

How Should Christians Respond if Trump Loses?

As America heads for the polls on Election Day 2024, the question of how Christians should respond should former President Donald Trump lose weighs heavily on many minds. In a recent interview with Charisma Media, Dr. Malachi O'Brien speaks to the heart of this issue, urging believers to embrace their biblical role rather than respond in despair or anger.

"Let me just pragmatically say, if Trump loses, what we don't do is we don't go burn down buildings," O'Brien says, encouraging Christians to rise above the fray. "We don't attack police officers... we don't go destroying the world because the end has come."

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O'Brien's message addresses the biblical role of Christians as "salt and light" in a society increasingly darkened by division. "Salt makes the most impact to something that is not salty, and light makes the biggest impact in the darkness," he reminds us. For Christians, that mandate means being a steady presence, a beacon of hope and truth in turbulent times. Rather than hiding in our churches, O'Brien says believers should be emboldened to "get louder about truth" and more fervent in sharing the gospel, embodying Christ's mission on Earth.

Yet, there's also a broader civic duty that O'Brien calls Christians to uphold. He acknowledges that if Trump loses, the consequences may be far-reaching, from potential legal actions against Trump to impacts on his businesses, and potentially those of his supporters. However, he challenges Christians to avoid getting entangled in politically charged conflicts, like

online arguments, and instead focus on their responsibilities as citizens of both the kingdom of God and the nation. "If the election is lost... we don't automatically believe that the 'Christians for Kamala' were right and we were wrong," he says, emphasizing that faith transcends political outcomes.



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With biblical references to prophetic voices like Daniel and Esther, O'Brien points to a history of God moving through dark moments, as seen in past revivals that often preempted significant historical challenges. He cites the Laymen's Prayer Revival before the Civil War and the Jesus Movement in the 1960s, both of which laid spiritual foundations for generations. Now, he believes, a similar movement is unfolding on college campuses nationwide. "Gen Z is being saved... Gen Z is a revival generation," he declares, adding that this spiritual awakening is a reminder that faith persists, regardless of who holds political office.

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O'Brien's call to action for Christians is a hopeful one. He urges believers to live with "fire in [their] eyes and passion in [their] souls," embracing their role as Christ's hands and feet on Earth. "We need to be [a] people with fire in our eyes," he insists, challenging Christians not to "live a balanced Christian life" but to represent Jesus boldly.

As the results of the 2024 election loom, O'Brien's message remains: win or lose, the kingdom of God marches on, and Christians have a vital role to play in shaping the nation's future. The ultimate victory, he reminds us, isn't found at the ballot box, but in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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