



Remember, do it to grow, not to get done.

Priming the Pump Talk about your track record when it comes to voting. Have you ever voted... When did you start... How regularly do you vote... How prepared are you when you enter the booth?

If you attended, talk about your experience at the Night to Honor Israel.

May 15 is CUFI day and that night we honored Israel, and this Tuesday 5/17 is a primary election day. We live in a society where **Government Matters!** As a society, it matters in how it is run and it matters how we involve ourselves - or don't. And it obviously matters to God because the Bible actually has quite a bit to say about our interaction with those who govern us (explicitly and indirectly through the many, many interactions between God's people and government authorities).

Now, to be clear, the Night To Honor Israel is not a political event or even about the government per se. It is held in support of Jewish people everywhere and to honor their place in history as God's people. Since it is however named after a sovereign nation, it is understandable that some would jump to giving it the political tag. But at the same time, it is completely reasonable and responsible to discuss our responsibility even to Israel as a nation. But here we will look at the topic of our interaction with government in general and what the Bible says.

We need not fear being involved. Contrary to what some would have us believe, the First Amendment was written to limit government's power over religion, not the other way around. [**Amendment 1 - 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.**] As a matter of fact it could be argued that like Paul, it is for this very purpose we are called - to give witness to the governing authorities - because they need our input (our leaven) but we are offer it with respect and in humility. Who else is going to pray for leaders if we don't? It is difficult to give credible witness unless we are engaged and involved. Sometimes we just need to know what God says about an issue and then we are ready to jump in! So let's look.

If you remember, we learned the other week that Moses had to learn how to govern the people and their disputes. Here are a few passages - talk about what each specifically means for us as believers and for how we are to interact with leaders or be involved in the governmental process. We hear accounts from Jesus, Paul, Peter and Luke...

Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Matthew 22:15-22; Acts 9:15,16

FURTHER READING (Scripture for Daily Reading)
Day 1 Exodus 25,26 Day 2 John 5 Day 3 Psalm 30
Day 4 Exodus 27,28 Day 5 Psalm 31 Day 6 Psalm 32



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At 9:00 & 11:00am we offer

Worship & Preaching	Auditorium
Toddler Nursery (2 Year olds)	Room 103
Nursery (Newborn - 2 Years old)	Room 104
3 Year Olds	Room 203 (upstairs)
4 Year Olds	Room 204 (upstairs)
5 Year Olds	Room 206 (upstairs)
6 Year Olds/1st Grade	Room 205 (upstairs)
Driven Kids' Ministry (Grades 2-6)	Room 200 (upstairs)

The **BISTRO** is **OPEN!** Fusion Youth Pancake Breakfast 7:30, Cheese Steak lunch 12:30
We offer **FREE COFFEE** at the Connections Café prior to the 9am service.

Connections Café & Bookstore is open before and after each service. Breakfast sandwiches, drinks, mints, as well as a nice variety of gift items are available. **Look for the 50% off sale we're having right now! FATHER'S DAY AND GRADUATION CARDS IN THE BOOKSTORE NOW!**

Did you know that all proceeds from the MSF Bookstore & Café do 2 things: They help offset the costs of youth events and they help support the MSF Pre-School. Thank You for your support.

Hearing devices are available for those who are hearing impaired. A Welcome Center volunteer will help you.

SMALL GROUPS

Groups are beginning to resume their regular schedules as well as new groups starting. Find out all that's happening by accessing our list of current Small Groups at www.mstar.org/main/small_groups. It's time for you to start thinking now about which group you should become a part of in 2011.

SERMON CENTRAL

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PRAYER POSTS...praises, answers, requests, concerns, etc.

(Prayer Posts are prayed over by Pastoral Staff and Tuesday night prayer group)

Check all boxes that apply > I'm committing my life to Jesus today for the 1st time I'm starting to call MSF my home church I want to know more about the Holy Spirit
 I'm recommitting my life to Jesus today I want to be added to the MSF mailing list