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Believe & Speak With Your Vote

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2 Corinthians 4:7-9; 13a (NKJV)

You Are A Vessel, Full of Power -Believe and Speak With Your Vote!

- V**ote with a vision and values in mind for the environment, schools, families, jobs, a better city, a better county, a stronger state!
- E**quip self and others with a spirit of “light to shine out of darkness”!
- S**trengthen the presence of church and community at every precinct!
- S**tand and support the democratic process!
- E**ncourage and embrace power to make wise decisions about who should represent in the state house, the Governor’s mansion and the halls of Congress.
- L**eave excuses and apathy at home - know vote does count in every election!
- S**tep into the voting booth, pause, pray, give thanks for the opportunity to speak with clarity, cast vote and give praise for good stewardship of one of God’s many blessings – the right to vote!

Prayer for Courage

Father, let nothing I have done or said get in the way of hearing my prayer for courage on Election Day to get up, get out, and go vote. Lord I pray that You will grant me the courage to stand in the voting booth for those who can’t, with those who are, for my values and speak with my vote. Sometimes I feel cast down in times like these, “but we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of You and not of us ... We are hard pressed... not crushed... perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed.” My hope and my trust is in You. I am a vessel filled with power. Thank You for leading the way from the pulpit to the pews to the people to the polls, for the power expressed and the victory celebration, in Jesus name. Amen.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A **VESSEL**? ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Elections happen all the time. Please check the following to indicate your readiness to be a **VESSEL and to VOTE!**

- I am registered to vote!
- I am 18 years old, or will be on/ before Election Day.
- I am the holder of a valid, legally recognized form of photo identification with my current home (place of resident) address.
- I am aware of the expiration date on my photo identification.
- I am aware of my polling (voting) location.
- I am aware of the dates for upcoming special and general elections so I will not be confused by calls, flyers, and lies.
- I am aware of the offices, websites and telephone numbers to call if I have a questions or problem.
- I am aware of my right to be a registered voter.
- I am aware of my right to vote.
- I am aware of my right to have my vote counted.
- I am aware of my need to stay informed of voter laws by educating myself and others in my family, neighborhood, place of worship.
- I am a US Citizen.
- I am aware of 5 others who are of voting age I need to speak with and ask: → →

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VESSELS are people of faith - clergy, laity, lay leaders, pastors, ministry and community leaders, men, women and young adults - firmly committed to increasing civic participation in communities that traditionally have been disenfranchised or discriminated against. **VESSELS** provides a non-partisan way to engage in the political process that resonates with the identity of faith communities. **VESSELS** stand firmly against apathy and disengagement and the ploys of the conservatives who engage in voter suppression tactics. **VESSELS** create opportunities to conduct non-partisan voter registration, voter information and voter (issue) education to maximize the participation of informed voting age African Americans in the electoral process in every special, local, state, national election.

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