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Hello fellow Believers!

It's the day after the 2018 "midterm" elections and I find it interesting how polarized our nation can be about how to run the government. In my younger years I was very active in 'taking a stand for what is right'. I have been in protests against certain political decisions and have even organized and spoken at rallies. That is when I began reading our nation's history, especially focusing on government and national elections. I have found reading about our presidents and their fight to be elected and their battles while in office very helpful to compared what is happening in recent times. My bottom line is that there is really nothing new today that hasn't happened in the past in one fashion or another.

Years ago, as I grew frustrated with my efforts to make America 'a godly nation' I believe the Holy Spirit lead me to John 18:36. The context is that Jesus has been turned over to the local governor Pilate who asks Jesus if He is really "King of the Jews" and his answer changed my politics forever!

*Jesus answered," My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews BUT MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD!*

It was at that time I realized I had to choose which kingdom I would dedicate all my time and effort. I don't regret my choice!

Although His kingdom is not visible to the world in general it is active and has great power. Power that world or national politics can't imagine is operating today. In the book of Mathew the word kingdom is found 52 times. Statements from Jesus like Matt. 5:20...*unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.* Probably the most widely known verse is Matt. 6:10 *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* Wouldn't that be great right now! God's will here on earth now as it is now in Heaven! That would certainly change the way things are run on Earth!

Please Pray for us as we work for His Kingdom to be most important in the hearts of everyone!

*Richard*