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In our world today, Christianity is under attack openly and aggressively. We must take these attacks seriously and explore where they are coming from and what we must do to address them.

**God's Not Dead: In God We Trust** is not only our sermon title but the title of this very powerful and informative movie as well. We will utilize the story of this movie with historical facts and Biblical truths to make it very clear to each of us what our responsibility is regarding the onslaught of our Christian faith.

The movie opens where a congressional candidate running for office suddenly has died and the opponent Peter Kane gives a statement of grief publicly but steps behind the scenes and says, "religious superstition has no place in influencing our laws and government and so (lifting his glass) years to enlightenment, reason and reshaping our Nation's core".

Does this sound a bit familiar, former President Obama stated that he was going to fundamentally change our nation. He also said, "America is Not a Christian nation".

If we look back a few more years we can see a major shift with our government representatives and courts in 1962 when prayer was removed from schools and the killing of babies was made legal in 1973. How do you think that makes God feel? That's right. He is not very happy!

## ***FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE***

*Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.*

Abraham was told that he was going to be the father of many nations, and his descendants would be more than the stars in the heavens. He is the father of the nation of Israel who is still the center of God's eye. However, America was formed as a special nation clearly designed by God for His purposes. The Founding Fathers of

America were by a vast majority God fearing men. They utilized the Bible as their prime resource in writing our founding documents. They established prayer before every Continental Congress session.

George Washington was known as a man of prayer, though not perfect.

Every one of the original 13 colonies/states had a reference to God or the Christian faith in their state constitutions!

It is necessary for us to acknowledge that America's Founding Fathers recognized God and Jesus Christ as the author of morality and the basic laws of governance, which are the Ten Commandments and God's Holy Word. They never separated the sovereignty of God from government.

## ***FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE***

*Exodus 20: 3-17*

Next, we see Pastor David Hill saying, you work for us, the people! A video that had gone viral from a courtroom setting.

Congressman Darrell Smith is watching the video in his office and states that he believes Pastor Hill can beat Peter Kane. He realizes what is at stake, the soul of America.

The drama of convincing Pastor Hill to run for office is very believable, here we see a passionate patriot Pastor of a community church agreeing to go up against an experienced State Senator. The emotions run high, and doubts are real.

Let's consider young David for a moment as a comparison. He faced a lion and a bear and along came Goliath. It's interesting that our main character for our movie is also David. Both are challenged with giants. Let's look at David's story in God's word and remember he was later described as a man after God's own heart!

## ***FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE***

*1 Samuel chapter 17*

America was made up of 13 Independent Colonies when they decided to go up against the most powerful army in the world. (Another Giant!) All they had was an army of farmers and storekeepers, cobblers and printers, ranchers, tailors, carpenters, and bricklayers. Do you get the picture? People like you and me. The only difference may be that they loved this country and the freedom they could envision for the future so much that they were willing to fight for it, die for it, and put their fortunes up for it.

In the movie, Pastor David is heartbroken that his church shelter for women in need was shut down by the government because of a women's prayer meeting that was held within it. (Another reason not to depend on the government.)

His campaign manager wants him to campaign using a strategy to discredit his opponent. Pastor David refuses, but someone intentionally leaks out the information that proves false and it discredits Pastor David instead. Senator Kane expects him to drop out, however Pastor David decides to

apologize, own the responsibility and accept the consequences.

Senator Kane also tries to use the statement "Separation of Church and State" which is the most mis-represented statement used by those who are afraid of God and the Church! Pastor David is the perfect modern-day example for Pastors and Christians regarding all these issues!

There is so much to unwrap here when we feel the weight of what it is like to be a caring Pastor coupled with running for a Congressional seat that could impact the entire country! He also loses his job as pastor and credibility in the community, but he did not quit!

## **FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE**

*Mathew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for I say unto you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall be removed; and nothing shall be impossible for you.*

It was Pastor David's faith that pushed him forward but there was more. He knew God's word and he stood on it!

## **FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE**

*1 Peter 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whosoever speaks as one who speaks oracles of God, whoever serves, as who serves as the strength that God supplies, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.*

Pastor David set's an example for each of us. We need to serve one another with all diligence and care. We must use the gifts we have standing on faith to always move forward. In the movie it is made clear how we as Christians are under attack. The lies and deceit that surround our elected officials, the culture that is set on removing God and church out of everything, schools that are indoctrinating our children to believe God messed up when they were created, the very foundations of God's word being desecrated by an immoral element in society that teaches evil is good and good is evil, must be STOPPED!

There are politicians that want bigger government so they can control us more, they want to restrict religion and classify us as intolerant extremists, they want no moral accountability, they want to destroy the very fabric of our Nation by removing the Constitution and God.

**God's Not Dead: In God We Trust** should be what we are shouting from the rooftops!

As we close, please consider what Pastor David says during the final debate. He looks at the crowd and steps out toward them and shouts..... be the salt and light, fight the good fight, you can make the difference! **God has given you a voice, He gave you a vote, use it!**

*(A special note to share)* Most people do not know that Pastors had a very pivotal role in the War of Independence. Pastors were the primary recruiters for George Washington. The church was his most

effective spy organization as well. Many Pastors stepped out from behind the pulpit bringing hundreds of men and became officers and even Generals.

Pastors traditionally preached election sermons and had them printed in local newspapers. Pastors were bold and literally set the stage for the war for our freedom. King George initially called it a Presbyterian rebellion.

Let me conclude with, you can be a very powerful voice in our fight against this evil that grips our Halls of Justice and our State Houses of Government! You can put your stamp in history that says I will not stand for this evil that has infiltrated God's houses of worship. I will not sit idly by and do nothing! I will put my feet and action to the prayers that I have for our Families, Churches, Communities and Nations! I will vote and do much more by God's grace!

In Jesus Name, amen



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