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When and how of resistance different situations call for different measures this is Dr. Kaiser. I thought there's a good starting point. He had you're in theory. We have a right to challenge anything that the state of the magistrate requires that God doesn't authorize it to require, but that doesn't mean we should which I think is a really great.

Um, caveat. Um, so we speak to my previous comment about there are times when You know, fighting every little thing is probably not wise. As a matter of fact, I might suggest to you that probably not a great idea to Nichol and I'm in almost any situation, nickel and dime people meaning pick on every single detail in every situation.

Um, not every state overstep must be resisted. There are times when it could be both lawful and profitable to Forfeit an actual, right? Um, I'll move on to the next situation here, situations where compliance. Is non-option actually. I apologize. I'm gonna read something. Um, James sent me something. Pastor James sent me something.

Um, This this past week. Um, from goat gouge we've been reading. We read his um, His is three books in leadership meetings on. Saturday morning. Is that when you'll do it, I can't attend because of work. So I forget what it is. But um, William Goose is a Puritan and is enduringly profound every time you read them but uh um Pastor quotes him Sent me a quote of his here.

So I'm going to read it actually to start. It's just a wonderful little beginning here and then and then we'll get into more of Kaiser's book, besides the ceremonial law. The Jews had a Judicial law. Uh, proper and peculiar to that polity. This law concerned, especially their civil estate many branches of that law.

Appertain to the Jewish priesthood, as the particular laws about cities of Refuge, whether such as slew any unawares fled to be manslaughter. They could hide there and thereboat till the death of the high priest, not the magistrate, uh, and the law and laws about lepers, which the priest was to judge and Sundry other cases, which priest was to judge up.

So also the laws of distinguishing tribes, he's citing scriptures here, but um, I don't care, I think they'll be terribly helpful. I can send this to you if you'd like. So also the laws of distinguished traps, uh, a reserving inheritances, the special tribes, and reserving inheritance to special tribes and families, uh, of selling, to the next kin.

You. Children of all manner of freedom. Freedoms of the Year of Jubilee. There were other branches of the judicial law, which rested upon common Equity. And we're means of keeping the moral law as putting to death idolaters and such as enticed others there unto and witches, and willful murderers, and other notorious malefactors so likewise laws against incest, and incestuous marriages laws of reverencing and obeying superiors and governors and of dealing justly and borrowing restoring buying selling in all manner of contracts.

The former sort were abolished together with the priesthood. So if the things where the people are the cleanliness things are according to the priest, they're abolished with the priesthood, the latter sort remain as good directions to order even Christian politics accordingly. Um, and he has two points to draw to this by these kinds of law first Point by these kinds of law, And observing, what was fit for the particular kind and condition of people and in giving them answerable laws and yet not tying all nations and states they're unto, it's basically saying making good laws in one nation and not commanding that the that the the laws legislated in that Nation are not applied universally.

Well, Obviously we don't hold all countries to our law. America probably tries more than a lot of countries in the past to hold people to our law. But we certainly, we certainly are not. That is not the the policy that we ought to go by, uh, second point that Liberty, which God affords to others to have laws, most agreeable to their own country.

So as they be not contrary to equity and piety, Um, lost to their own country, not to a ridiculous degree. We're saying up is down. If if you'd like it to be it's not um Equity. Those are not contrary to equity and piety. Find it them more obediently, to submit themselves to their own wholesome laws and to keep peace unity and Amity among themselves.

Yes, it's helpful quote. Um, helpful points to be made as far as the peculiarity of each Nation to be governed by those God has given using wisdom. Um, yet not using supposed wisdom as an excuse. Not to be Pious suppose. It was a not to be Obeying God, so helpful quote from from William Goose or goes, you're no one in the world knows how to to say that anymore.

Was she'd written a small Treatise on how to say his name. I think that had been helpful for the church but We all caught him and we're all kind of different. All right. Sorry. Um My silliness crept in no more silly um page 28. Of back to Mr. Mr.

Kaiser's, book, Dr. Kaiser's book here situations, where compliance is not an option. We're kind of getting down to the brass tax here, which I think is going to be helpful for, uh, you Based on a few of my conversations with y'all. Um, One of the situations was was when innocent life is at stake.

This is a really easy one to defend the Hebrew midwives. Um, obviously, Moses parents are in there in the first point, Rahab defied. And, and, um, deceived her own people for Hebrew spies were in our land, obviously inner city. Uh, and of course, we outlined David didn't show up to dinner.

When Saul invited him to kill him, he disobeyed the king's order to show up to dinner. Uh, and The situation that I'm not where I mean I'm not as familiar with as the others Jehoshiba or however you say that uh rescue the infant. Joe Ash from the murderous intentions of Queen athalia.

Um, Joseph fled to Egypt to save, Jesus from the Edict of Herod at the command of an Angel. But unless he did, uh, for for the sake of The seed. And watching this wasp. There's a lot of real estate up here. I don't want to get stung. Um, Um, yeah, so I think that's a really easy.

And and kind of um, we can all not a whole lot of conversation needed to say that we can. We do we cannot comply when innocent life is at stake. Um, Second point when the means of protecting or sustaining life is at stake. I think Dr. Kaiser overstates. It here, Gideon defended, his right to provide food for his family by hiding parts of his crop to keep it from being seized by the midianite authorities.

I think this is an interesting one, because He was if I believe it was a time of War, getting saying getting defended his rights probably is incorrect. Formally, he was hiding in a hole threshing wheat. Calling that defending rights I think is probably a stretch but, um, In occupancy, who's being occupied by a foreign Force, it is really the argument.

You might might bring there wasn't a lawfully ordained Authority. So, of course, at resistance at that point to me, has a different Flavor about it. Obviously being ruled over by the Godless who are outside of the promise of God at that point and um, and such. So But of course, the point I think Stan's boot is essential to life defending your food or those things that are essential to life.

May take. May not be in France upon. We don't really have a choice, we have to stop. That's brother. So, An interesting question. Like, just the abortion is. Yeah. What you just said is. That we're bound to stop those abortions, taking place. As you know, the gentleman, the counties up here, you know, how do you apply that personally?

I see the application is, he was there at an abortion place where an abortion, Michael said, right? As opposed to being at a place that you're solving getting ready to become killed at that point. For the case, I saw baby was getting ready to start. Then I was in Bound Act.

So you see the line is the hypothetical It's, it's when it's hypothetical. It's hard to active on. I I would tell you while I'm in support of what happened there with this gentleman and and you know, right for his family. I know him personally I don't think That we thought through action, he just based on for a small background.

What exactly did the man do? And what was he charged with? He uh, he was standing on the sidewalk in front of a portion. And they charged him with constructing women to conducting rights. Okay. And then there's people in the clinic laying on the floor saying that they were protecting life.

And they were what they trespassed in order to do that, right? They it broke and they didn't know that that a life. If I saw someone immediately was coming at Miss D, Trying to take the light, but I found that would be the one innocent life is at stake, right?

Uh Mr. Magnus said hey I'm thinking about shooting this D. I I can't go this interesting situation. You've outlined here. I don't know. Yeah, I think so. I think the how is also going to play really heavily into this. So um right now specifically the when and so the how I think plays in especially with abortion.

Uh, argument. Yeah. Um Yeah, so we'll get into that. We'll continue moving into that. Thank you David. Um, the Rite of self-defense is essential to life as David just outlined. Um, David obviously exercise that right? King David, that is self-defense. And and really, honestly, I most of the time he wasn't necessarily Um, exercise on the right of self-defense, but more self-defense in a different way than we think of it.

But rather getting out of dangerous situations, Um, more more often than he was fighting his way. Or just killing those who would, who would want to kill him. Um despite the clear right to own weapons and to even form militias scripture, never authorized private citizens to use those weapons against a civil magistrate and that does get to the abortion step as far as people bombing, abortion shelters, abortion shelters, abortion, um, clinics and these kinds of things murder Mills.

But Never never. It was that that Institute unless, um, another lawfully instituted civil magistrate had called them to war. And there's the how that we'll get into a little further. Obviously the

doctrine, the Lesser magistrates, you're the one who handed me the book, so I guess. I you obviously know about it.

So there's a there's a doctor called the doctrine of the Lesser magistrates. We will read the definition on it. Um, Um, from from this this book that Brother, David gave to me, um, So I think that's the how of Christian resistance. We would go to um, A civil, uh, lawfully instituted, civil magistrate.

Um, so that we could basically have so many interposed for us. Um, this is one of the differences between lawful resistance and unlawful Revolution for a small history. Lesson. It's funny because I know a lot of you could school me on history but I do think it's an essential point.

I'll at least make this point these what they call the American Revolution. Um, and even it's not like anachronistic that I do believe they use that term at the time. Some I, you know, I like call it the warp for Independence, it was not a revolution. As a matter of fact, um, America was being more English than England was, uh, they were appealing to the laws already.

Um already there not trying to burn everything down and start something new. Um, it was actually England who was doing something illegal and America was suing for the for the very rights appealing to the law and the essential difference would be that um, They were not casting off, chains of duly appointed law.

They were appealing to duly appointed law to, to gain the rights and privileges there unto, especially Freedom, Liberty, to be governed by Those whom they appoint, they vote in. Um, so so I think that's an essential Point here. There's, uh, that's one of the differences between lawful resistance and unlawful Revolution.

The Bible does not permit unlawful Revolution. Even Charles, the first was was, um, who was a king? Who lost his head over killing his own people and marrying, a papist, and trying to turn the court papers, and he himself was an Abominator at least every historical account suggests that.

Um, so, you know, even he himself, uh, Cromwell. Didn't kill him in an act of War, they sought to they failed, to do that in a civil court. They actually prosecuted him which of course, is an interesting case in history where men were faithful. Not not perfect men, but faithful Men were trying to Obey God's law, Faithfully.

Um that's a whole different conversation but anyway it's a good point that we didn't just burn everything down and start something. New vengeance is prohibited for the individual citizen but it is commanded of the Civil magistrate. Uh, we can try to stop Runaway authorities through the powers we have access to but rebuke.

Or sorry, we have access to that being rebuke, recruiting of other magistrates. Obviously we have the right to vote. That's why I've I've alluded to that a few times and we have quite a few rights in our country. God be praised to Sift out the the evil. Um unfortunately those those don't work.

To the bottom, they're not. Um, Okay, so there's a way at which voting is very, very ineffective because voting requires a majority Um, and and that's that's where a lot of conservative pundits. Who might be of some kind of Christian position will oftentimes just they're constantly going for the majority to vote everything into law.

So that's why you have um, So we can't possibly have the majority all the time on every issue and then we don't have the majority, we then have to gain it. And, you know, so you're kind of playing power politics at that point to try to use this voting system to, to vote in God's righteousness, which God be praised, it is a mechanism by which we can vote righteousness in, but it's not the only that's why we rebuke and we preach and we, you know, there are other means with all that to say we don't want to overdo the next election.

We don't want to over emphasize um, the importance of voting approach and under emphasize it either but you know, we should we should done realize that it is a tool. Not the only tool given because power politics, rarely work, those who seek it, you know, rarely work and let's face it.

The Godless have been way better at propaganda than we have for quite a few Generations. Now, um,

Have access to, I would add voting rebuking recruiting other magistrates but not by taking up powers we don't have Um, like excommunicating them or executing them. Unless by law. Um, another way we cannot we are compelled. Situation where compliant will make sure you the way I say it the way he says it situation, where compliance is non-option is when the state oversteps the family's jurisdiction, It's just not something.

We will abide. It's um, we will not let Um, The magistrate, tell us those things which It can't inside the home keysight's. First Kings 21a have tried to use, eminent domain to take away, naboth's family farm his children generational inheritance. This was a matter of family jurisdiction and naboth refused the state's unlawful intrusion.

Um, situation where Compliance is not an option. It's when the state oversteps, the church's jurisdiction, we talked about this. When we had our conversation on coven, obviously, the state did attempt to do that. Magistrate was taking powers unto himself, which he does not have to tell churches, they could not worship, but Certain Godless men that they could worship at other temples.

Um, oftentimes with various Names. Scab scheduling clad people in them. Those churches could worship, but the Churches of God could not. Um, So obviously we we didn't obey or at least the churches who saw through. Um, This kind of thing that did not obey. Um, King Uziah, goes to sacrifice of the temple and Trying to find the actual scripture here.

He quotes it in here somewhere because I became Furious, they held ground saying it's not for you Isaiah To burn incense to the Lord. But for the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense, get out of the sanctuary for your trespassed. So even the king who had every right over these men's lives.

Was kicked out because it's not his jurisdiction. The the minister who's given the sword and the minister who is given the keys to the kingdom are different, different people. Um, when we are commanded to stop different offices, excuse me. We recommend to stop doing what God commands us to do.

And again, that would play into telling You know, the church to stop worshiping. Um, and we say, well, You know. Tip your hat, thank you for your suggestion and and you know, right, you know, that's kind of the suggestion. We honor you This is not your. Ground to speak on.

And when we recommended to do what God prohibits, there's lots of good, good examples, but I did want to get to a further part here. So um, I'm going to speed ish through this one. We recommend to do it. God prohibits the parents, that Moses refused to throw Moses into the river.

Imagine that Jonathan refused to obey King Saul's order to kill David. That would be murder, not merely because it was his friend, but because it was wrong against the law of God. Um, Daniel and his friends refused to eat the food of Nebuchadnezzar. Um, But I think Daniel's such a wonderful one though.

Because um, Daniel's such a wonderful one because he This is a man who Obviously with steadfast he was steadfastly disobeying in a foreign land under the most ruthless of of you know go read about the the nation that ruled over him most ruthless and disgusting of Nations. Um, And yet, he did it with such wisdom.

I just think we have, we can have a lot to learn about Daniel because we are ruled by pagans and Godless Today, right. You know, we we know that that's that's the case. We're not going to sit here and belly ache about it, but that that's, that's the truth of it.

I like, I won't really be like, with you about it. That's the truth of it, but but we can respond to it like Fox News commentators or we're gonna respond to it like Daniel. Um, he he went about it, he he quietly disobeyed, he would not obey, uh the the Godless king's commands yet, he walked around with such wisdom even in this.

So in this case specifically, he said that's fine. Uh, we're not going to do that, but here. Okay, please let me eat vegetables. Let me live a lifestyle of less than optimal. Less than optimal diet. At least I'm not a vegan. Oh y'all. Uh if you all feel about it but uh you know, let me let me live a lifestyle that um, eat a diet.

That's less satisfying to my belly. I'm not satisfying myself but like I cannot do this thing but he worked with the King, the the Tyrant, To fulfill what the king wanted to work with his tyranny. The best he could, and to say, oh King, I know your king, I'm gonna navigate.

So to me, oftentimes, a lot of the stuff is a little point that I would like to make here. That's uh, so much of this stuff. The principle's actually quite simple, as much as we're going through this book and I continue to jabber on about it, but, um, the prince, the principle is quite simple.

We cannot obey where God has, you know, To do such a thing. And we cannot obey where God has commanded us to do such a thing. It's, it's, it's pretty simple. You could probably put it in a quick little paragraph and you'd have the whole Doctrine but more often than not, it's wisdom.

That is necessary to navigate these kinds of situations, wisdom and patience and not a hot-headed goofball who wants to shake his fist and get his way. That, that honestly is, is the majority of these situations. Um, the most helpful thing is that is the wisdom. It takes to navigate them, well, in Daniel, you see, navigating it like an expert.

Same thing Joseph in in Egypt Pharaoh, and Yeah, so I think that oftentimes it's it's wisdom that makes the difference. So I will get into the how a bit and I do think true hella Boy, what a name. I don't know how to say that one correctly, but I think I did a fine job of it.

Um, this in this book, that that David recommended, the doctrine of the Lesser magistrates. This is a historical Doctrine. It's not, it's not, you know, unique to him. But basically saying that we need to appeal to lesser magistrates, you're not a private citizen to decide not to obey the duly appointed authorities over you.

Um yet We want to disobey them, so we try to find a lesser magistrate who will help us to to, um, do it. Well, anyway, I'll stop talking, quote, this guy. Um summary at the end of his book,

he has a summary of the documented lesser magistrates. I thought was a really Punchy piffy thing to get to here, um the Dr.

Lester magistrates he defines it as the Lesser magistrate Doctrine declares that when the superior or higher Civil Authority makes unjust or immoral laws or decrees the Lesser or lower ranking, Civil Authority has both the right and duty to refuse obedience. To that Superior Authority. If necessary the Lesser authorities, even have the right and obligation to actively resist.

The superior Authority, that is to say Governor says something. You must do something the share, you know, who's governor of a state. Of Murray County for instance says no we're not going to do that. I'm not going to keep that law. He has the right to say that to to the the governor.

Right? He has he has an office of a legitimate magistrate. Uh he is uh a minister of the sword just like the governor is Yet of of lesser power. So we we appeal to this kind of thing. That's why you even appeal to different courts. You'll see oftentimes in different courts.

The large Court said this, and we try to seek a lower court, that would change it for a smaller Locale. Um, this, this is that's think that when you think lesser magistrates, um, it is rooted in an interposition, an interposition is that calling of God, which causes one to stand in step, into the Gap willingly placing, uh, oneself between the oppressor and his intended victim into position takes place when someone or some group interposes or positions themselves between an oppressor and the intended victim.

So like you said the same thing Joyce there. Um, when it comes to the end of position of the Lesser magistrate, he interposes for the people placing himself between the unjust laws or decrees of the higher authority and between the people his people who God has placed under him

Um, the end of position of the Lesser magistrates abates, the just judgment of God. On nations that have impugned his law and one last bit from here, um, primary deuter of duty of lesser, magistrates is threefold. First, they are to oppose and resist laws or edicts. Um, from the higher Authority, that contravene the law or word of God.

Second, they are to protect the person from Liberty and property of those who reside within their jurisdiction for many unjust or immoral actions by the higher Authority and third. They're not to implement any laws or decrees made by the higher Authority, that violates Constitution. This is Capital C. I'm assuming he's talking the United States Constitution, if necessary to resist them.

I would actually put in the violate God's law and if necessary resist them. But um, but a Pithy and to the point um definition brother, David. Sure. Five or six years ago when the Supreme Court came down with that, overfelt ruling said, marriage, you know, between a man and a man and woman would be recognized the governor of All Saints, but it has been this time called every court clerk three hours after that took place and said Go ahead and make sure.

You can see the 2006 past constitutional Amendment. That said, the only American state of Tennessee was ever recognized. Was that when a man and a woman of no, no traditional people instead of anything other than employees. So there was no reason for the state and when he did that, he was unlawful.

So I went to our mayor Yes. We have an amendment for our constitution and God's law is such that. You know, this is not Merit. I said You need to stop this. Call the court again, if you like right and his responsibility was, well, you can be assured that I'll never marry the same Texas.

That's not the question that's in your private life. This is in your office. I But you're my mayor your defending me and protecting me. And at that point, He had nothing else, right? He couldn't, he couldn't answer. So oftentimes men will mix up the the idea of an office and a person.

So it's the difference between encountering a police officer who's off duty and in his normal clothing and he tries to arrest you. And you say, well you can't arrest me, you're a private citizen. Like, were you talking about on police officer? Yeah, but you're not acting in your office right now.

You can't do anything as far as your, um, unless you'd like to, you know. Anyway, so there's there's, there's there's a break there, uh, between worth of course, the office would then apply. So, in this case, it seems to me like the man didn't understand that he, which is fearful terrifying for a man.

Coward. Okay. Good. Because I I said you you're supposed to offend me? Yeah, that was the case. I was asking him to enter post, right? And he said well, that's too dangerous for me. Um, yes cowardice and stupidity are both fearful things for those who are, you know, are governed by them.

Yes, men must be, uh, wise and courageous. And if they're not, then we suffer. And we must suffer. Well. So, um I I this is kind of my favorite part of it where we're about to get. He's on page 33. He says, types of lawful resistance tactics to me.

This is when the book started getting good, just want to start heating up. This is when he starts wrestling with the historic reformed idea of of being and again. We know nothing of suffering, kovic was nothing compared to Nero. Cover was nothing compared to to the kings of Europe.

In, in the time of the Reformation following after, or frankly, a little before, Um, and that's not safe, you know? It's not the way. You shouldn't shouldn't consider it tyranny. But these, these men knew something. So, I think this is actually really from Calvin's idea. Lot types of law for resistance.

Tactics resistance, tactics for individuals. The first one he puts is repent, which I think is just the best thing ever, uh, since and is his quotes here are great. I'm going to get to them and we have only a few moments left. So I'll start and we'll maybe finish next week or we'll continue next week.

I don't make any promises Since God often uses the sinful actions of tyrants as a spanking stick to discipline his people. We need more than simple. Moral outrage or good resistance? Strategy against tyrants. We need the proper response to God. It's great. Um, And I'm going to skip that paragraph here.

Go to the next one. So rather so rather than complaining about the increasing tyranny. I call that the Fox News option, right? You get on there and complain about how bad it's gotten, but doing something is not really in their vernacular. Um, so rather than complaining about the increasing tyranny, We should recognize that this may be God's tool to bring the church to repentance.

And the sooner, the church comes to repentance. The sooner the tyranny I would say may be or use a can be removed. I think we ought not think of God mechanistically. He he is faithful to his promises but he also is a person and has a will. So we would, um, we would not say can or will but rather that it may be removed.

The tyranny may be removed if we repent. Um, We're looking at things backwards, when we start with politics without repentance, there is no Deliverance. Um, I that that's that's the high point of this book. I think I think that's that's the That's the whole thing. So I think repentance is um the beginning.

The very beginning of all resistance, to tyrants and that's not something we all want to hear. Um, but remember the greatest Tyrant is within your chest. Um, that Tyrant is always with you. That Tyrant is always seeking to make you do uh, break God's law far more than the external ones who are placed above you.

So, uh, repentance is true resisting the Tyrant within your chest and repentance in ineffective, invising that Tyrant and it's also effective in resisting the Tyrant who is placed in the fancy office. Uh downtown or wherever, okay. Thomas, very close. I see. A lot of Christians. Looking at. Cultural climate that we're in now and saying something to the effect of Well, this has got to be the end.

Yes, as in it's never been this bad. If you read Revelations, the right way, you understand that Jesus is coming back any minute now? Yeah, to save the Americans. Um, I disagree with that because no one knows the hour, but I was just curious to hear. Kind of you comment a little bit on.

What that, what is wrong? What may be wrong? Or what is wrong about? That sort of Escapist. I think it's dispensational, if I'm honest with you, I I'm not there are other arguments there but I think big old honking one is these people are dispensationalists who think the Rapture's coming and left behind series was really good.

So, you know what I mean? Like, um, so I, I think that's, that's really. Escapism is fair, I think. But, yeah, it's mostly informed by a theology of. It makes a bunch of factless Christians. They, they And I, you know, it's very easy to become to be uh for my spirit to be compelled toward uh laziness.

Doing nothing. There's attempting attempting a position. You, you just look around and go look at how bad it is up there. So I love how repentance solves both that urge and the urge to shake your fists at every and try to use policies against everything repentance fixes. Both of those because if like, you said, it fixes your tire, the Christian Life.

The Christian Life is, what is is uh, is a tremendous solution to many things. Any tyrant who called into repentance if we haven't first done. Yeah, I mean, look at Al Pious. Obviously, we read we. So we all of us read Theology of guys who Who we read in theology.

But these guys were living through, all this stuff here, um, and oftentimes, they don't hear much about it, obviously Calvin. We know very little about, he didn't want to write about himself, but he was looking through tremendous civil. Um, situations of tyranny and different situations. So, so, all the reform, guys, long before that, they were all living through all this stuff and it was, it was their personal piety that they would that we all read.

We read the theology. We read there on the Christian Life things. So, oftentimes short brother. It on the subject of People and sitting at the theater, was the worst, right? Some of that comes from, We can't we have a hard time conceptualizing people in history of being people, right?

And so the things that people experience around history that's so far from us, especially I have time here. That's so foreign to us. It's just it's just Information. I call it modernism. It's just information. So we can't just we as people we have a hard time, connecting those dots, right?

I realize these are real people. That's short things, right? And so what I'm experiencing now is real fit like this is real. Uh, and some of that is just a lack of just really be able to wrestle with history and some of that is honestly a heart and selfishness.

Right? That says but I'm dealing with right now is literally worse than it's ever happened and this has got to be cool, right? There's just there's a there's a certain level of selfishness. I would say, not always but then that comes from that mindset. Yeah. Yes, we live. People are prone to, um, anachronisms and to live in anachronism, everything is old, and this is completely new and different.

And possibly, we more than other Generations are prone to that modernism and postmodernism. Very much sees. Obviously, you know, we all know that they, um, yeah, it's it's there's always a degree of Separation for sure. Definitely, part of, but I think the theological side is frankly possible. The majority of it that they End times as any time, they're reading, you know, they've done it for Generations now.

Uh, we're gonna we're gonna pray and go to worship now. Let's power heads will spray. Oh God. Um, These aren't as fun. Lord, as pointing the finger these doctrines Doctrines about the repentance and and you calling us to repentance, uh, thorough and full examination of ourselves regularly. And to repent.

And, and the Lord that you could be using, um, these bad times we're having as a, um, a rod for, for your church, for your people, for the world, for our nation. Um, they're not nearly as much fun as pointing the finger and demanding. Things of, of those in fancy offices and cushy chairs.

But God, we do need them. Lord, I pray God, that you would help each one of us to consider this deeply and to repent. Deeply Lord, not merely that we would think of our sin, but Lord, that we would rely on you. You got our You're finishing the job, you're sanctifying us as you promised, you would.

So now, as we go to worship, Pray, Lord. We keep these things in mind and most of all they would keep you in our sights in Jesus name. Amen.