

### **Why are people protesting now?**

Did these same people who claim government overreach and the taking away of rights also protest Obama when he forced people to buy insurance or receive a fine? Did they protest Biden when he forced people to take an experimental shot or lose their job or even get kicked out of the military? Did they protest their mayor and governor when they shut down small businesses, forced people to stay at home, made people make medical decisions about masks, and not allow people to visit their sick and dying loved ones? If they didn't protest government overreach – possibly tyranny – then, why not? What's different now?

It is good and right to hold our governing authorities accountable. The US Constitution demands we do that. But how do we do it? Is it by screaming, whistling, following, blockading, shouting vulgarities, doxxing, etc.? Why are we doing it? Is it because we are supporting a political agenda and couching it in religious terminology? Are we allowing politics to shape our Christian doctrine or are we allowing Christian doctrine to shape our politics? These are some of the questions we need to be asking.

### **Protest and resist as Christians**

I wrote a whole book on Christian resistance – “Resisting the Dragon’s Beast.” So, if Christians are going to resist, there need to be some principles involved. Learn what “The Magdeburg Confession” says about when to resist. This confession lays the groundwork for a middle ground between absolute obedience and unbridled anarchy – a Scriptural, historical precedent for maintaining Biblical balance during changing worldly circumstances.

Be compassionate without being dishonest or disobedient. Care about immigrants while also caring about laws and law enforcement officers. Resist and protest – those are your rights under the First Amendment. Before you resist and protest, examine all sides of the situation. Get your news from multiple news sources – not just your own “echo chamber.” Once you’ve gained the information, search the Scriptures. Apply God’s Word to the situation. Talk to fellow Christians and your pastor. Talk to God in prayer.

Then, if you still feel the need to resist and protest, resist and protest while still keeping the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Commandments. Honor God above all things. Honor the Lord with your speech. Don’t say anything you don’t want your Mom to hear ... or your Heavenly Father to hear. Be respectful of those who God has placed in authority over you. Build each other up and do not say or do anything that will harm someone’s reputation.

If you can do those things with Christian sanctification, then follow Miracle Max’s advice and “have fun storming the castle.”