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Topical Message ● by Pastor Marcus Johnson



Embracing Biblical Civility, Citizenship & Justice

- 1. Biblical Civility amidst Hostility:
- Be quick to listen, slow to speak & slow to anger –
 honoring all people while seeking the collective wisdom of diversity

 Be counter-cultural bridge-builders & peacemakers – speaking truth to power without demonizing those we disagree with

- 2. Biblical Citizenship amidst Diversity:
- **Be Christ-centered dual-citizens** giving thanks for our country, as a prophetic minority, who repent holistically

Trust in the Sovereignty of God –
 voting with the long-term perspective in mind (& sometimes for independent candidates who are "going to lose")

- 3. Biblical Justice amidst Idolatry:
- Be "prophetic from the center" confronting tribalistic sins without being defined by what we're against

Wait joyfully & courageously for King Jesus to return –
 while sacrificially loving & praying for our neighbors & enemies