

SERMON NOTES

November 2 & 3, 2024

In God We Trust: The Way of Power Matthew 4:8-11

1. Kingdom - _____

Mathew 4:8-9

2. Jesus _____ the way of Power

Matthew 4:10-11

3. Ways of Political Power:

a. _____ People

b. _____ People

c. _____ People

d. _____ People

4. Jesus believed _____ what power alone could not.

5. We end up _____ by that which we _____.

John 18:34 | John 19:10-11

6. The power of the Kingdom of God is made manifest when Jesus followers _____

in a Spirit of _____, _____ and _____. **Matthew 18:20**

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 4:8-9

Reflect: Review your message notes and the four different ways power expresses itself. Which way is your “go to” when tempted to power up? When do you find yourself tempted to live in the way of power?

Prayer: Thank you, God, that America is in your hands, not mine or the forthcoming outcomes of this election.

Tuesday

Matthew 4:9 -11

Reflect: What is the significance of Jesus’ decision to reject the way of Power? What was your primary message takeaway?

Prayer: God of Shalom, in the midst of the chaos on this very important day, may your peace rest upon every voting site and upon our nation as a whole.

Wednesday

John 18: 32-36

Reflect: What is significant regarding the question Pilate asks Jesus? What is the significance of Jesus’ reply? What did you most struggle with during this election season? Why?

Prayer: Lord of lords and King of kings, whatever the outcome of every election, may the transfer of power be marked by civility and respect.

Thursday

John 19: 10-11

Reflect: What does Pilate’s statement reveal about how he sees himself relative to Jesus? What does Jesus’ reply teach about worldly authority?

Prayer: Father, this world and all it contains belongs to you. Use our new administration as an ambassador for peace where there is conflict.

Friday

Romans 12:9-21

Reflect: Are you more of a lover or fighter, and how has it affected your life so far? Based on their experiences of you, how would your spouse or members of your family tree answer this question about you? How does this passage speak to you in light of the post-election atmosphere?

Prayer: All knowing God, make me aware of how I can be a more loving person in all the circles where I have influence and some form of power.

Saturday

Matthew 25: 34-40

Reflect: “God’s kingdom spreads in lowly moments, in quiet actions, in unseen places with unlikely people?” What do you think about this statement? How does it apply to you?

Prayer: Here I am, Lord. Today, use me to bring up there, down here, to someone.

Sunday

Matthew 18:20

Reflect: What does this passage teach us about how God works? Prepare yourself to be used by God to encourage anyone you encounter today.

Prayer: God of endless love, make us one in our worship today so we might be used by you in the coming days to bring shalom wherever there is chaos.