A person is paragliding over a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. In the foreground, there are sand dunes. The text "THE CRY OF THE NATION" is centered in the middle of the image, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

THE CRY OF THE NATION

What time is it?

A time to not get locked into what's expected



A graphic celebrating the 2017 Rose Bowl Game. At the top, it says "2017 Rose Bowl Game" and "CHAMPIONS" in large, bold, gold letters. Below that is the Rose Bowl Game logo, which features a red rose inside a green circle with the words "ROSE BOWL GAME" around it. Underneath the logo, it says "presented by Northwestern Mutual". The USC logo is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, the scores are shown: "TROJANS 52" on the left and "PENN STATE 49" on the right. In the center, between the scores, it says "25x" with "ROSE BOWL GAME CHAMPIONS" written below it. The background of the graphic is dark with fireworks and confetti.

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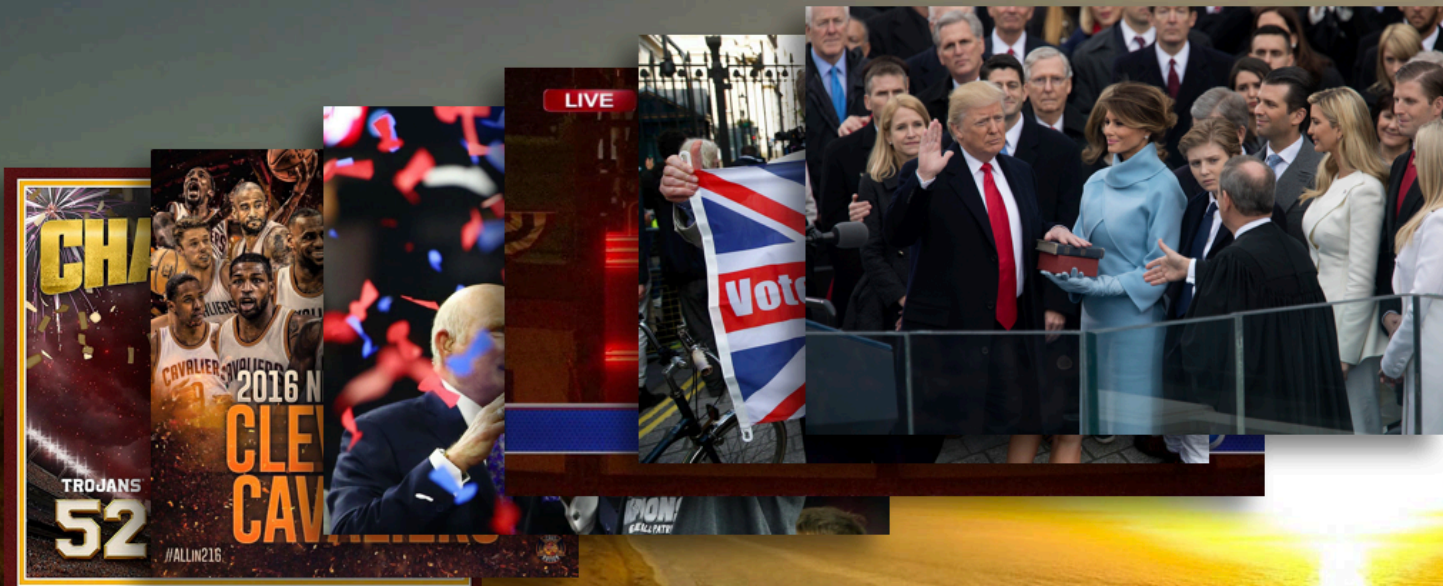
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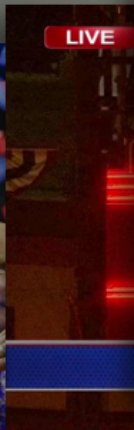
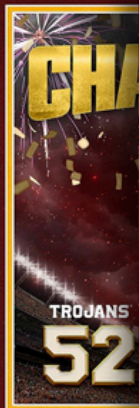
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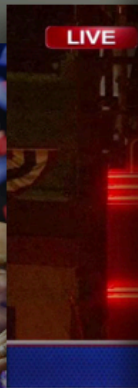
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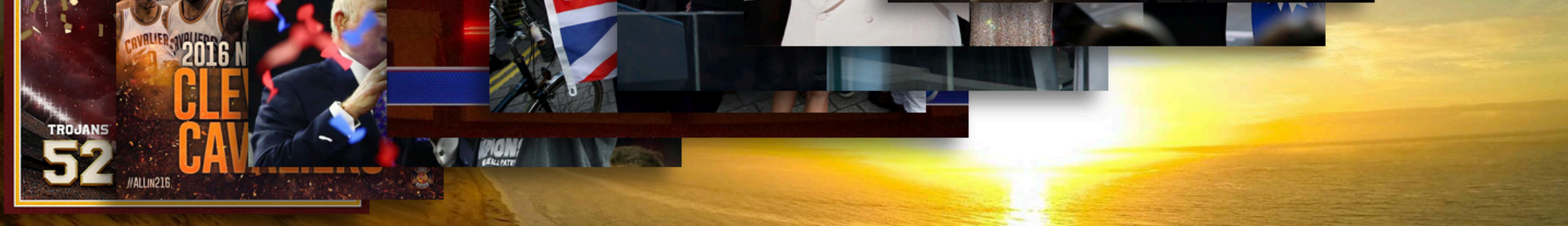
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Interpreting the Times

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The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but **you cannot interpret the signs of the times**. A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away.

Matthew 16:1-4

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Not All Time is the Same



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God works in society, history, economics and politics

But if we don't have eyes that can see or ears that can hear, we don't know what time it is

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450 years from Malachi to Matthew

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shook minds and hearts free from the past so people would search for truth

Political Oppression

squeezed first century souls until they cried out for a Messiah to save them

Prayers for a Messiah

functioned as an accelerant in this process

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- Like the Middle East, we're entering a powder keg time
- Like the apostles in Acts 1, we can make the mistake that government change is the ultimate answer
- It's right for Christians to step into the public square to advocate for values that are biblical
- Transformation ultimately comes from the gospel, not the government
- It comes from transformed lives, not policy

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I believe we're entering into the American spring.

The key question: "what will this bring?"

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What does this mean?

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Pray

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Get Whole

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your areas of
healing so when
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you're ready

Get Equipped

Evangelism

Discipleship

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God, heal my heart
from my brokenness
or hardness of heart

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