

## Know the Times

Flame

As American culture is secularizing  
We have an opportunity for this to become much easier for us  
The church is being disestablished from the rest of the community  
It's already happened in some parts of the country  
It's happening now

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There's something we're facing. I'm hoping you notice  
And we can't escape it, it's everywhere, everytime, man, that I look over sh  
oulders  
Some people are searching, they hurting, their looking for purpose but not i  
n religion  
They say it don't work. In particular, Christians are using the church as a  
business  
They tired of the silence. They're turning to violence  
Some people just don't wanna talk no more  
The culture has shifted since Ferguson, Eric Garner in New York and then Bal  
timore  
Look at Chicago with Drill music. Youngins they gunnin' and dying by the min  
ute  
Shout out to churches that deep in the trenches, being a witness and making  
a difference  
Let's switch for minute. Remember the case with Governor Pence in Indiana  
They challenged religious liberty, ventually putting our faith in the slamme  
r  
The LGBT community collectively said it was said it was discrimination  
Over their sexual orientation  
We can't afford to ignore what we facing

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They're applying the pressure but keep in perspective  
That we do not wrestle with people but demons are scheming to reject the mes  
sage  
The Kingdom of Heaven progresses, so Satan's regime it extremely feels threa  
tened  
But for God and His wisdom to put us in this position we should think it's a  
blessing  
We're tired of the statement that "this is a Christian nation" Finally, that  
cultural wall will fall  
And the Gospel will flourish, authentic conversion all as a result of the cu  
lture war  
That's why we connect with the people and help restrain evil through policy  
shifting  
Christians who get it it's socially driven, all cause we know it's a holisti  
c mission

Now lets switch for a minute. We gotta consider that this is a post-Christian nation  
Or a pre-Christian nation. The point is to say that the people don't know where we stand  
So we just can't be positive. Gotta give Gospel reasons we believe in the faith  
The biblical way that our conscience is shaped with a kindness that backs up our articulation

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We have the opportunity, as the culture secularizes around us and as the church becomes increasingly strange, to question ongoingly, "How are we not reflecting the Kingdom on God within our church structures?" and then for our church structures to form the sort of consciences that are able to speak outside about questions of the common good and public justice in a way that doesn't lead us inward, and it doesn't lead us outward, but it leads us forward. That gives us the opportunity to maintain distinctiveness and engagement at the same time.