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ELECTION 2018 REFLECTIONS

Pray for America's continued upward path to making our country truly one that follows after God's heart with His understanding.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. (Ps 119:34)

If you were like me, you woke up the day after the election with disappointment. Even though the pundits were predicting Democrats to gain 28 House seats, I was praying for and expecting a miracle similar to the one God did when President Trump won the 2016 election. And yet, as we rubbed the sleep from our eyes we see that legislators favoring abortion, limited religious freedom, a two-state solution to Israel, etc. have gained control of the House. The House majority is now led by those who have promised to resist, investigate, and even impeach the President (and Judge Kavanaugh). The retirement of 42 Republican representatives provided an opportunity that allowed this to happen.

As I analyzed the demographics of the seats that flipped from Republican to Democrat, a clear trend emerged: suburbs. Without fail, these flipped seats were in the suburbs of Miami, Kansas City, Chicago, and other cities. Only about 5% of the seats needed to flip and this is what we saw in suburb after suburb.

It would be interesting to know the state of the Church in these suburbs. Are pastors preaching from the pulpit the need for their congregations to be involved in guiding government? Are there engaged and engaging believers speaking to people about the need to pray for those in authority as we are encouraged in 1 Timothy 2. The liberal influence has only grown in the suburbs.

On the Senate side of the Capitol, the Republican majority grew. Though Democrats outvoted Republicans by 7% in the overall election (indicating small pockets with huge Democratic voting bases) the Senate Republicans' majority grew. This has the potential to set up two years of tremendous gridlock. This needs to be in our prayers! Thankfully, one of the Senate's major roles in our government is to shape the judiciary, and they are poised to be even more effective at this now. In the previous two years they have appointed more than 80 judges, including two Supreme Court Justices, and have the potential to appoint another 180, transforming 25% of the judiciary through life appointments of conservative judges. Majority Leader McConnell has stated that this is his singular objective.

It was very encouraging to see candidates who were fighting the inflow of millions of dollars from outside groups prevail. Andrew Gillum, trained and funded by the George Soros organization, was defeated by Ron DeSantis in Florida and Ted Cruz beat Beto O'Rourke, despite his receiving millions from left-wing philanthropic activists.

As we consider our invitation to join God in shaping history through prayer and fasting, we need to recognize that this is a marathon and not a sprint. We cannot give up praying for the hand of God to move in our nation and we cannot give up listening to the Spirit about how we can actively walk in obedience with Him. (By David Kubal, President and CEO of Intercessors For America)

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY FROM AN INTERCESSOR

Pray that we as a nation will keep our eyes fixed on the Lord , as He guides us as a nation in the days ahead. How has God been speaking to you since the election? Leave a comment.

The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" (1 Kings 18:44)

Last night, as I watched the midterm results, there were victories as the Republicans took the Senate, but a sense of loss watching them lose the House. While I was in prayer the Lord spoke and said, "Let not your heart be troubled." When He did, an overwhelming sense of peace came over me. I reminded myself that God is still on the throne, the everlasting God, the Holy One of Israel. I know that despite the results God is still at work. The Lord spoke a word to me last month that I am sharing with IFA and anyone else who needs some encouragement. Last month **the Lord said, "Position yourself."** That's it. When he said that, I pressed in to see what else there was to that word. He said "Position yourself to receive." That made more sense to me. The illustration the Lord used was Elijah on the mountain (1 Kings 18:41-45).

After the showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal, Elijah is positioned on his hands and knees facedown. He sent his servant to see if the rain was coming. His servant returned the first time and said that he didn't see anything. Elijah stays in position and says to go look again. Not once, not twice, but seven times before the servant says he sees a cloud the size of a man's hand.

The Lord reminded me that Elijah stayed in position. He didn't get discouraged at the first no, he didn't get discouraged after the second, he didn't quit after the third. His position and confidence in the Lord kept him positioned to receive until the seventh time when the cloud appeared.

I felt that resonating with me last night before I went to bed. It looks like a "loss" to the unseen eye. But stay in position—when God promises you something, He always makes good on his promises. I know that though my physical eyes may not see, in the unseen a storm's a-brewing. Now I wait on God, my times are in his hand. I know that he will finish what he started. (Gloria, an IFA intercessor)

THERE'S GOT TO BE A DAY AFTER

Ask the Lord to help us seek righteous leadership to govern the affairs of State as we move forward following this midterm election.

Provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness... (Exodus 18:21)

While the so-called “blue wave” never reached tsunami stages, there was enough to turn the House of Representatives over to the Democratic Party’s gavel. In the Senate, however, the watermark rose for the Republican Party as it gained several seats. The ebb and flow of blue and red waves leaves the good ship Republic of America afloat in perilous waters, possibly unable to navigate—not as bad as the Poseidon in the 1972 movie, “The Poseidon Adventure,” but here we are in the day after and there is a lot of damage to the Republic. While the maps all show that the nation is predominantly Republican, as reflected by the Senate, urban areas are sharply divided with far-left Democrats. What does all this mean?

On the surface it means that enough far-left Americans, primarily in highly populated urban areas, bought the vitriolic rhetoric, abandoned the appreciation of the economy and job security, and voted revenge. It means that Americans will face the next two years of government brought to a standstill because of “communist-like” tribunals investigating every wild-eyed, conjured-up scandal that comes to mind. It means that there will be an official platform for the “resistance” to continue its propaganda, now even louder. It means that division caused by political parties will be placed far ahead of the welfare of the citizenry. It likely means that Washington, D.C. will earn a new name—Subpoena City.

But there is a deeper meaning to all of this. It exposes a flaw in the two-party system. George Washington believed that political parties would be divisive and dangerous to liberty and limited government. He warned in his 1796 farewell speech, “You cannot shield yourselves too much against the jealousies and heartburnings which spring from these misrepresentations; they tend to render alien to each other those who ought to be bound together by fraternal affection...they are likely, in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.”

Washington believed an inoculation against the undermining by political parties was electing moral and religious leaders. He said, “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them.” Exodus 18:21 says regarding good government: “provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness...” How can those who deny God, fear God? How far have we progressed to even be forced with that choice? This is the day after, and I guess there’s got to be one. (From [The Daily Jot](#) November 7, 2018 by Bill Wilson)

BUILDING PERSONAL COMMUNITY AMONG A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF INTERCESSORS

Give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful ways He is weaving the Body of Christ together to accomplish His will for our nation.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S and He rules over the nations. (Ps 22:28 NKJV)

You may have been one of the nearly 7,000 callers to our First Friday Prayer Conference Calls in October, or one of the 3 million who saw an IFA Facebook post, or one of nearly 100,000 who receives our alerts on a weekly basis. Or you may have been in conversation with a fellow intercessor about humility on an Informer article or website comment. Or encouraged a fellow Facebook intercessor from another state who is praying alone for the nation at his church. Or agreed in prayer on a spontaneous conference call on the IFA line with people you have never met. These things build community and it's happening at Intercessors for America.

We are constantly encouraged and heartened to see the interaction of intercessors on the various media formats we share with you, the intercessors. Providing opportunities to interact, encourage, inform, and even challenge one another is one of our goals of Intercessors for America. We love seeing it happen. Keep doing it. Here are some of the recent interactions that have encouraged us over the past weeks...

Rutheann: Lord God thank you for all of these wonderful prayers warriors and our shared love for you. May you hear our prayers and dear Lord may you please forgive me a sinner that I may not be a stumbling block to your answered prayer. We need you now in our country for so many things we have managed to mishandle in your behalf. I pray for your mercy and love to be poured out on us as we seek your Face and pray that you would save our land. You are our God, the able, merciful, forgiving, loving, perfect, all knowing, alpha and omega, lovely, wise, majestic, eternal, beautiful, kind, gentle and true. I exalt you Lord! I glorify you Lord! Praises to our King! Thanking you Lord for all things. Amen.
(IFApray.org comment)

Joan: I, too, join in praying the prayers of the intercessors here, adding agreement to the multitudes who have been called to stand the gap to intercede for our country, the elections, repentance and forgiveness of our sins, exposure of what has been/is hidden to come to light, for truth, honesty and a return to the biblical, moral bedrock foundation of how we conduct business and treat each other.
(IFApray.org comment)

KD: I stand with Iva and others who are coming to You by the authority of Jesus and asking You to move mighty through these polls in every corner of this Nation to remove and expose voter fraud and those who should not be voting. (IFApray.org comment)

Lori: (replying to another poster) Beautiful prayer! Thank you for sharing it. I am praying it along with you and hope many others are as well. God bless you; and may God continue to bless America!
(IFApray.org comment)

Joann: Dear Lord, I thank you for all the people who have posted on this board. I have prayed aloud every one of their prayers, in agreement, and I especially appreciate how well thought out each and every post has been. (IFApray.org comment)

Paula: Don't lose hope! (to another IFA Facebook intercessor)

Cathy: Teri don't give up. Keep praying for a true awakening in your state. (to another IFA Facebook intercessor)

Judy: No matter the outcome, God is still on His throne and He is in control. We will keep our focus on Him, not what we see happening around us. (to other IFA Facebook intercessors)

Jane: I don't understand but God does.

Marlin: You are not alone! Everyone feels that way! Thankfully, it has to be that way! His ways are light years ahead of us! (to Jane, an IFA Facebook intercessor)

Amanda: Keep the faith. I just had a baby and God saved her and I from death due to complications. She's in the NICU. He wouldn't have saved our lives if it was over!!!! God is still active and looking after His people. Praise Him

Lisa: Praise God for His protection and blessing in your lives. Yes, He's in control and has a plan for all of you. (to Amanda, an IFA Facebook intercessor)

Paula: Good morning brothers and sisters! Another day of service ahead. My Christian goal is to walk with God as his elect. Change is inevitable all around me but the peace of walking with God is my strength and my joy. Thanking God for his unchanging Word in an ever changing world. (on IFA's Facebook page)

Debra: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

I'm sure there are intercessors in this nation who are as weary as I am from praying. I have been praying at least six hours a day since September 25th. I started with Kavanaugh, and rejoiced when he was confirmed. Then I prayed during hurricane Michael, I have been praying for the midterms, the exposure of corruption in our government, for the FBI during the bomb scares and the cyber security expert to catch the Russians' interference in our elections. It has been very fulfilling and satisfying and I love the intimacy with the Lord, but today I am bone weary. One of those versus the Lord gave me is, I will not concern myself with matters that are too weighty for me. This is an encouragement to not take on things I do not understand or that are not my assignment. I have focused mainly on the Senate. It has been important for me to know that I can trust the Lord that he has given the House as an assignment to other intercessors. We are all in the army of the Lord and our captain is Jesus. He is an excellent strategist in the war against the enemy. Press on, CHURCH. Press on. (encouragement to fellow Facebook intercessors)

These are not all—there are many, many more. Praying with one another for burdens, sharing information to help, whispering a prayer of encouragement or a Scripture to uplift or bring truth—we are so thankful for the community that God is building among our intercessors. Thank you for reaching out, sharing your hearts, and connecting. If you haven't participated, join us. Keep commenting and interacting. God is working and blessing it for Kingdom unity and His purposes! (IFA Staff)