

# Commitments for Following Jesus in a Contentious Election Season

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Seek first the kingdom of God.

-JESUS

*In a season of heightened political tension, we have sometimes forgotten our primary loyalty to each other as followers of Christ and to God who demands our full allegiance. God forgive us.*

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Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.

-TERESA OF AVILA

*Some days we have been overwhelmed by what we have heard and the fear of what may come in the days ahead. Yet God is with us.*

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We are people of Christ's peace.

-MENNO SIMONS

*We remain committed to the way of Jesus who commanded Peter to put down the sword, called us to love our enemies, and pray for our persecutors. Yet Jesus also turned tables in anger at injustice.*

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Unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

-REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

*Our hope does not rest in the political process. The church endures. The Spirit empowers us to bear witness. We will speak the truth. We will act in love until Christ comes again.*



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