

The Way- Changing the hearts of leaders.

Sermon Notes

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Pictures of Presidents Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump.

- What emotions did you feel?
- What words have you spoken about them?
- Have you ever prayed for their soul?

God chooses our leaders. **Romans 13:1-7**

- God establishes all authorities that exist. (1b)
- Rebelling against authority is rebelling against God. (2)
- A person of authority is a servant of God. (4a)
- Authority is for our good. (4a)
- “Therefore” we submit. (5)
 - Not just to avoid punishment.
 - For our peace of mind.

The gospel’s impact- from commoners to kings. **Acts 25:23-27**

King Agrippa- The eighth and final Herodian leader. Reigning from A.D. 50-93 approximately.

Porcius Festus- Appointed by Nero to be the Roman procurator of Judea in A.D. 60-62

Winning the soul verses winning the argument. **Acts 26:1-32**

- Esteem the leader. (2-3)
- Make your defense the work of God in your life—your testimony. (4-23)
- Respectful disagreement. (24-25a)
- Affirm the strength of the leader. (25b-27)
- Honesty in motive. (29)

- Watch God change the heart. (30-32)

Take aways

1. Humanize the leader by praying for their heart to be moved to Jesus.
2. Our testimony of God's work in our lives is more powerfully on display when our attitude of disagreement is strikingly different from the world.
3. No earthly power can stop the work of God.