Navigating the Political Storm: Unity Pastor Rob Gerber 04/28/2024

Navigation in the Storm

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it."

-Isaiah 30:21

"The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day"

-Proverbs 4:18

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

-Philippians 3:20

"I also pray for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one. . ."

-John 17:20-21

Unity Is Important

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

-Ephesians 4:3

"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

-John 17:21

- How we are created to function
- Sign of the Gospel to unbelieving world

How Do We Stay United?

Don't Need Agreement

"No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval." -1 Corinthians 11:19

Need The Same Leader

"There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – on Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

-Ephesians 4:4-6

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases"

-Proverbs 21:1

He Gives Us A Common Purpose

"then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."

-Philippians 2:2

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

-1 Timothy 2:1-4

Our Unity Gets Tested

"What I mean is this: One of you says,

'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another,

'I follow Christ.'"

-1 Corinthians 1:12

Unity and Disagreement

• You may be right

"Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know that they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful."

"Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will."

-2 Timothy 2:23-26

• You may be wrong

"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known"

-1 Corinthians 13:12

• Both answer to God

"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand."

-Romans 14:4