

# What to Do with the Election

Acts 4:23-31

## Introduction

How are we, as believers, supposed to react to this crazy election cycle? With major concerns about each candidate, many Christians are worried and fearful about what is to come.

When the early church found themselves a part of a government that was hostile to Jesus and His followers, they prayed in unique ways. First, they prayed to remind themselves of who is ultimately in charge. Although the highest Jewish authorities condemned them, they recognized that God is both the creator and the planner of all history. His authority is greater than any kingdom, and no ruler can come to power without God allowing it.

Considering God's power, they asked God to give them boldness to act in a way that would honor and glorify Him. They didn't ask for comfort, they asked God to work mightily despite the threats against them.

As we face uncertain days, we too can rest on God's power and providence. We must also ask Him to demonstrate Himself through us, both through our vote and our actions and reactions in the weeks ahead.

## Main Idea:

**Remember who is in charge and be bold.**

## Discussion

- 1) How does God's role as creator factor in to His power over government?
- 2) What does **Proverbs 21:1** teach us about God's relationship to government authorities?
- 3) What is God's perspective on the power of governments? (**Isaiah 40:15, 17, 23-24**)
- 4) How does **Acts 4:28** help us overcome worry about the future?
- 5) What did the early church ask God to give them in light of the threats against them? Why is that significant?
- 6) How does God's rule over the world impact our vote?
- 7) How does God's rule over the world guide our actions surrounding the election?

## Application

- 1) Prayerfully consider how you believe the Lord would have you vote and participate in the coming elections.
- 2) How does God want you to be bold in showing Him during this time?