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A Word of Encouragement

Dear Pastor,

We don't know about you, but when you look at things happening in our world, it would sure be easy to feel depressed. Maybe your people are feeling that way, especially after the way we left Afghanistan just weeks before the 20th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attack on our country.

In the last few days, you may have seen reminders of that horrible day in 2001. We have. Those pictures and videos of what happened on that day remind us of the horrible evil that man is capable of perpetrating on his fellow man, in the name of God no less (though not the God of the Bible, obviously).



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But let us use this somber anniversary to remind ourselves and our people that God is still sovereign and in complete control. The shocking attack on our country caught us off-guard, but God knew it was coming, just like He knew about every other wicked sin perpetrated in a world of sinners. We need to remember that life is short, eternity is real, and the time to prepare for eternity is today (Cf. Heb. 3:8-13; II Cor. 6:2). Truly it would take the God-man to bear the sins of all mankind. What an amazing act of redemption Jesus accomplished for rebellious sinners!

We spent some time with a pastor last week ministering at the Capitol. We were there to pray with legislators and staffers. We were impressed again with what an important ministry this is, to pray for people, and especially for those who are God's appointed authorities in our lives (Rom. 13).

Whether it is responding to a terrorist attack on our country, or doing the routine work of passing legislation during a legislative session, our elected officials need the prayers of God's people. If that wasn't self-evident, God commands us explicitly to pray for them (I Tim. 2:1-4).

So this is our word of encouragement this week: Pray. By God's help and grace, may our ministries reflect Samuel's words and actions, that we might not "sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for" our elected officials (Cf. I Sam. 12:23).

This week, please pray for:

Rep. Cody Horlacher (Mukwonago)

Rep. Christine Sinicki (Milwaukee)

Sen. Dan Feyen (Fond du Lac)

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PS: Wisconsin Family Council has partnered with [Dr. Del Tackett](#) to bring [The Engagement Project](#) to Wisconsin. Pastors, small group leaders and anyone interested in leading a small group will want to participate in the training session that is being hosted by Wisconsin Family Council at Calvary Bible Church in Neenah, Wisconsin, on **Saturday, October 16**. Dr. Del Tackett will personally share his burden about how to use this small group study to create a practical framework for reaching our neighbors and communities with the Gospel. For details and to register, click [here](#).