



Lewiston Church of Christ September 11, 2022

 **MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Counter the Culture

America needs the votes of citizens with integrity. If you don't have integrity, please don't vote. But if you plan to vote in the midterm election, please inform yourself about the candidates and bring your integrity with you.

But don't presume that politicians or the government can fix our culture. That can't happen as long as genuine family values remain in decline. Our culture is hard at work creating physical, emotional, personal, spiritual, and social orphans—on purpose! Our top political leaders work relentlessly at public expense to dissolve God-given gender distinctions in American life. Having redefined marriage in stark contrast to Jesus' teaching, our politicians, judges, journalists, elite CEOs, celebrities, and too many teachers are decomposing the meaning of motherhood and fatherhood.

Christians are called to surrender our natural desire to live safe and comfortable lives to follow Jesus into spiritual warfare. Can you name one biblical character who did not care about their culture? I can't. Noah cared, but his culture was too wicked to fix—so he built a lifeboat. Abraham cared enough to leave his home culture and start a new one under God's call. Moses realized that no culture could survive without laws and decent judges to uphold the laws. God has always called His people to care about culture.

Jesus calls us to be "salt" and "light" in the world (Matthew 5:13-16). Moral, religious, and political conflict was a huge component of Jesus' earthly ministry and it got him killed. Instead of retreating from culture, we advance on it, not expecting to be loved in return.

Face it, we live in a culture that is increasingly toxic, narcissistic, corrupt, and obsessed with power. Meanwhile God's people care about justice, fairness, health, relationships, and how children are raised. We do not conform to the patterns of this world but are transformed by the renewing power of God's Spirit and His word. We identify with Job, who said, "Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me." (Job 27:5)

Joel Solliday