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Exuding Grace

Dear Pastor,

Last Wednesday, some Republicans in the State Legislature introduced a bill to bring abortion back to Wisconsin. While driving to the Capitol, I was surprised with a phone call from a legislator's office asking if we wanted to cancel our meeting due to the legislator's presence at the press conference for the bill.

It was a disheartening reminder of the transactional world these political leaders live in. The assumption was pastors wouldn't want to be in the presence of someone who just announced support of an unbiblical value. It was an excellent opportunity for this legislator to see the gospel lived out by our CAN team (see photo at right), including a pastor, following through with the meeting.

In every meeting, we start by sharing our vision of ministering to the governing authority as a person, shepherd, and partner. While sharing our vision with this particular legislator, the legislator broke down in tears. We believe, knowing this person, that this was because of the guilt and conviction felt for following politics over Scripture. This is where exuding grace is essential for ministry. In Romans 5:8, Paul proclaims, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The assumption was that we'd be there to condemn, but instead, the graciousness of Christ was proclaimed.



Our second core value in the Church Ambassador Network is that we are grace-driven. This governing authority needed exuding grace from us in this situation. Our governing authorities need to know that above all else they are loved and cared for by pastors who will point them to Christ and His mercy—especially for salvation. At some point, we'll share biblical principles regarding the sanctity of human life with this legislator, but more importantly, in that moment, this legislator needed the gospel.

Our prayer is that our governing authorities would be transformed by the gospel through you and your ministry. Thank you for all you do!

In Christ,



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P.S. We recently had our 100th meeting with governing authorities this year! Thank you to those of you who have helped us by joining us at the Capitol or by praying for our ministry. Our heart is that we would have another 77 pastors join us at the Capitol this year. If this is something that interests you, just reply to this email to let us know.

P.P.S. This week we encourage you to join us as we pray for the following elected officials. Representative Elijah Behnke (Oconto), Senator Julian Bradley (Franklin), Representative Nate Gustafson (Neenah). FYI - our full prayer list for the year is available [HERE](#).

P.P.P.S We urge you to pray for the upcoming election and to remind your church family to vote and to honor God with their vote. Early in-person voting begins today in most municipalities and runs through Friday, March 31. Election Day is Tuesday, April 4. We still have some print copies of our Voter Information Publication available, as well as some Honor God with Your Vote fliers. PDFs of these are available [HERE](#) and [HERE](#), if you want to share them electronically.