

## Political Zombies

This week is going to be one of the most important weeks in your life. It will be, not only one of the most important weeks in your life, but also in the lives of your children and your children's children. I say that because it is voting week and the vote you cast this week will determine the direction of this country in historical ways.

I know many of us are experiencing political fatigue of the highest order. We've all been the victims of a relentless assault of political turmoil now for almost four years. Every day, there has been one crisis after another; attack after attack, until we've become almost numb to it all. It's very possible that, as we venture out of our slow-the-spread lockdowns, we are surrounded by political zombies and we don't even know it! Maybe we, ourselves, could be counted among them.

Many well-intentioned people just want it all to end. They want some room to breathe for a change. They want some kind of truce to be called and they believe that their choice this coming Tuesday might help bring that much-needed peace. But friends, we need to remember some very important truths about the choices which lie before us.

We need to remember the privilege and power of our vote. We live in a country, at least for now, in which the ultimate power resides in the people. That is part of what makes this country such an example for others across the globe. Your vote matters. It is your vote which, at least for now, determines those who represent your values in the upper political class.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction." I know we often see a quote like that and think, "Not in this country though! Not in my life!" We think it seems alarmist and hyperbolic. But the truth is that this may be that generation of which Reagan warned.

In all of that, Tuesday is not about our preferred political party. And while freedom is central to our way of life, there are actually more important things for us to stand for this Tuesday.

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to *any* people." We enjoy such blessings in this country. Whether we are Christian or not, this great nation will only stand if it is built on the solid foundation of God's precepts. That doesn't mean we go to church on Sunday and call it good. It means making choices that defend what is right. It means choosing to defend the life of all unborn children. It means standing for the family and for traditional marriage. It means upholding personal freedom and responsibility. It means supporting the rule of law for a civil society.

We want a country that enjoys these things, don't we? Be sure your voice is heard this Tuesday. Your children, and theirs, are depending on you.