

It's Jesus: Christian Leaders Look to Heal Political Disunity

The political divide in America is both deep and wide. Unfortunately, this can have a negative impact within families, communities and even the church.

Now two Christian leaders from opposite sides of the political spectrum are working for a common cause.

"Look, everybody knows I'm a friend of Donald Trump. They know I support him very much," said Dr. Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church Dallas.

"I've been in the Democratic Party most of my life," said Justin Giboney of the AND Campaign, an organization that aims to help and organize Christians for civic and cultural engagement.

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Both Jeffress and Giboney took vastly different paths into the world of politics – differences they recently shared during an appearance on CBN's Prayerlink.

"I had very little involvement in politics the first 20 years of my ministry," explained Jeffress. "But it all changed when a member brought to me some library books from our public library. They were pro-homosexual books written to persuade children into that kind of lifestyle. And she said, 'What are you going to do about this?'"

"We as believers have a responsibility to push back against evil wherever we can," he said.

Giboney credits the message and meaning of civil rights for driving his interest.

“Early on my grandfather, who was a preacher himself, taught me that when it comes to people having their rights, people being treated fairly, you couldn’t go into politics and just fight for yourself that you also wanted to make sure that you fought for others,” Giboney said.

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The two also shared their thoughts on interpreting the biblical response to certain social issues, such as the southern border crisis.

“It doesn’t prescribe what immigration policy should be,” said Jeffress. “But there are some things the Bible speaks very clearly about and I base my politics or for whom I vote based on what the Bible says.”

“I agree that the Bible might not speak specifically on what our immigration policy should be, but I would say that it would have something to say about the humanity of that policy and how we treat the least of these and the stranger,” Giboney countered.

Discussions on such issues have led to bitter debate and anger among believers with some questioning the faith of those whose views differ from their own.

It is a sentiment both Jeffress and Giboney agree hurts the gospel message.

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