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Not Knowing What To Pray For

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 Youssef for "spiritual guidance." He got my email while coming into the US from London.

He said that he was voting for Trump. He couldn't vote for Hillary, because she is proabortion.