



**Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!**  
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Well, I don't think I need to remind anyone that this has been a stressful week for our nation. Not only do we still find ourselves in the midst of a deadly pandemic, but we saw an election that may have raised your anxiety level a notch or two, regardless of who you may have voted for. As I sit at my laptop and write this message on Thursday afternoon, the outcome of the election is still undetermined.

If the events of this week and these times are making you feel anxious or depressed, I want to remind you of a couple of things. First, no matter what happens in this world, God is still in control. I don't always feel like God is in control, but I remember when I was in Seminary, a professor of mine named George Stroup was fond of saying "If the truth of the gospel depends on how I feel about it on any given day, then it isn't good news." I find infinite wisdom in these words.

The second reminder is this. If now, or at any time, the events in the news make life seem bleak or overwhelming, I want you to know that as your pastor, you can talk to me about what you're feeling. Do not suffer all alone when you have a pastor who is here to listen and especially when you belong to a community of faith who is there to listen, too.

This Sunday, our readings will be Amos 5: 18-24 and Matthew 25: 1-13. The title of my sermon is "A Day and an Hour Unknown". What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us in this passage from the gospel of Matthew? How do you feel about this story? I hope to see you this Sunday at 9am.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich

