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FAITH AND ELECTIONS: BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES DURING ELECTION SEASON

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The official campaign period of the Philippine National Elections kicked off last Tuesday, February 8. Major presidential and vice-presidential candidates, together with other national post aspirants, held their respective proclamation rallies nationwide. This started the formal 90-day campaign period for official candidates.

As early as last year, supporters of each of the national candidates began their respective campaign on social media. This election season caused divisions in relationships among family, friends, relatives, and colleagues. Some have become more aggressive and passionate than others. Others unfriended close friends and relatives in social media because of differences in perspectives and opinions about certain issues.

People have different perspectives, not only about the candidates but also in the election process itself. Some feel indifferent about the entire process, thinking their vote will not make a difference. Others think our nation is in a hopeless situation and there is no actual solution to the persistent crises we face. Others are at a loss, not knowing what to believe or who to believe with much contradicting information prevalent in various news outlets.

It is during this election season that our faith in God plays a crucial role. Our theme for the first quarter of 2022 is to contend for our faith. The Apostle Jude appealed for the believers to strive to fight for their faith as false teachers infiltrated their churches (Jude 3b). The Apostle Paul exhorted the Corinthian believers to "be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). The LORD, through the prophet Isaiah, commanded King Ahaz not to fear the alliance of Aram and Israel, for God would destroy them. The LORD told Ahaz, "If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all" (Isaiah 7:9b).

It is, therefore, crucial for us to stand firm in our faith in God in this election season. In this first part of a two-part sermon, we will look at the current election season considering the kingdom of God or the rule of God in our lives. We will survey how God had delegated His authority to man before the fall, after the fall, during the patriarchal period of Israel, the judges, the kings, the dispersion, and exile of the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel, all the way to the coming of Christ and the birth of the church. From this survey, we will learn fundamental biblical perspectives about human authorities. This will give us a higher perspective of what is happening in our nation in this election season.

We will also learn biblical guidelines in choosing our respective candidates. It is not only our right to vote, but it is also our Christian duty to take part in this election process. We must actively take part in the process by doing what we can to know the candidates—their credentials, character, and competency. I doubt anyone will be fully convinced that his or her candidate is the perfect one. But one thing is sure, God will fulfill His purposes whoever will win the national elections on May 9. Because of this, our faith in God gives us enough reason for us to participate in the coming election.

In the second part of this sermon, we will learn biblical guidelines on how we should conduct ourselves during this campaign period and after the election is finished. ✝



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ABOUT FAITH AND ELECTIONS

Feb. 13, 2022 | 11-12 NN
Speaker: Rev. Lito Villoria

■ COFFEE, TEA AND PURITY

CrossDriven Ministry
Feb. 19, 2022, Saturday
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Speakers:
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin & Ea Sindayen

■ HEROES OF FAITH

Weekly Devotion & Prayer
Every Wednesday
7:00 - 8:00 PM

■ JOIN A GROWTH GROUP

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