

Letter to the American Church

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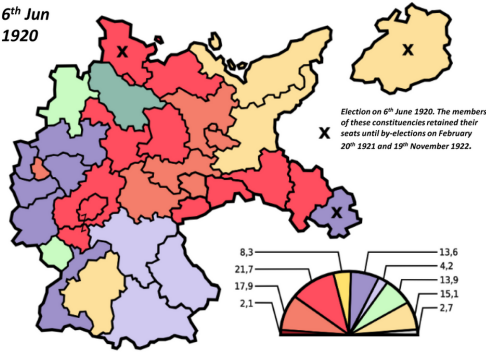
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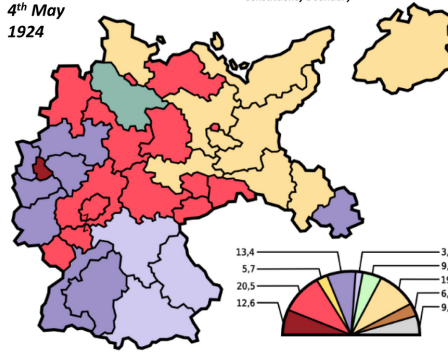
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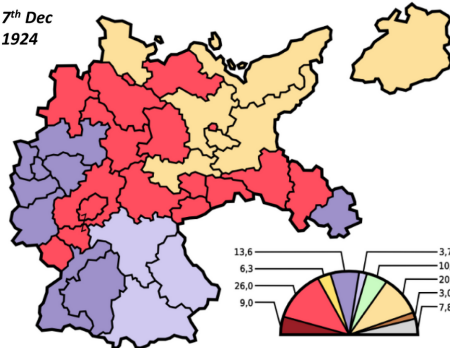
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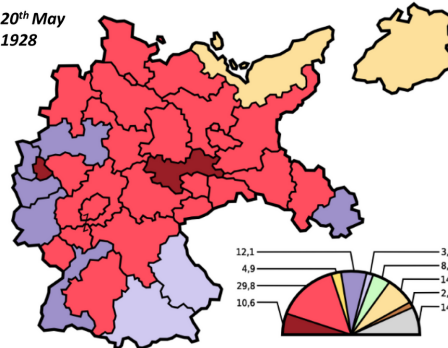
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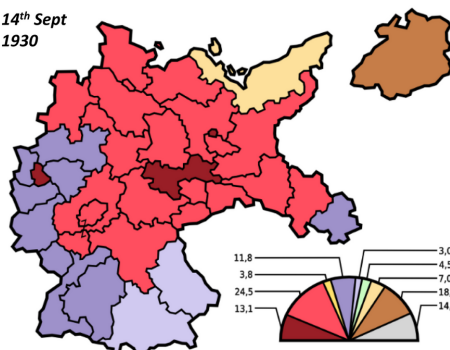
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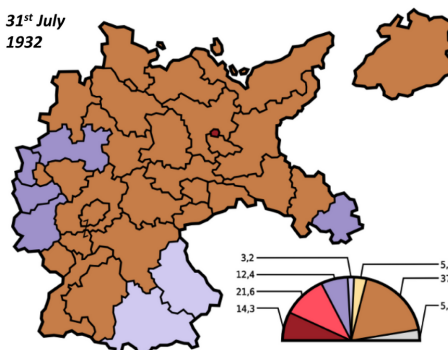
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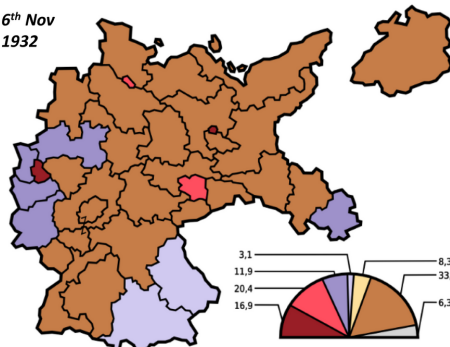
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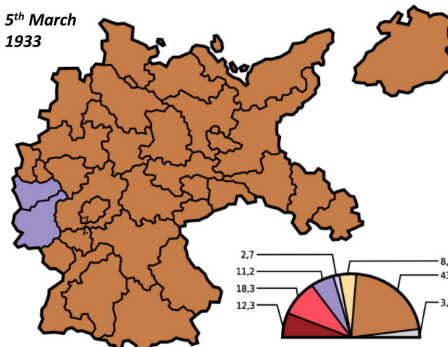
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1918	21 March	German spring offensive : German forces attacked the British Fifth Army and broke their line in northern France.
	8 August	Hundred Days Offensive : An allied force of primarily French, British and American troops drove back the German 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

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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?

Chapter 3: Unless You Repent

Revelation 2:2-7

The Loveless Church

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,
“These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the
midst of the seven golden lampstands:

“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who
are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have
found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for
My name’s sake and have not become weary.

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember
therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will
come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who
overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the
Paradise of God.” ’

1 Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, Chapter 3

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Amen.

2 Is the financial silencing of the church through the 1954 tax-break bill against what Jesus taught in Matthew 22:21? Is the church giving to Caesar what is Caesar's and giving to God what is God's?

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.
And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that You are true,
and teach the way of God in truth;
nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.
Tell us, therefore, what do You think?
Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"



But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said,
"Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius.

And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them,
"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's."

When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.



3 The American Founders made the separation of church and state so central because they knew that in time:

4 What is Christianity without Christ?

5 If given choice, like God offers us, we are expressing a genuine love. If being a Christian is a birthright - is that choice? is it genuine? Is it rooted in faith?

6 What was the sworn enemy of Christianity and of Christ that Bonhoeffer was warning against in his sermon?

7 What does God say about discipline in Hebrews 12: 6-11?

8 Will God judge the church who forgets to fear Him, and instead fears man?

9 How long did Germany's Bonhoeffer spend in the United States?

10 Perspective and life experience develops empathy and discernment. If you have lived in America your whole life you can never empathize toward Socialism or Communism or be acutely aware of its power. You cannot smell it's stink. Bonhoeffer was blessed with the opportunity to live in freedom for 9 months. He was blessed to know the difference. His life in America gave him perspective.

I can never allow you to live my life. I can never give you my life experience, growing up in Canada, a Socialist Country, and now living my dream of being American. I can never feed you my passion to protect our freedoms, liberty, justice system, how standing on the ROCK of Jesus - **IN GOD WE TRUST** - is so precious, so important, so essential to protect.

But I can pray that God would use my life experience, that He would build a spiritual bridge to give us ears that can hear, eyes that can see, and voices that will assist in speaking out, speaking up, acting righteously and that we would never give up fighting for our freedoms, for our children and MOST IMPORTANTLY - DEFENDING OUR GOD.

11 and so the young preacher did that day what the prophets had done in Israel millennia before:

12 Is Jesus the only one who can Judge? Is He a fearsome Judge?

13 When Jesus speaks, we had better hear Him:

14 We are given a choice today. See where the American Church stands, know the truth of its actions and control of the American Government, take a stand against demonic forces, remove all control and power of the government and return it to God, just like Matthew 22:21 states.

15 Are God's promises Yes and Amen? or "maybe..."
"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." 2 Corinthians 1:20.

If in fact the Bible is true, and if in fact your faith is made strong, then when God promises to bless the church if they stand on THE ROCK, and remain true to HIS calling - that the blessing of protection would fall on them - PROTECTION.

WHAT HOLDS US BACK?

DID DANIEL GET EATEN BY LIONS

DID Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego burn? Did they even smell like smoke?

Did David get killed by Goliath?

Did Jericho fall?

DID the waters part for Moses?

Are those fairy tales? or HISTORY. Fact in life is proof of God's miraculous power.

Are you changed like me? The the absolute miracle of transformation of your sinful life to a life of newness in Christ wear off? are you not still shocked at God's power in YOU?

If in fact, a miracle happened simply by loving Jesus and living for Him. Then why wouldn't he do the same for your church, your neighborhood, your city, your state, your country?

it begins with YOU. What will YOU do for Jesus today. Faith without works is dead. Express your love for Jesus through your actions of faith.

If your Mother or Father walked into the room, or your child, or even your dog and you completely ignored them - that is expressing hate, disdain, or disapproval. We must treat Jesus with love and honor and respect.

Does Jesus hear your prayers? Have you repented of your sinful ways?

When we bury our heads in the sand and no longer act for Jesus, we are offering our disdain for our Father in Heaven. We are stating facts.

16 Luther had feared the eternal flames of Hell:

17 You may choose to bury your head in the sand, pretend that this war is not happening and cling to the creature comforts that remain until they die.

Pray about the implications of those choices on your children and your grandchildren. Pray about the hole you dig to bury your head (that is doing something), pray about the amount of sand it takes to fill that hole in around your head (that is doing something) and the lack of oxygen you have left to live on after your head is buried.

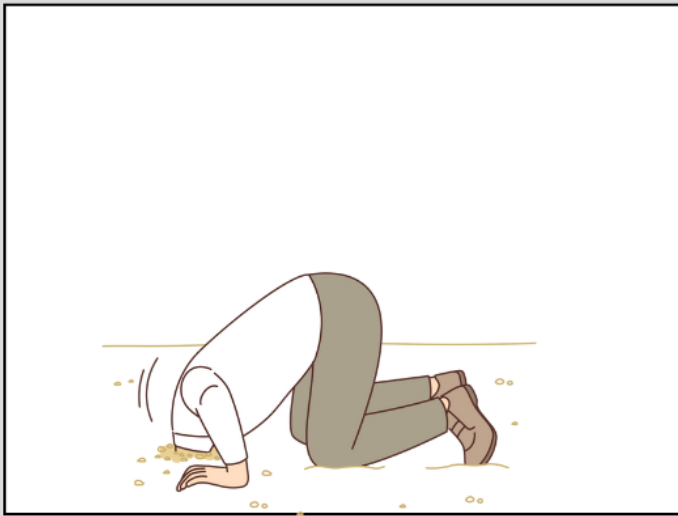
All of those actions = fact! that you did something.

Jesus said all actions will be Judged. You act of doing NOTHING equals punishment. Doing SOMETHING to save the lives of others equals REWARD.

Pray about the legacy of head-buriers you will leave behind you. How your whole family will follow suit and how you will all have to stand before God and explain how you didn't believe the Bible. How it made you uncomfortable and how you wanted to watch YouTube instead of protest, make tough changes and gather together in solidarity against the demonic forces attacking innocent children.

This war is real, it is here and you MUST choose to take a stand TODAY.

Read Matthew 18 again. Remember what he said about the MILLSTONE around YOUR NECK. Defend the children, repent of your sins and stand for Jesus - He promises to protect you.



Chapter 4: The Church and the Jewish Question

Ecclesiastes 1

All things are wearisome,
more than one can say.
The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing.
What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.
Is there anything of which one can say,
“Look! This is something new”?
It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.
No one remembers the former generations,
and even those yet to come
will not be remembered
by those who follow them.

- 1** Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, Chapter 4

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

2 Though he was wisely coy about the details:

3 What part of Nazi Doctrine adoption parallels with "the agenda" today?

4 Israel did not fear police or government or judicial systems. Their fear was in God alone, and that kept law and order:

5 We must not get sucked into the mainstream of popular thinking:

6 What could Bonhoeffer done differently to wake up the German Churches?

7 What could you do to wake up American Churches?

8 If the Churches do not wake up, what could you do to prepare for the aftermath?

9 The Germans were convinced they could continue as they had always done:

10 Do you cling to what is safe? Pray about this and ask yourself, what is safe?

11 Safety is in the eye of the beholder. Safety can also be an idol if it is found in worldly measures. Is Jesus the only safe place for you?

Read Luke 10:25-37

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

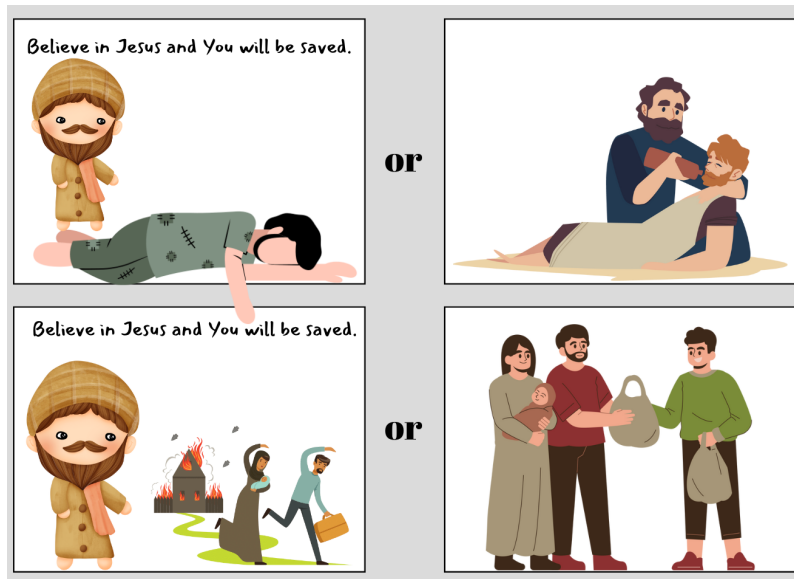
The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

12 What did Jesus Teach in the parable of the Good Samaritan?



13 Americans today are looking to their pastoral leaders to acknowledge that things are not as they were a few years ago and to:

Jesus Curses a Fig Tree

Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry.

Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” Immediately the tree withered.

When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” they asked.

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

14 **Matthew 19:24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

15 Compared to the rest of the world, you are rich. Read Luke 18:22 and pray.

26 How do you think Bonhoeffer connected the dots so quickly and could see so clearly when it came to the German Churches lack of Biblical action?

17 Can you think of a recent incident when sweeping emergency powers were used to enact government overreach without the consent of "We the People."

18 The Nazis controlled the media narrative and instantly whipped up:



19 The insanity of today reflects Jesus, they desire facts to be checked, yet don't desire the only perfect fact - the only moral code, The Bible.

20 The media controlled narrative was successful in Germany, it helped:

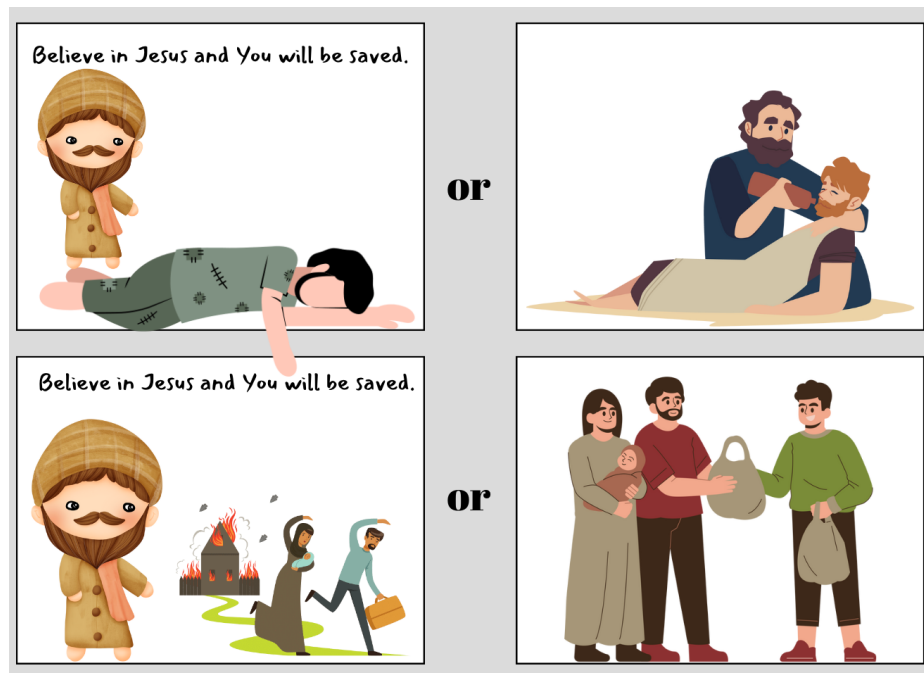
21 Can you name an American Pastor who was imprisoned for keeping their church open during shut-down?

22 The Nazi government suddenly wiped away 2 millennia with one stroke:

23 What were the three things that Bonhoeffer believed Christians could get political about:

- 24 If you object to any of those three listed political plays of the American Church, you should grab your Bible, know the American Constitution and pray about what God wants for you in this moment.

Ask the Holy Spirit for clarity, ask for wisdom, ask for discernment, ask to be less of you and more of Jesus everyday.



Help without Jesus? Or Help because Jesus? One without the other is not Biblical, Matthew 28 declares that we must share the Gospel with the world.

Jesus taught us that love is active. He commanded us in **Matthew 22:37-40** Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Chapter 5: 12,000 Pastors

5 Bible results for “12,000”

144,000 Sealed

Revelation 7

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea:

“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

Then I heard the number of those who were sealed:

144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

1 Pray about the information included in Eric Metaxas', **Letter to the American Church**, Chapter 5

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1 Review in Prayer with Jesus:

Timeline of Sin Fall in America:

1946 - Operation Paperclip

1954 - Tax Breaks Applied to Churches = Control/Silencing

1961 - Bible and Prayer removed from Public Schools

Operation Destroy America Commences - Control the Church, Control the Schools.

God's Judgement on a People Who Let Him Go.

Until we Repent 2 Chronicles 7:14, we will remain in punishment

Could You?

- Stop funding the State through school enrollment?
- Stop funding the State through tax breaks?
- Stop Compliance?

Convicted?

Tax Breaks = Government Compliant

Biblical Fact and Conviction:

People see what you give - who sees? government? church accountant?

The Bibles commands you to give in secret

and you should be ashamed of being a "big player" - what does that mean?

Until we say "NO" we will be under judgement

until we start praying X3 in our windows, we will not be in true dependent faith

Let us think of the parable of the woman who gives everything, think of the parable of the mustard seed,

think of manna, think of ravens feeding Elijah, think of trust and obey, and the list is eternal: find scripture to back this up or deny it's truth.

Matthew 6:1-4, Mark 12:41-44, Matthew 17:20, 1 Kings 17:2-16, Isaiah 50:10, Exodus 16

2 **Conviction:**

It is always best to present conviction in the form of questions, to bring someone to their own conclusions without saying "me" or "you".

Pray about:

the Resentment you feel

the comforts you must sacrifice

the conversations you must have

Knowing Jesus intimately for who is has always been
model our lives after him

zealous = showing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective.

meek = the act of willing to endure, rather than a state to succumb to.

Jesus' identity is complex and changing throughout the Gospels of the New Testament. Jesus is at once a "bright morning star" (Rev. 22:16) and child who worries his mother sick because he stays at the temple for three extra days (Luke 2:46). Jesus is called a "glutton and a wine drinker" (Matthew 11:19), and he breaks social boundaries by associating with women and the poor. Jesus tells a man seeking eternal life to "go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Mark 10:21). While Jesus blesses the peace-makers, the meek, and the pure in heart, he overturns the tables of the money changers in the temple, yelling that they have made God's house "a den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). He is simultaneously a "Savior" (Luke 2:11) and a servant who lowers himself to the ground, washing the feet of his disciples (John 13:5). Jesus is bread (John 6:35), light (John 9:1), and water (John 7:38-39). He is also King of Kings, Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:16), and tells a disciple, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these . . . you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

Conviction: Who Is Jesus to Come?

Revelation 19:11-16

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.



3 **Consideration:**

Consider Jesus in this Matthew 12:

But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good?

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Why did Jesus bring up Jonah at that time?

Did Jonah have a good attitude?

Did he do everything perfectly?

Did God still use Him to prophecy to Nineveh?

Did the Ninevites repent?

Did Genesis 50:20 happen again?

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance.

For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.

2 Corinthians 7...

2 Corinthians 7...

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

4 Can you sit on a fence with God?

5 Bonhoeffer could somehow see what lay ahead:

6 Bonhoeffer knew that in their:

they were not only helping evil gain a foothold:
