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LET'S MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

An Introduction to Ephesians

In less than 300 years, the first Christians went from a small band of peasants to a movement that overturned and transformed one of the largest and strongest empires in history. How did they do it?

A lot of Christians, these days, would like to know. American Christians are wondering how they can make their country great again. As Canadian Christians we sometimes wonder how we can get back to the values of our founders. Other Christians are less concerned about changing nations than they are about making a difference in their communities, in their workplaces and in their families.

Often in our efforts to make a difference in the world, we end up mimicking the very world we're trying to change. What's remarkable about the achievement of the early Christians is that they overturned the Roman Empire without a single legislator in the halls of Roman government or a single weapon in their hands. How on earth did they do it? Paul's letter to the Ephesians answers that question.

Paul wrote Ephesians to encourage Christians living in tough times and to instruct them on how to survive as followers of Christ in a hostile world. Little did they know that what he wrote was also a formula for a powerful, transformative life, one that has the potential to change the world without mimicking the world. Ephesians gives a simple three-part formula for living that kind of life.

PART 1: KNOW Where You Belong – Eph. 1-2

Eph. 1:18

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.

(In Ephesians 3, the apostle Paul went on a rabbit trail, in which he assured his readers that he didn't make his Gospel up, but got it directly from God through a revelation.)

PART 2: LIVE Like You Belong – Eph. 4:1-6:9

Eph. 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

PART 3: FIGHT Like You Belong – Eph. 6:10-20

Eph. 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood

Let's show America and the world great again. Let's remember where we belong. Let's live like we belong. Let's fight like we belong.

This week read the entire letter to the Ephesians each day.