

Why Saving America Will Come With the Discipling of Souls

Calendars reflect we are halfway through 2021, but in many ways, it feels like 2020 hasn't ended. Although some pre-pandemic normalcy is returning to American society, new COVID-19 cases are still being reported in various parts of the world. Unemployment claims in the U.S. are dropping, but the cost of living and consumer goods is climbing in a post-pandemic marketplace.

The last few weeks have played out like a soap opera with the unearthing of arguably the greatest public health con in world history. Amid politically charged headlines and false narratives, truth is becoming scarcer. The days of trusting media outlets, government entities and so-called health experts are long gone.

The story is still breaking on Dr. Anthony Fauci's compromised emails, allegedly discussing gain-of-function research with scientists at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Meanwhile, the latest COVID-19 vaccine analyses reveal potential ineffectiveness in those who have recovered from the virus.

The Washington Post was one of the first mainstream sources to obtain leaked email transcripts between Fauci (who admitted to funding Wuhan labs) and Chinese Communist Party affiliates. "The correspondence from March and April 2020 opens a window to Fauci's world during some of the most frantic days of the crisis. ... Fauci's actions during that period and beyond remain an intense focus for many Americans and political leaders," the *Washington Post* reported.

Despite Fauci's questionable financial investments in Wuhan and the fact that he perjured himself before the American people, the Biden administration continues to support him and

refer to him as an expert. Many outspoken Democrats remain silent as the narrative of overzealous Republicans occupies the headlines. Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., posted on Twitter, "The time has come for Fauci to resign and for a full congressional investigation into the origins of COVID-19—and into any and all efforts to prevent a full accounting."

Facebook and Twitter notoriously silenced voices that spoke out on pandemic issues in 2020. Legislation was introduced to weaken Big Tech's Section 230 protections, granting citizens legal recourse when posts are censored or deleted from social media platforms. Fauci's concession to the virus possibly escaping the Wuhan laboratory greenlit big tech to redirect censorship efforts away from "lab-leak theories." There's hope information will be shared freely once again, and online conversations will resume without the interference of cancel culture. Still, according to the *New York Post*, "[the] pattern of big tech censorship, enabled by unaccountable 'fact checkers,' poses a catastrophic danger to America's ability to govern herself and respond to crises."

In a world gone mad, how should followers of Christ respond? Do we take to the streets, march on state capitals and demand pandemic reparations? What about lying low in small groups, bidding Jesus to come quickly?

Activism can serve a legitimate purpose when citizens peacefully and relentlessly stand to bridge the gap between problems and solutions. However, believers know that transforming society requires the transformation of individual hearts. Saving a nation means discipling souls (Matt. 28:19-20). Thus, evangelism is Christian activism.

The church cannot hunker down until the storms pass. Spirit-filled believers should be visibly guarding their posts and governing in their sphere of influence. Whether we are called to the pulpit, the marketplace or the home front, Christians everywhere need to be activated in the gifts and the fruits of

the Spirit (see 1 Cor. 12, Gal. 5:22-23).

As we navigate the chaos and turmoil, we need the Holy Spirit's boldness and wisdom to legislate God's will in earthly situations (see Matt. 10:16-20). Kingdom ambassadors must make the most of every opportunity in ministering reconciliation to the lost (see 2 Cor. 5:18-20, Eph. 5:15-17). In the heat of the battle, we must keep our peace by fixing our eyes on God, our eternal rock (see Isa. 26:3-4).

Lance Wallnau encouraged Christians to stay focused on the expected outcome of victory. On the June 1, 2021, episode of *FlashPoint*, he said, "I [am speaking] about the big picture of what's happening right now. The Wuhan lab coverup is being exposed, at the same time that there is pressure on the election [audits] ... What's happening is that there's a kind of a cosmic, Holy Spirit pressure coming upon world structures that have been working against the prayers of His people. Many people were shaken because they didn't see the victory they wanted come easy."

"Our faith has to have corresponding action," he continued. "[W]e have to have a campaign mentality, not a battle mentality. A battle mentality means that some Christians quit the moment that they lose a battle, not realizing that a campaign is a series of battles. Some you win, some you don't win, but overall, the campaign defeats and uproots the enemy. We're in the campaign mode, right now, of battles." {eoas}

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