As I sit here reflecting on the election, I find myself wrestling with two emotions: lament and hope.

The writers of Scripture understood that these two can coexist. We can grieve losses and mourn election outcomes while remaining confident in God's sovereignty and goodness. We can acknowledge the challenges before us without losing sight of the One who holds the future, as Romans 13 tells us.

So, what happened in Pennsylvania?

The truth is that Democrats had a successful election night across the Commonwealth. Governor Josh Shapiro won reelection, Democrats expanded their majority in the PA House, and flipped the Pennsylvania Senate, securing a narrow 26–24 majority. On the congressional side, Democrats made significant gains, flipping four previously Republican-held U.S. House seats in Pennsylvania.

Sadly, **less than 50% of Pennsylvania voters participated in this midterm election.** That's a sobering reminder that we have much work to do. We must encourage Christians to recognize their responsibility to vote, love their neighbors, and seek the good of our state and nation.

These results will undoubtedly shape the legislative landscape and policy conversations in Harrisburg and Washington. New opportunities and new challenges lie ahead. But regardless of the election results, our calling remains unchanged. We faithfully minister and partner with the leaders God has given us.

After all, we know where our confidence ultimately rests. The Psalmist writes:

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call." — Psalm 20:7–9 (ESV)

Our hope has never been in a political party, a candidate, or an election outcome. Political leaders come and go. Administrations change. Legislative majorities shift. But our God remains sovereign, and His Kingdom will never be shaken.

Much like the early Church, our influence has never depended on who holds political power. The early Christians continued to preach the Gospel, care for their neighbors, serve their communities, and stand for truth, even under challenging governments. Their circumstances did not determine their faithfulness. Neither does ours.

This is why pastors and the Church Ambassador Network are needed now more than ever. Regardless of who holds the majority or which party our legislators represent, our calling to build relationships with and pray for our elected officials remains the same. 1 Timothy 2:1–2 instructs us to **pray, intercede, and give thanks** for all people, including those in positions of authority. That means engaging with and praying for our legislators no matter which side of the aisle they sit on.

These relationships are about people, not politics. They allow us to minister to leaders and bring hope and Christ's wisdom into the public square.

Pastors, our communities still need the Church and the hope of Christ. Families need strengthening. Children in foster care need good homes. Those struggling with addiction need hope. The unborn need to be protected. Communities need to thrive. And our elected officials need the prayers, wisdom, encouragement, and ministry of God's people.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9 (ESV):

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Pastors, don't grow weary. Don't let disappointment turn into discouragement or frustration turn into

apathy. Our calling is bigger than an election cycle, and our hope is greater than any political outcome.

The election may be over, but the Church's mission continues.

Let's keep praying, standing, engaging, and above all, being faithful. Pennsylvania needs a faithful Church, and our communities need the hope that only Jesus Christ can offer.

In Christ,



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