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CHOICE BETWEEN BAD AND WORSE

Joan and I were praying yesterday morning, and things were moving right along. It was easy to pray for our family and our church, but as I began to pray for our country.....I fell silent. Suddenly, I didn't know what to pray.

Our country is more divided than it has been since the period surrounding the Civil War. The family and the church have failed. The top and the bottom demographic have always been immoral, and the great middle class gave us stability. The middle class is a dying breed in the US, and many churches are preaching a "soft gospel." Many don't recognize the virgin birth, or the death and resurrection. We have lost our moral compass.

We are fast losing religious freedom because of political correctness. The story of Dr. Eric Walsh losing his job with the Department of Public Health is reported on FOX News and the Christian Post today. He is a lay preacher, and the Georgia Attorney General has ordered him to turn over all his sermons and notes to the state. Some things that the Bible calls sins are not legal to call sin from the pulpit. The story of the ex fire chief in Atlanta being fired for writing a Christian book is well known.

Our Pastor, Dr. Michael Youssef preached in the London Palladium to a full house Monday night. Joan and I talked about the sorry state our nation is in. I told her that Dr. Bryant Wright the Pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Atlanta - and the ex-President of the Southern Baptist Convention - told his congregation that he was not going to vote for either presidential candidate. Bryant is an old friend of mine, and he has been Michael's prayer partner for almost thirty years. I know his heart is in the right place, but I question his judgment on this issue.

I have heard lots of well-meaning people say that they couldn't vote for either, and I decided to write Michael for "spiritual guidance." He got my email while coming into the US from London.

MY EMAIL TO MICHAEL:

Michael, I need some spiritual guidance. Joan and I were praying this morning, and it was easy to pray for our family, and the church, but we started to pray for our country, and I didn't know what to pray for.

I wonder if we're not already under God's judgement? We have murdered more of the unborn than Hitler sent to the gas chambers. Does that make us as evil as Nazi Germany? I think it does.

As you know, I have been a news "junkie" all my life, but the political situation has broken my habit. It's hard to believe that we have sunk so low as to have two horrible choices for President.....bad and worse. I can't watch TV news.

Bryant Wright told his congregation on Sunday that he is not going to vote. If we are already under God's judgement, that's probably ok, but if we're not, and we are only suffering the consequences of our own sin, it's not ok.

Of the three branches of government - supposed to be equal - SCOTUS has become the most powerful. Bob Barr, Dean Booth, and I went to New York a few years ago to listen to a talk by Antonin Scalia at the University Club. It was a small group, and screened to keep out the press. Judge Scalia bared his soul, and told us how the Court was acting as a super legislature.

I know our only hope as a nation is God, but if Clinton gets to appoint Justices to the court, things are going to get worse....fast.

Are you going to vote?

Come Lord Jesus!

MICHAEL'S ANSWER, with permission to send to my family:

Hello Gene from 40,000 feet!!

Bottom line is Judgement is the consequence of our sin !!

I will still vote ...for at least I know one man's name on the ticket who stands unequivocally for the life of the unborn

Like you I cannot watch the news.

Next Wed we are have a church wide prayer meeting and I will say more about this. We met an Egyptian Doctor last Monday night at the rally who lost his job for witnessing. He said many more are in the same boat.....Muslims in England/ Europe have succeeded in silencing Christians. Same is coming to America courtesy of Hillary Clinton.

I think we now need to prepare for the worstfor me it could be Prison

The Lord is near

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Joan and I had already decided to hold our noses and vote for Trump. He's not for murdering the unborn, and he has given a list of conservative judges he will pick from

for the Supreme Court. He is for term limits! I don't believe he can get that done, but wouldn't it be wonderful if he could?

I have voted in every election except one since 1956. It was 1960, and the Democratic Party was leaving me, and I didn't vote. We are in Atlanta for medical treatment, and if we vote, I'll have to miss a day of radiation treatment. I don't think can afford that. Mississippi is firmly going for Trump.