

“Now What?”

Well, now that the elections are over, I would imagine around 50% of Americans are elated and the other 50% are miserable. I might be wrong, but I think both sides might be just a little surprised by the way things turned out, considering the polls leading up to election night. You might not agree with me, but I believe God has spoken, and that He has a plan for America in the days ahead.

In her weekly spiritual “nugget” my friend Sherry in Colorado had some very insightful thoughts about the words “what if.” In the months leading up to the election, that’s really all we heard on the news every day - “what if “ they win this state or that state, or they win over this segment of society or that one! Now that it’s over, I imagine the 50% of folks who are miserable might be saying “if only...”

Sherry brought up a very valid answer to those laments - remember that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not guaranteed deliverance from the fiery furnace, but they still spoke these courageous faith filled words: “But EVEN IF we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it.” She went on to say “Replacing “what if” with the words “even if, ” opens the door to faith... Replacing those words in our mental vocabulary is one of the most liberating exchanges we can make.”

So now that the “what if” has actually happened, and “if only” is not a possibility, where do we go from here? I can tell you exactly what Satan wants us to do - continue to go to hell in a handbasket, which is exactly what we’ll end up doing if we don’t swallow our pride (or better yet, confess it to the Lord and allow Him to remove it!) and learn to compromise in the areas we (BOTH sides) disagree in, and learn to work together, instead of stubbornly demanding things be done OUR way!

God does has a plan, and it is not a Democratic or Republican plan, it is HIS divine plan, a plan for all of us to work together to make America great again, which is only going to happen if we are willing to give up our divisive thoughts about the “other side,” put our great minds together and watch what God can do in our unity!

I’ll back that up with a guarantee from God’s word in Psalm 133: *“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.”* If we will humble ourselves and work TOGETHER, God says He will BLESS our UNITY! Amen!

