

# What Jesus Might Want Us to Do About Our Nation

## Part 2

*Philippians 2:12-27*

A. Some perspectives on the recent Supreme Court decision regarding same-sex marriage (Carey Niewhof)

1. The Church has always been COUNTER CULTURAL.

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”*

Matthew 7.13-14

2. The Church cannot expect the world to hold CHRISTIAN VALUES.

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

1 John 2.15-17

3. We’ve been dealing with SEX OUTSIDE of MARRIAGE for a long time.

4. The early church never looked to the GOVERNMENT for GUIDANCE.

5. Our JUDGMENT of LGBT people is destroying any potential RELATIONSHIPS.

*What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside.*

1 Corinthians 5.12-13

# How might Jesus want us to respond to this decision from the Supreme Court?

*Philippians 2.12-27*

1. Don’t be ANGRY.....REJOICE v 18

2. Don’t be AFRAID.....RELAX v 19

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, ...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...”*

Matthew 6. 25, 33

3. Don’t be ASHAMED.....Live CONFIDENTLY v 20

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1.7

4. Don’t be APATHETIC.....Live the GOSPEL v 27

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2.12

5. Don’t be APART.....Live UNITED v 27

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4.1-3

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

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