

Sec. of State Mike Pompeo: 'My Belief in Jesus Christ Makes a Real Difference'

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is the man at the center of so many complex and vital issues facing America right now. But one constant through it all is his Christian faith.

Pompeo's life so far includes a growing list of accomplishments: Eagle Scout, first in his class at West Point, Harvard Law School graduate, Kansas congressman and the first American to ever hold the top jobs at both the CIA and the State Department. However, No. 1 on his list remains a faithful choice made back in college: a decision point to follow Jesus Christ.

"I grew up going to church on Sundays, but frankly it wasn't a priority in my life growing up," Pompeo told CBN News. "I went off to West Point, and as a young cadet, during my freshman year, there were two young men who were juniors who were true men of faith. And they held these little Bible study/cookie klatches on Sunday afternoons and they invited all the cadets to see—it was purely voluntary."

"I started showing up—truly remarkable," Pompeo explained. "I started going to church every weekend on my own because I wanted to be there to learn and to grow, and at some point during that first year, I really did come to have an understanding of Jesus that was different than the one that I had before. It fundamentally changed my life."

That life is a busy one as secretary of state. Many issues facing him include a faith flavor, attempts for peace in the Middle East, religious persecution and many more. He doesn't hide the faith element, as witnessed by some of his comments during his recent joint press conference with Israeli Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel.

"I'm proud to be here again not only as America's top diplomat, but also as a man of faith," he told Netanyahu and the assembled media.

This isn't new territory for Pompeo. Back in 2015, as a congressman from Kansas in a church setting, he preached about the cultural battle ahead.

"We will continue to fight these battles; it is a never-ending struggle ... until that moment that Pastor Fox spoke about, until the rapture," Pompeo said.

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