

HEY GOD, I HAVE A QUESTION

What Do I Do When I Believe Political Leaders Are Wrong?

STAND - HONOR - LOVE - ENGAGE

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- **STAND for truth**

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So, these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" **Daniel 3:13-15 (NIV)**

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, **we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from **Your Majesty's** hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, **Your Majesty**, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."* **Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)**

How do I treat the leader I didn't vote for?

- **HONOR those in authority**

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves...Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of

*possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. **Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.** Romans 13:1-2, 5-7 (NIV)*

What do I do about the people I disagree with?

- **LOVE your enemies**

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy.' **But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" **Matthew 5:43-47 (NIV)***

Does what I do even matter?

- **ENGAGE to lead**