#### Awakening 2017:

Speak, O Lord



1. Christian submit to the divinely established government because it is the right thing to do and because those who do not will suffer the consequences. 13:1-5

Government is established by God; by submitting to the government, I am submitting to God. 13:1



"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."

John 19:10-11



### Those who do not submit will suffer the consequences. 13:2-4

# I submit because it is the right thing to do. 13:5

#### "We must obey God rather than men!"

Acts 5:29

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#### If I have trouble submitting to the Godgiven authorities in my life, I am not submitting to God either.



#### 2. Christians have God-given responsibilities to the government and all citizens. 13:6-7

#### Paying taxes is the Christian's responsibility to the government to provide for its functioning. 5:6



#### Christian citizens are indebted to the government and are instructed to willingly offer what they owe. 5:7



#### Christians, as servants of God, focus and act on their obligations to all people.



#### Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus Romans 1:1

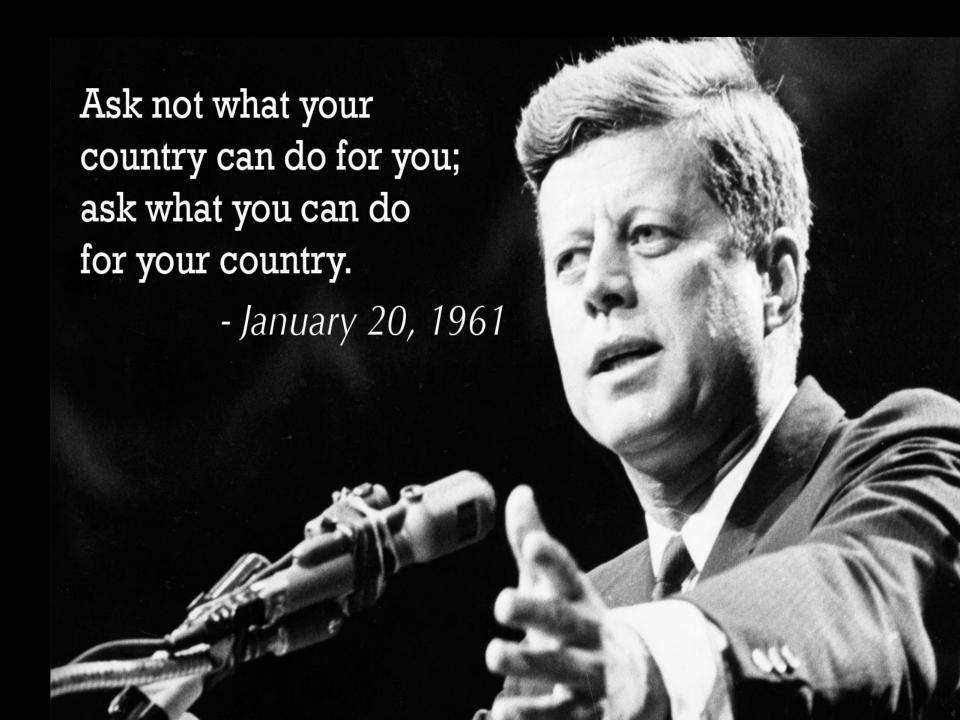
- I am in chains for Christ. Philippians 1:13
  James, a servant of God and of the
  Lord Jesus Christ James 1:1
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Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2:16-17



Too often I am not a slave to Christ and his purposes, I am not chained to the gospel, am chained to the American Dream.





"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

Mark 10:43-44



The United States will never again be a great nation if its citizens are consumed with their own interests, safety, and desires.





#### Am I living as a servant of God by fulfilling my responsibilities to others?



Lord, I want to be a great citizen. I relinquish my rights and entitlements to myself, O Lord. Please make me your slave, chain me to the gospel, and allow me to serve others in Jesus' name.