Representatives of some thirty world powers signed the Treaty of Versailles , under which Germany was forced to disarm, give up its colonies, make substantial territorial concessions, and pay reparations to the Allies .
	11 August	The Weimar Constitution came into force. The Weimar Republic succeeded the German Empire.
1920	13 March	Kapp Putsch : The Freikorps Marinebrigade Ehrhardt occupied Berlin . Wolfgang Kapp of the national conservative German National People's Party (DNVP) declared himself chancellor .
		Ruhr uprising : The Communist Party of Germany , the Communist Workers' Party of Germany , the Independent Social Democratic Party of Germany and the Free Workers' Union of Germany together established the Ruhr Red Army , which expelled the Freikorps from the valley of the Ruhr .
1921	June	Hyperinflation in the Weimar Republic : Inflation of the Papiermark (Mark) began in response to the first reparations payment to the Allies under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles .
1922	16 April	Germany and Russia signed the Treaty of Rapallo , in which each renounced all territorial and financial claims against the other and pledged to normalize relations.
1923	11 January	Occupation of the Ruhr : France invaded the valley of the Ruhr .
	13 August	Gustav Stresemann of the national liberal German People's Party was appointed chancellor and minister for foreign affairs .
	8 November	Beer Hall Putsch : Nazi Party chairman Adolf Hitler led some six hundred Sturmabteilung (SA) to the Bürgerbräukeller in Munich , where they held Bavarian state officials Gustav Ritter von Kahr , Hans Ritter von Seisser and Otto von Lossow at gunpoint to demand they support a Nazi coup.

In what year did Germany no longer have a monarchy?

Has America ever had a monarchy?

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1924	August	Germany and the Triple Entente agreed to the Dawes Plan negotiated by head of the United States Bureau of the Budget chief Charles G. Dawes , under which the French and Belgian occupation of the Ruhr valley was ended and the reparation payment schedule restructured.
1925	16 October	The last of the Locarno Treaties , under which France , Belgium and Germany settled their borders and pledged not to attack each other, was signed.
1926	8 September	Germany joined the League of Nations .
1929	31 August	The Allies accepted the Young Plan , which reduced Germany's war reparations and allowed it to defer a greater portion, which would accrue interest due to a consortium of American banks.
	3 October	Stresemann died.
	29 October	Wall Street Crash of 1929 : The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped twelve percent in a trading session of record volume.
1930	14 September	German federal election, 1930 : The SPD retained a plurality of seats in the Reichstag . The Nazi Party gained ninety-five seats.
1933	30 January	Hitler was appointed chancellor at the head of a Nazi-DNVP coalition. The process of Gleichschaltung , in which the government dismantled non- Nazi parties and societies, began.
	27 February	Reichstag fire : The Reichstag building was burned. The Dutch council communist Marinus van der Lubbe was caught at the scene and confessed.
	28 February	President Paul von Hindenburg issued the Reichstag Fire Decree , suspending most civil liberties.
	24 March	The Enabling Act of 1933 , which granted the cabinet the power to make laws, was passed and signed in the presence of armed members of the SA and Schutzstaffel (SS) .
	20 July	Vice-chancellor Franz von Papen of Germany and cardinal secretary of state Pope Pius XII of the Holy See signed the Reichskonkordat , which required bishops to swear loyalty to the president of Germany.
1934	30 June	Night of the Long Knives : SS paramilitaries killed at least eighty-five potential threats to Hitler's power, including SA head Ernst Röhm and Gregor Strasser , head of the left wing of the Nazi Party .
	1 August	Hitler issued a law merging the powers of the presidency into the office of the chancellor .
	2 August	Hindenburg died from lung cancer.
1935	16 March	German re-armament : Hitler announced that Germany would rebuild its military, in violation of the Treaty of Versailles .
1936	7 March	Remilitarisation of the Rhineland : German troops entered the Rhineland in violation of the Treaty of Versailles .
		1936 Summer Olympics : Germany won the greatest number of gold, silver and bronze medals at the Olympics, held in Berlin . Black American Jesse Owens won four gold medals, the highest individual total.
1938	12 March	Anschluss : German troops entered Austria .
	9 November	Kristallnacht : A pogrom took place in which SA paramilitaries and German civilians destroyed Jewish businesses and at least ninety-one were killed.

How many years did it take for Germany to appoint Hitler to chancellor after their last King stepped down?

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1939	23 August	The Molotov–Ribbentrop Pact was signed, promising mutual non-aggression between Germany and the Soviet Union and agreeing to a division of much of Eastern Europe between those two countries.
	1 September	Invasion of Poland : Germany invaded Poland .
	22 December	Genthin rail disaster
1940	9 April	Operation Weserübung : Germany invades Denmark and Norway.
	10 May	Case Yellow : Germany invades the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France.
	22 June	Armistice of 22 June 1940 with France
1941		Konrad Zuse built the Z3 .
	6 April	Invasion of Yugoslavia
		German invasion of Greece
	22 June	Operation Barbarossa : German forces invade the Soviet Union .
1942	20 January	Wannsee Conference : A government conference was held to discuss the implementation of the Final Solution , the extermination of European Jewry .
	23 August	The Battle of Stalingrad begins.
1943	2 February	The Battle of Stalingrad ends, resulting in the destruction of the German 6th Army (Friedrich Paulus).
1944	6 June	Normandy landings : Allied forces (including contingents from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada) disembark on five landing grounds in German-occupied Normandy , reopening the Western Front of World War II .
1945	20 March	The first Arnsberg Forest massacre starts, killing 71 Polish and Russian prisoners of war . Two more massacres would occur over the next three days, killing 208 people in total.
	30 April	Death of Adolf Hitler : Hitler committed suicide by gunshot in the Führerbunker in Berlin .
	8 May	German Instrument of Surrender : World War II ends in Europe (VE Day).
	23 May	The Flensburg Government around Karl Dönitz and Lutz Graf Schwerin von Krosigk is detained by British forces.
		Heinrich Himmler commits suicide.
	26 June	The Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU) was founded.
	2 August	Potsdam Conference : British prime minister Clement Attlee , president Harry S. Truman of the United States and Joseph Stalin , the general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party , issued the Potsdam Agreement at Cecilienhof in Potsdam . The parties agreed that Germany would be returned to its 1937 borders with some additional cessions to the Soviet Union and ratified its division into British, French , American and Soviet occupation zones.
1946	29 March	The first of the Allied plans for German industry after World War II , which called for the reduction of German industrial capacity, was issued by the Allied Control Council .
	3 September	U.S. President Harry S. Truman approves Operation Paperclip (de facto ongoing since 1945) in a secret directive.

What is Operation Paperclip? Do your own research and pray about all of that.



Introduction:

1 So if America is in any way exceptional, it has nothing to do with the blood that runs through American veins, and everything to do with:

and the extent to which we have:

2 It is a certainty from the Scriptures and from our experience over the centuries that:

3 So if God has chosen us for some task, we must

and we must know more than anything that unless we:

4 We are guaranteed to

5 we must also remind ourselves that when God chooses anyone-
whether the nation of Israel or a single person-to perform any role or
any task,

as though the one chosen has won a contest. Quite:

6 What should we do if God has chosen the American Church to stand
against evils and deceptions of this present darkness? expand:

7 What are indicators that America is at war with God Himself?

8 These ideas seem to have emerged lately, but they have been growing quietly in our midst:

9 What is gaslighting? Do your own research:

10 The ideas and forces we face have an:

11 What does atheistic Marxist ideology mean?

12 What examples can you list over recent years of government forcing you into acting for the "greater good"

13 What did American Pastor Andy Stanley say? Do your own research:

14 What happened to Canadian Pastor James Coates? Research this on your own and pray for our pastors.

15 Find 5 passages in the Bible about persecution:

Matthew 5:10-12,

16 When California Governor Gavin Newsom told you to stop singing in church, did you sing louder? Does that memory give you goosebumps? Praise!

17 Name one example in your life when you were faced with a painfully important task; how did you respond to it and what were the results?

- 18 Pastor JC taught us about shame in Genesis 42 and how it hinders our response to life experiences. How does that apply to Germany living in deep shame? Pray about that and ask the Holy Spirit to minister on that point.

- 19 It is far easier to ignore God's call than to:

but it is more difficult and painful than anything to:

- 20 Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, Introduction.

God is good and his wisdom is offered freely to those who ask. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Chapter 1: What is the Church?

Ephesians 2:10-23

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

- 1** Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, chapter 1
God is good and his wisdom is offered freely to those who ask. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- 2** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing

Where is that Scripture found in the Bible? Read the whole chapter.

3 When is the Church actually _____ the Church of Jesus Christ, instead of _____ that in name only?

4 In the Old Testament, God sent prophets to call the people of God:

not only in name, but in how they lived.

5 In many ways, instead of taking the Church out INTO the world - and blessing the world - _____

into what it mistakenly thinks of as a proper "religious" sphere.

6 For too many, this came to mean that we in the Church:

Is it wise to be active in our own mind? or should we always pray for words and wisdom from Jesus.

7 Why did Paul admonish the churches in his letters to Corinth? Rome? Galatia? Phillippi?

8 Was Paul bold in his faith? _____

9 Was it Paul? who got beaten to the brink of death? and was thrown out of the city to perish? but who rose up and went back to the exact same spot in the city and kept preaching?! Is that bold?

- 10 Do we understand who God is when we go along with secular definitions of Christianity?
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- 11 What happens when the walls of the church come down, and we display our faith in public? Is courage contagious?
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- 12 We have known that religious liberty means we are not merely able to worship privately, and not to keep our religion to ourselves, but are guaranteed:
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First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Shoulds we be carrying our Bibles with us everywhere, as close as we carry our phones?



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13 But Wilberforce knew that his "religious" views about slavery were only:

14 Have you ever had to stand alone and lonely like Bonhoeffer did with God in pursuing what he believed was right? Expand and pray:

15 Do we not realize that

that human beings whom God loves

16 In what year did the US Supreme Court take the Bible and Prayer out of Schools?

17 So it has been three generations that we have existed without a True Moral Code in our education systems? 62 years? Is that correct?

18 What does the Bible say in the Book of Judges? What happened when humans were allowed to rule without God? Please read your Bible and Pray for our nation.

19 Jefferson's "wall of separation between church and state has been manipulated (shocker! the devil is the prince of lies and deception) Rather than

as the Founders intended - the judiciary instead began to:

20 Read Matthew 4:1-11. Did the devil take Scripture out of context when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness?

21 In 1973, what infamous unconstitutional act happened?

22 What does "We the People" mean?

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, **establish** Justice, **insure** domestic Tranquility, **provide** for the common defence, **promote** the general Welfare, and **secure** the Blessings of Liberty **to ourselves** and our Posterity, **do ordain and establish** this Constitution for the United States of America.

23 Because the American People

and because Christian leaders

the drift toward an unconstitutional and secular view began to be enshrined in our laws and in our culture.

24 What amendment was enacted in 1954, by Senator Lyndon Johnson?

25 If anyone from a pulpit dared to

**It's astonishing that American Pastors
allowed this wild idea to go uncontested.**

26 In this, American Pastors behaved rather like many of the:

27 What does the Constitution state about Religious Liberty?

28 If Pastors comply to the 1954 Amendment, who do churches bow to? God or man?

Read Daniel 6:10-28

29 If churches in America are

and if they voluntarily

then no one in America is truly

Then they said to the king, “**Daniel**, who is one of the exiles from Judah, **pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.**”

When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

30 In what year did the Constitution die? Pray about that and expand:

31 Should the "Johnson Amendment" be upheld in our church?

32 Should tax-exemption or money be the driving force to silence Christian Pastors? Is that Biblical in America where "We the People" are Leaders?

33 Pastors in the 18th century spoke out against King George III and opposed him by name. Should Pastors today be allowed the same rights?

34 Who is allowed to dictate what is said at the pulpit? God or man?

Read John 2

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

35 If Jesus had zeal for the house of God, should Christians have righteous zeal for the house of God as well?

Luke 12:22-32

Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.

Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

36 Read Revelation 20:11-15: Whom should we fear when considering the White Judgement Seat?

37 If we are in leadership, God requires us to understand that

comes with

38 If there are injustices done to our fellow Americans,

and if necessary

40 Did your pastor speak out against the recent pandemic when churches were preposterously deemed non-essential

41 To remain silent because some will call us names and criticize us is

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John 15:20

Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.'
If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will
keep yours also.

43 How can we declare TRUTH, if we are not knowledgeable of the Bible?

44 What are we afraid of?

45 The proponents of worldly ideas are in fact:

What is much more concerning is that many church leaders are afraid:

46 Where can you find a clear cut example of Communism come to America?

47 Can we announce financial war against the public school by withdrawing our children from tax-funded public schools and create our own church-funded schooling financial pool?

48 Would God provide for us if we stood for righteousness and the safety of children? Read Matthew 18

49 What happens if we don't take a stand: Read Matthew 18

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,
and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children,
you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore whoever humbles himself **as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin,

it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck,
and he were **drowned in the depth of the sea.**

Woe to the world because of offenses!

For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

50 The public education system is funded by tax payors dollars. Those dollars are allocated according to enrollment.
Imagine what would happen if state enrollment dropped significantly. If we take the funding away, they are crippled and must comply to "We the People."

if you are homeschooling, I encourage you to apply for your own Homeschool Affidavit.

You will NOT receive any state funding.

You will have to trust that God will provide for your needs.

When we take a STAND against demonic organizations, we make a statement that God is in control, NOT man. Be Bold. Be Faithful. Trust God.

How about pooling your tithe money and doing like the early Christians did - helping one another because they Feared God - Not Man.

Chapter 2: Does God Ask Us to See the Future?

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

- 1** Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, Chapter 2

God is good and his wisdom is offered freely to those who ask. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- 2** Proverbs 19:21:

- 3** Where is this found in Scripture? Who wrote it? _____

**What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.**

4 Therefore, we need to be more_____and ask how it was that they
_____so spectacularly, _____ that we too can fail similarly-
and are indeed, this minute _____.

5 How are you feeling in your own church? Do you have personal hope in your
pastor? In your prayer groups? Consider these questions and pray about them.

6 What do you think could change if the church DOESN'T fail to stand?

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Matthew 15:14

Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

John 9:39

Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Zephaniah 1:17

I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

7 Do you think that Bonhoeffer is a prophet to us today? _____

8 Part of what the German Church failed to see in 1932 or 1933, for example, where there was still time to act:

9 It takes _____ to stand athwart history and shout
" _____ "!

10 It takes _____ to understand that you must _____ do what everyone else is _____.

**Read 1 Samuel 17 and be amazed at the faith of a young boy,
and how his faith 'moved a mountain'.**

The world saw this:

older brothers tormenting
doubt of the king
armor didn't fit
only 5 stones
only one sling
10 foot screaming giant

David saw this:

already killed a bear
already killed a lion
one God
one stone
one sling

**Hebrews 11:1 – “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.”**

**Who is this uncircumcised
Philistine that he should defy the
armies of the living God?**

**Let no one lose heart on account of
this Philistine; your servant will
go and fight him**



11 This is a time of faith testing. How do you feel? Are you blessed?

12 If your reaction to the world is anger and stress, you must repent and give those things to God. Those reactions are the muck and mire of the world.

Full faith allows submissive prayer and action. "Please Lord, help me be less and may You be more in my life and please USE me to do Your will alone, not my will be done, but Yours, on earth as it is in Heaven."

If you are angry, your mind is clouded, if you are stressed, you have given up on faith. If you are at peace, then you are in God's will and He will use you. Check your faith temperature. Remain cool for Jesus and when you walk in His will, He will fill you up with spiritual blessings. You will know, without falter, the next right thing you must do, and you will encourage others do the same by words and deeds.

Why? Because God. His ways are good, they are kind, and they are loving. He makes things simple.

Evil produces confusion and chaos.

Remain in the peace that surpasses understanding so that our hearts and minds are in Christ Jesus alone. "Faith without works is dead," said James, the half-brother of Jesus. Let's make our works shine in the light of love, peace and joy, which exists outside of our circumstances and see what God will do.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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.

I used to read this like it was for the world, "turn to Jesus" I would scream! But all along, it was for me.

I am "His people". I am His girl. I need to repent. I need to be humble. I need to pray. I need to SEEK HIM FIRST. "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added unto you." I need to turn from my wicked ways (anger, rage, frustration, trying to take things in my own hands, judging, not sharing the Gospel, no love for those who are lost, not being humble, not praying for my country, and the list piles up right?!)

God promises to hear me when I have learned my lesson.

Will I learn today?