WHEN YOUR CANDIDATE DIDN’T WIN
1 PETER 2:17 / 7-7-18 / AM

I. FIRST, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU VOTED FOR WE SHOULD RESPECT OTHERS.

A. There’s no doubt that the cultural climate today is more mean-spirited than ever before.

B. In this volatile climate the Apostle Peter’s words ring just as true today as they did 2,000 years ago—1 Peter 2:17.
   1. He was referring to the Roman Emperor Nero.
   2. The Apostle Paul says something very similar to Peter’s admonition—Romans 13:6-7.

C. Notice that Peter extends this civility to everyone, even fellow Christians when he said—“Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers......”

D. Peter says our motive for showing respect toward everyone and honoring our government’s leaders is the “fear of the Lord.”

II. SECOND, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU VOTED FOR, PRAY FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT’S LEADERS.

A. This is what Paul says—1 Tim. 2:1-2.

B. I heard a well-known radio personality say during Barak Obama’s presidency that he hoped he failed.

III. THIRD, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU VOTED FOR, TRUST GOD EVEN IF YOU DON’T TRUST YOU’RE LEADERS.

A. Before the 2016 election, one preacher said, “Our nation depends on the outcome of the election.”

B. Although our elections and leaders are important to our future, the fate of our nation rests on a much higher power—Psa. 20:7.
   1. America’s future doesn’t depend on who’s President—Psa. 33:12.
   2. Our coins and currency say it best, “In God We Trust”.
