## **Know the Times**

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 The world is crazy It's all a sign of the times They think we crazy They say we're out of our minds 5150, 51/50 The worlds going 51/50 Can I get a witness deep in the trenches 5150, 51/50 The worlds going 51/50 Can I get a witness deep in the trenches 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

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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 wh ere we stand So we just can't be positive. Gotta give Gospel reasons we believe in the fa ith 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 chu rch becomes increasingly strange, to question ongoingly, "How are we not ref lecting the Kingdom on God within our church structures?" and then for our c hurch structures to form the sort of consciouses that are able to speak outs ide about questions of the common good and public justice in a way that does n'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.