

Topical

Politics

This is a very high-level discussion.

Many of the points I'm going to bring up could be hours of discussion, thought and consideration - each.

You don't have to agree, but I hope you'll listen

As Paul would say, I don't necessarily have a command from the Lord

but after 20 years of walking with him...

hanging chad to not caring to now

politics used to be a bit like watching a sport, rooting for one side or the other

Your guy, their guy. Policies that differed but didn't cause immediate problem. Both might seem reasonable.

but in the past 10 years it's turned into matters of life and death

Abortion, antifa, reparations, borders, citizenship, voting, ukraine/ww3

I'm into politics - because of how much it affects us all

I don't want it to be entertained - in fact, much of the time I need a reprieve

Not talking about it at night when I'm finally relaxed

But I can't, in good conscience, ignore it

It affects my children's lives

The draft...inflation, housing costs, schools

in the 80s and 90s - there were changes, effects,

but things on the surface, for the average person didn't change.

now they do.

inflation, kids in schools, families targeted, store goods locked up and criminals free, open borders, political lawfare, locking up journalists, i could go on and on.

this isn't about who's got better foreign policy now. Or who sounds better.

it's about who controls your life. the government or God and you.

Christian Priority

- God - proclaiming the gospel with our life's mission
- Family - protecting, raising, providing, and leading to a life of faith
- Nation - providing a secure, safe, and healthy place for people to live in freedom

All are interlinked - you can't have one without the other

Just like our faith

James 2:14-26 NKJV - What [does it] profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what [does it] profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent [them] out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Just like the commandments - broken one, broken all

James 2:10-11 NKJV - For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one [point], he is guilty of all. For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

James 4:17 NKJV - Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do [it], to him it is sin.

It is our responsibility to do good. And in a world full of evil, that includes resisting it.

We cannot compartmentalize our lives from those around us.

Proverbs 18:1 NKJV - A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

Romans 13:1 NKJV - Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Unique position of we the people

- Founded on godly principles
- Designed to keep us individually free
- Designed to protect us from evil perpetrated by people

The constitution is not a limit on the people - but on the government and those who would wield it's power against the citizenry

Only maintainable by morals

If there is a lesson in all of this it is that our Constitution is neither a self-actuating nor a self-correcting document. It requires the constant attention and devotion of all citizens. There is a story, often told, that upon exiting the Constitutional Convention Benjamin Franklin was approached by a group of citizens asking what sort of government the delegates had created. His answer was: "A republic, if you can keep it." The brevity of that response should not cause us to under-value its essential meaning: democratic republics are not merely founded upon the consent of the people, they are also absolutely dependent upon the active and informed involvement of the people for their continued good health.

<https://constitutioncenter.org/education/classroom-resource-library/classroom/perspectives-on-the-constitution-a-republic-if-you-can-keep-it>

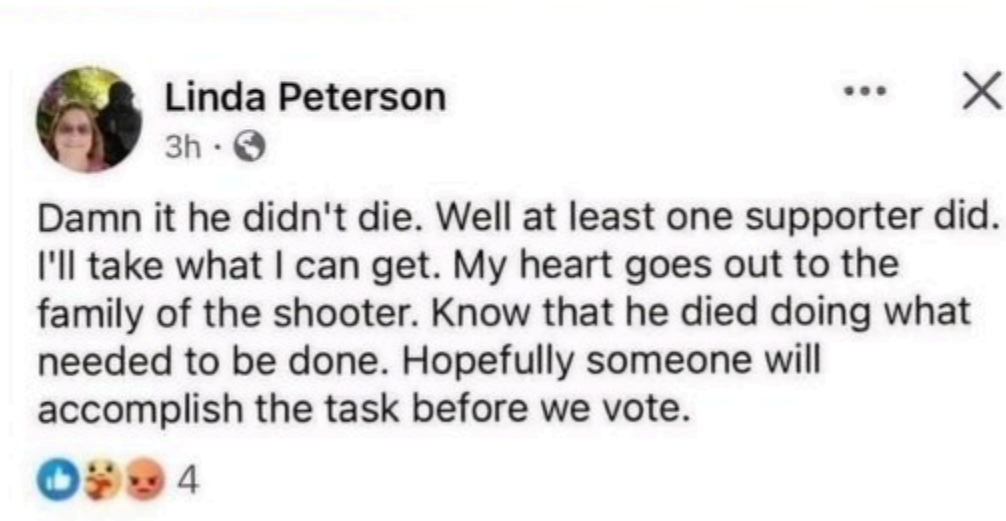
jack hibbs - black robe regiment / revolutionary war
robe " use in case of tyranny"

In a 1787 letter to William Stephens Smith, the son-in-law of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson says this:

If they remain quiet under such misconceptions it is a lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty. We have had 13. states independant 11. years. There has been one rebellion. That comes to one rebellion in a century and a half for each state. What country before ever existed a century and half without a rebellion? And what country can preserve it's liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is it's natural manure.

A patriot died the other day. several others wounded.

so much to talk about - but d.c. and the agencies have become a one-party system



when they tell you who you are, believe them

this is just once example, there are many
people getting fired for tweets, tours cancelled
when you call someone hitler for 8 years...

japanese reaction...

much different than ours on the street. very respectful. not full of hate.

like we talked about on sunday...hate as a manipulator.

Tucker Carlson short video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMSqRAKGAxk>

Who is my neighbor?

Luke 10:25-29 NKJV - And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading [of it]?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

*Defending my children, my house, my neighbor...from criminals...
What if the criminals have a badge?*

Elections

Not electing your pastor!

Jesus is my king but who will hold the line?

Don't like the candidates? Run yourself.

Where we are now

Clear line between good and evil

One party vs the other

Abortion kids marriage world affairs human rights

Read Romans 1:18-32

Remnant...for the remnant. Lot. He was "vexed daily" - but no one turned. Whole message on that, considering his witness, should he have even been there?

Rights come from God not government

Big G vs. little g - the two opposing worldviews

And if they come from government, that means others decide your fate.

Luke 22:35-38 NKJV - And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take [it], and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. "For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." So they said, "Lord, look, here [are] two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

"Resistance to Tyranny is obedience to God."

Who said it first?

- Thomas Jefferson
- Benjamin Franklin
- Susan B. Anthony
- William Tyndale

Sep of church and state**Meant to prevent a state enforced religion... church of England.**

Approved denoms. China. Truthfully meant to prevent state enforced denomination.

**Never meant to keep church out of politics or public square
but the government out of church****Trump and the current culture war****Symbolic of all of us***watched someone on YT for well over 12 years...***in the world but not of it****Christians in nazi germany****Vs corrie ten boom****Obey?****It's the end times. Gog magog ww3**

Anti Semitism on rise.

Need for two state peace

The stage is set. The lights are going out.**The time is now.****Esther 4:14 NKJV - "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for [such] a time as this?"****Jesus is returning.****Be ready.****Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV - "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all [who are] in the house. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**