

TMZ Goes To Church

Pt. 1 – "What Would Jesus Say To Donald Trump?" September 1st, 2019 Pastor Todd Tolson

WHAT THIS SERMON ISN'T ...

- IT'S NOT ABOUT POLITICS.
- WE ARE NOT, AND NEVER WILL TELL YOU HOW TO VOTE.
- IT'S NOT <u>APPROVAL</u> OR <u>CONDEMNATION</u> OF PAST, CURRENT OR FUTURE POLITICAL AGENDAS OR POLICIES.

WHAT THIS SERMON SERIES IS ABOUT...

- It's A Modern Day Look At How Jesus Deals With <u>Public</u> & Private Scandals Of All Kinds.
- IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO <u>HANDLE</u> A <u>SCANDAL</u> OF OUR OWN.
- IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO HAVE <u>GRACE</u> WITH THE ARROGANT, THE <u>ABANDONED</u>, THE ADULTERERS, THE <u>ANGUISHED</u> & THE SELF-ABSORBED...BECAUSE WE ARE ALL AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE.

4 THINGS THAT JESUS WOULD SAY TO DONALD TRUMP

1. My Purposes & Plans For Your Life Are <u>Bigger</u> & <u>Bolder</u> Than Even You Could Imagine.

"O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me...You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."

Psalm 139:1, 16 (NLT)

"My thoughts are nothing like Your thoughts," says the Lord. "And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

"The Lord our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that He has revealed to us..."

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NLT)

2. I PUT YOU IN OFFICE...AND I CAN TAKE YOU OUT!

"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God." Romans 13:1 (NLT)

"Daniel said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars."" Daniel 2:20-22 (NLT)

3. THE PEOPLE I'VE PLACED UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP ARE <u>CREATED</u> IN MY <u>IMAGE</u>. THEY ARE <u>VALUABLE</u> & <u>SPECIAL</u> TO ME. TREAT THEM WITH CARE.

"In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and He lives in all of us."

Colossians 3:11 (NLT)

4. YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY IS ULTIMATELY NOT <u>ABOUT YOU</u>. It's <u>ABOUT ME</u>. SO <u>GLORIFY ME</u> WITH YOUR ONE-AND-ONLY-LIFE.

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1st Corinthians 10:31 (NLT)

RIVERVIEW EXISTS TO GATHER, GROW, GIVE & GO...ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

"Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they sent a delegation to make peace with him because their cities were dependent upon Herod's country for food. The delegates won the support of Blastus, Herod's personal assistant, and an appointment with Herod was granted. When the day arrived, Herod put on his royal robes, sat on his throne, and made a speech to them. The people gave him a great ovation, shouting, "It's the voice of a god, not of a man!" Instantly, an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people's worship instead of giving the glory to God. So he was consumed with worms and died."

Acts 12:20-23 (NLT)