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## Disappointment V. Disengagement

Dear Pastor,

How many times have you heard this piece of advice over the years: “Life’s tough—get a helmet!”? I’m guessing that this worldly wisdom is easier to dispense than it is to receive. But there actually is some truth to it. Let me explain.

First, life is tough. Jesus spoke plainly to His disciples. “In the world you will have tribulation,” (Jn. 16:33). We can’t really be too surprised by the various trials and tribulations that come. Jesus said it was going to be this way. We live in a broken world.

We have been incredibly disappointed recently by some egregiously bad US Supreme Court decisions. I won’t expand on that here, but you might appreciate this perspective shared by David Fowler, president of Family Action Council of Tennessee, [HERE](#). (For more on the recent “tough” Supreme Court decisions, check out WFC’s recent radio commentaries, “Wisconsin Family Connection,” [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).) Life is tough, and recent frustratingly bad decisions from our Supreme Court underline that harsh reality.



Second, what about that advice to “get a helmet”? You are familiar with Ephesians 6:10-17. We DO need a helmet—the helmet of salvation! But we need the rest of the armor, too, because we are engaged in a great battle. It is a contest with “principalities” and “powers” and “the rulers of the darkness of this age.”

We may rest confident that the equipment God provides for this warfare is sufficient for the battle. And we may also rest confident in Jesus’ encouragement to us in the rest of John 16:33, to “be of good cheer” because He has “overcome the world.”

God’s Word thoroughly furnishes (equips) us for the work of the ministry (II Tim. 3:16-17). Whether your ministry is to “the least of these” or those who wield great authority, like elected officials, we may rest assured that God will accomplish His purposes as we faithfully serve Him.

Life IS tough, but let us “take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17), and let us boldly proclaim the good truth of God’s Word to those who need it, including those who serve us in elected office.

In Christ,

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PS: If you are anywhere near Hillsboro, we hope you will join us on Thursday, July 9th, from 6-8 p.m., at Trail Ridge Camp for our event, “2020 Vision: Contending for the Faith, Challenging the Culture. You can find details and to registration [HERE](#).