First Baptist Church - Odessa

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"Why I Cannot Sit This Election Out"

"Countdown America: 58 Days of Prayer & Fasting" – Pt. 6
Proverbs 24:10 and Selected

"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small."

Proverbs 24:10

7 Reasons Why I Cannot Sit This Election Out:

I. Because I love America!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Declaration of Independence

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no

governing authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Romans 13:1

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!" Psalm 33:12

"Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!" Psalm 144:15b

II. Because silence means consent!

"Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, 'Behold, we did not know this,' does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will He not repay man according to his work?" Proverbs 24:11-12

III. Because truth is more important than politics!

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." Proverbs 16:25

"In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

IV. Because abortion is murder!

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27

See Psalm 139:13-16

V. Because homosexuality is not a civil right!

See Genesis 2:20-25

"Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them." Romans 1:32

VI. Because religious liberty must be protected!

"Jesus said to them, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Mark 12:17

"But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29

VII. Because I am a Christian father!

"And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that He had done for Israel." Judges 2:10