

# DISAGREE POLITICALLY, LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

## POLITICS AND FAITH, PART 1

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### **We can disagree politically and love unconditionally**

#### **What exactly do we fear?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Of control, opportunity, wealth, our culture, our freedom, our progress.)

**Q: Are you willing to follow Jesus even when doing so creates space between you and your party's platform and candidate?**

John 17:1, 11, 20–21

*"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.*

*11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.*

*Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.*

*20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one. Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

John 13:34–35

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 17:22–23

*"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.*

*Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

#### **Jesus gives us:**

- **One Purpose** [To make disciples of all nations]
- **One Message** [Jesus is the King who brought the kingdom of God to earth. He died for his subjects in order to create a way for us to come to the Father.]
- **One Command** [As I have loved you, so you must love one another.]
  
- **Your candidate will win or lose based on how America votes on a Tuesday in November.**
- **The church will win or lose based on our behavior every day between now and then.**
  
- **We must not let anything divide us.**
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#### **APPLICATIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

##### **1. Pray for oneness.**

*"Heavenly Father, help me this week to bring unity and love, not division, so that I can be a godly influence."*

##### **2. Look for an opportunity to love unconditionally someone with whom you disagree politically.**