

Joel Osteen Speaks Out on 2016 Presidential Election

Joel Osteen's "Night of Hope" events are meant to inspire and uplift—which seems to be the opposite of this presidential season.

But Osteen, who is known for his positivity, says he will not specifically deal with what has the United States nearly at each other's throats.

"Our general message speaks to staying in peace and being respectful and staying full of joy and staying positive," he tells . "I don't get specific about the politics, but our core message deals with [how] every day, you have to choose to be happy; you have to overlook things that are done wrong and things that are said."

Osteen's statements echo those of Republican hopeful Marco Rubio, who recently said he regretted how he attacked rival Donald Trump in a recent debate.

"My kids were embarrassed by it. My wife didn't like it. I don't think it reflects good. That's not who I am. That's not what my campaign is going to be about or will ever be about again," Rubio said.

"I'd do it differently—on the personal stuff. I'm not telling you he didn't deserve it, but that's not who I am and that's not what I want to be," he said.