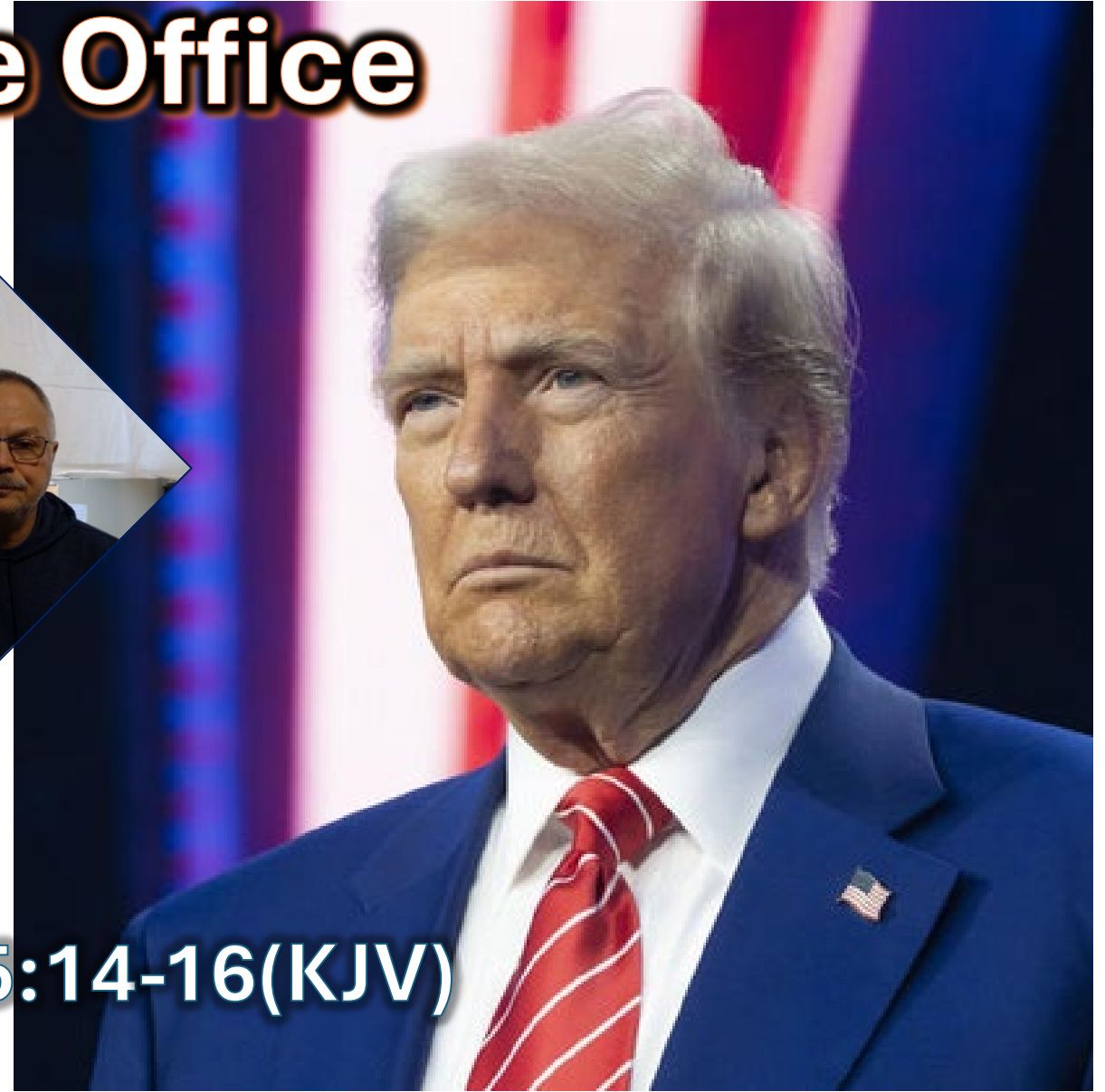
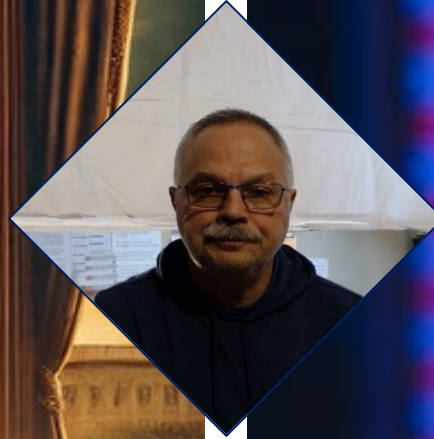
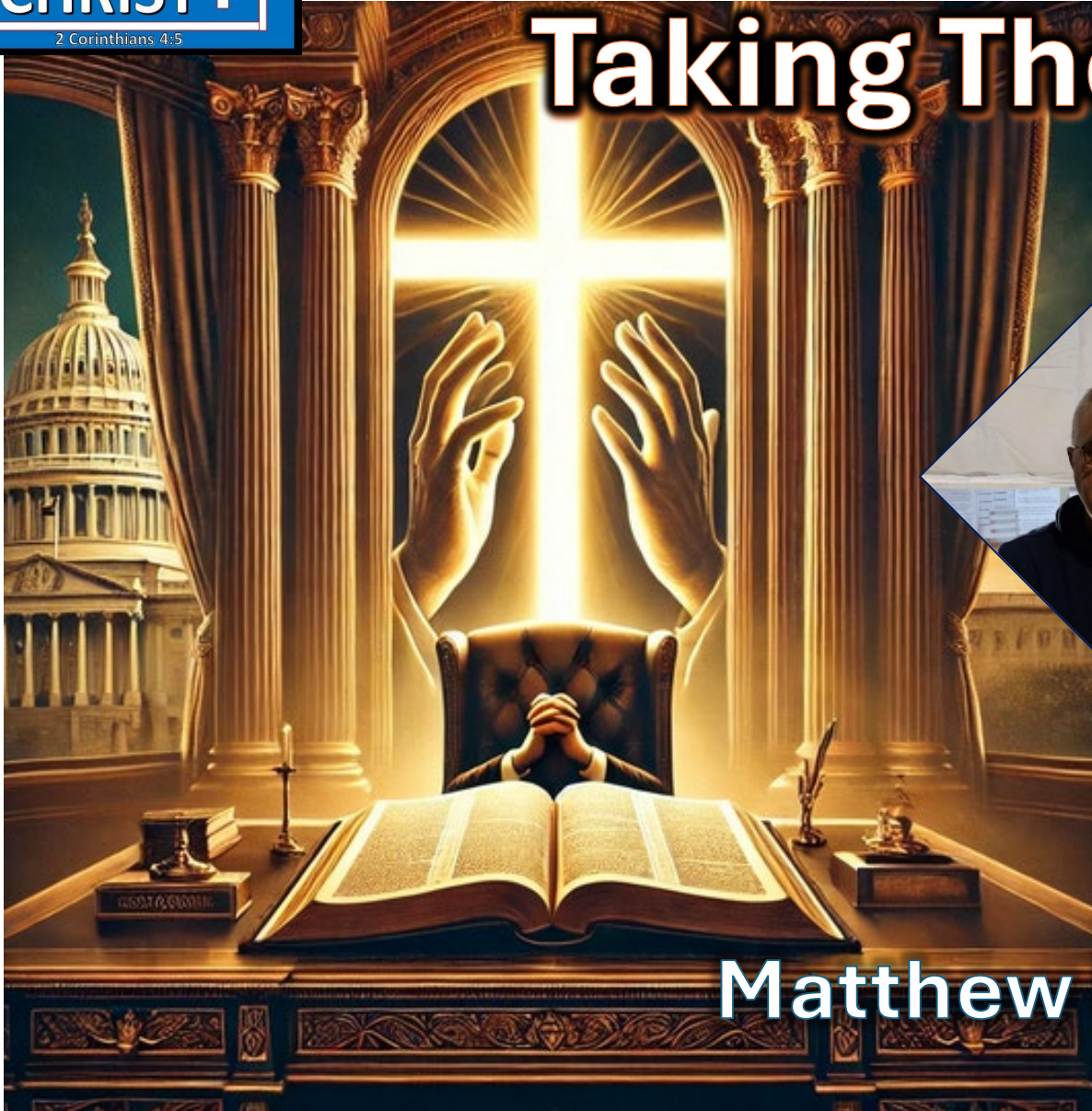


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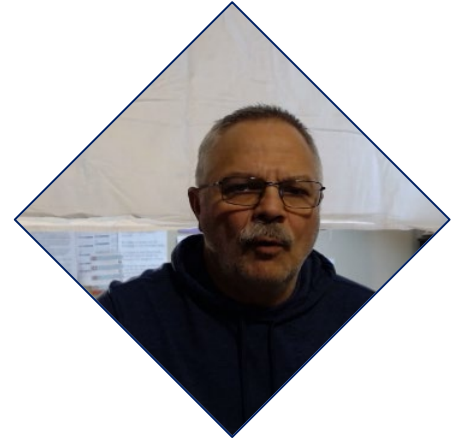
Bethel Crossroads Baptist Church

Pastor Keith Dempsey



Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM

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For we preach not ourselves,
and ourselves for Jesus' sake.

For we preach not ourselves,
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but Christ Jesus the Lord; and
ourselves your servants for
Jesus' sake.

"Not for Ourselves, But for Christ;
Servants of His Purpose, Servants in
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*Rev. Billy Graham Lies in Honor at
U.S. Capitol for Day of Remembrance*



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Rotonda at the white house oath



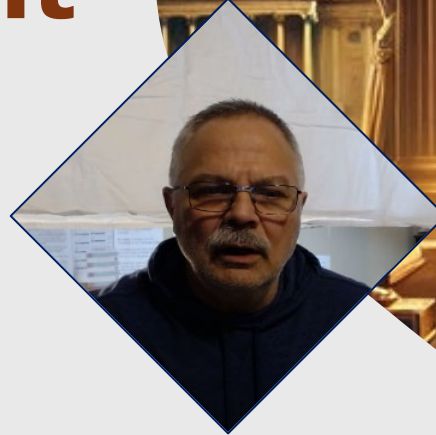
• Here are some key aspects of what it means to "take the office" as a servant of God:

1. Humility in Leadership
2. Accountability to God
3. Serving Others First
4. Seeking Justice and Righteousness
5. Guiding with Wisdom and Discernment
6. Living Out the Gospel
7. Being a Witness of God's Kingdom
8. Sacrificial Love

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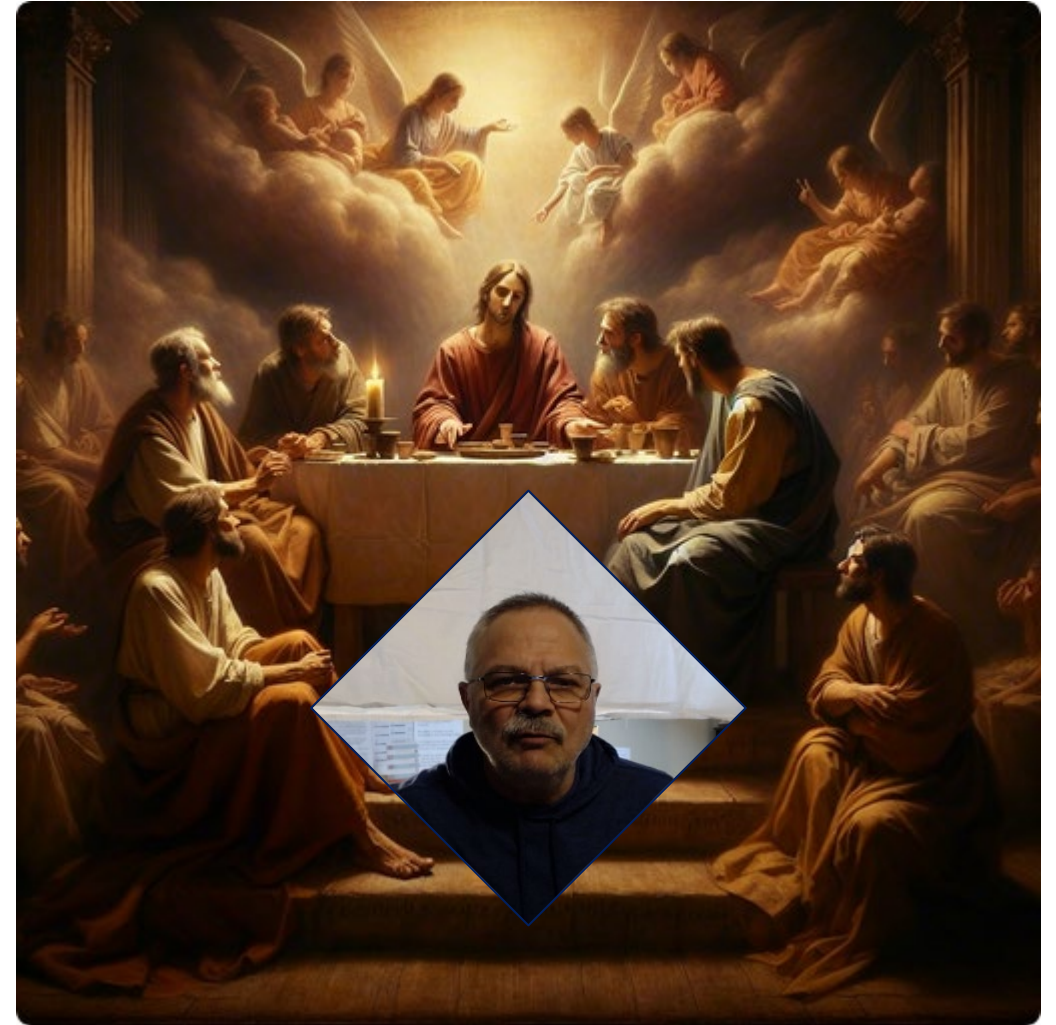
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First question we must ask ourselves is:

- 1. Do I acknowledge the light of Christ within me?**
- 2. You don't only have the life of Jesus in you; you have the light of Jesus in you.**



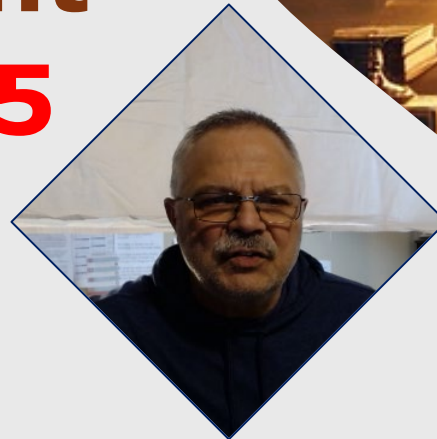
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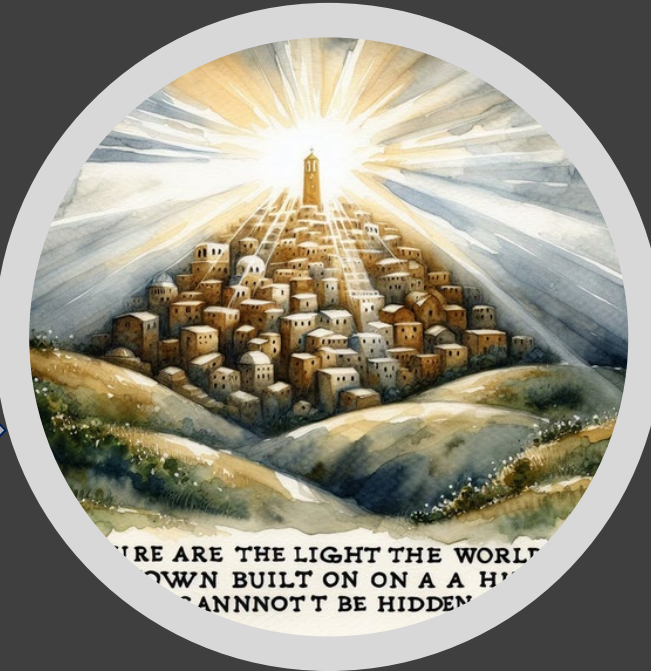
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**2. Do I Show the Light
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Matthew 5:15 KJV

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.



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As leaders—whether in politics, in ministry, or in everyday life—the question is:

Do I allow my light to shine before others?

1. You don't light light. You just show light.

2. We are to be like a city built on a hill.

❖ **We are to show others**

❖ **where that light is,**

❖ **Who that light is,**

❖ **how to come to that light.**

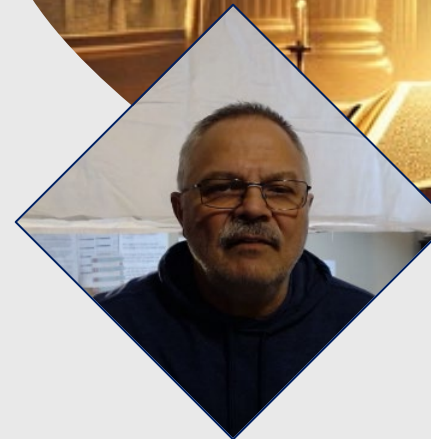


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**3. Do I Shine the Light
Beyond Me? v.16**



Matthew 5:16 KJV

**Let your light so
shine before
men, that they
may see your
good works, and
glorify your
Father which is in
heaven.**



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Let me ask you two questions:

1. Where does light shine the best and the brightest?

In the darkest places

2. Who needs the light the most?

The people in deepest darkness.



Matthew 5:16 KJV

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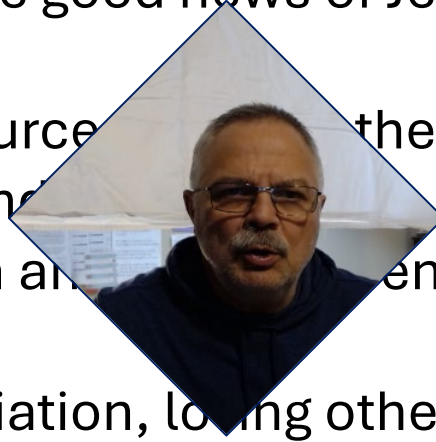
Listen to how Jesus concludes this passage.

**"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:16, NIV)**

The Christian Light Oath

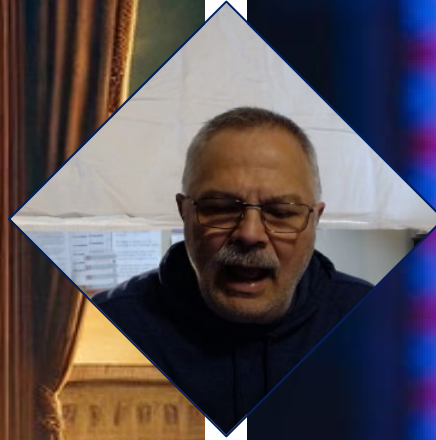
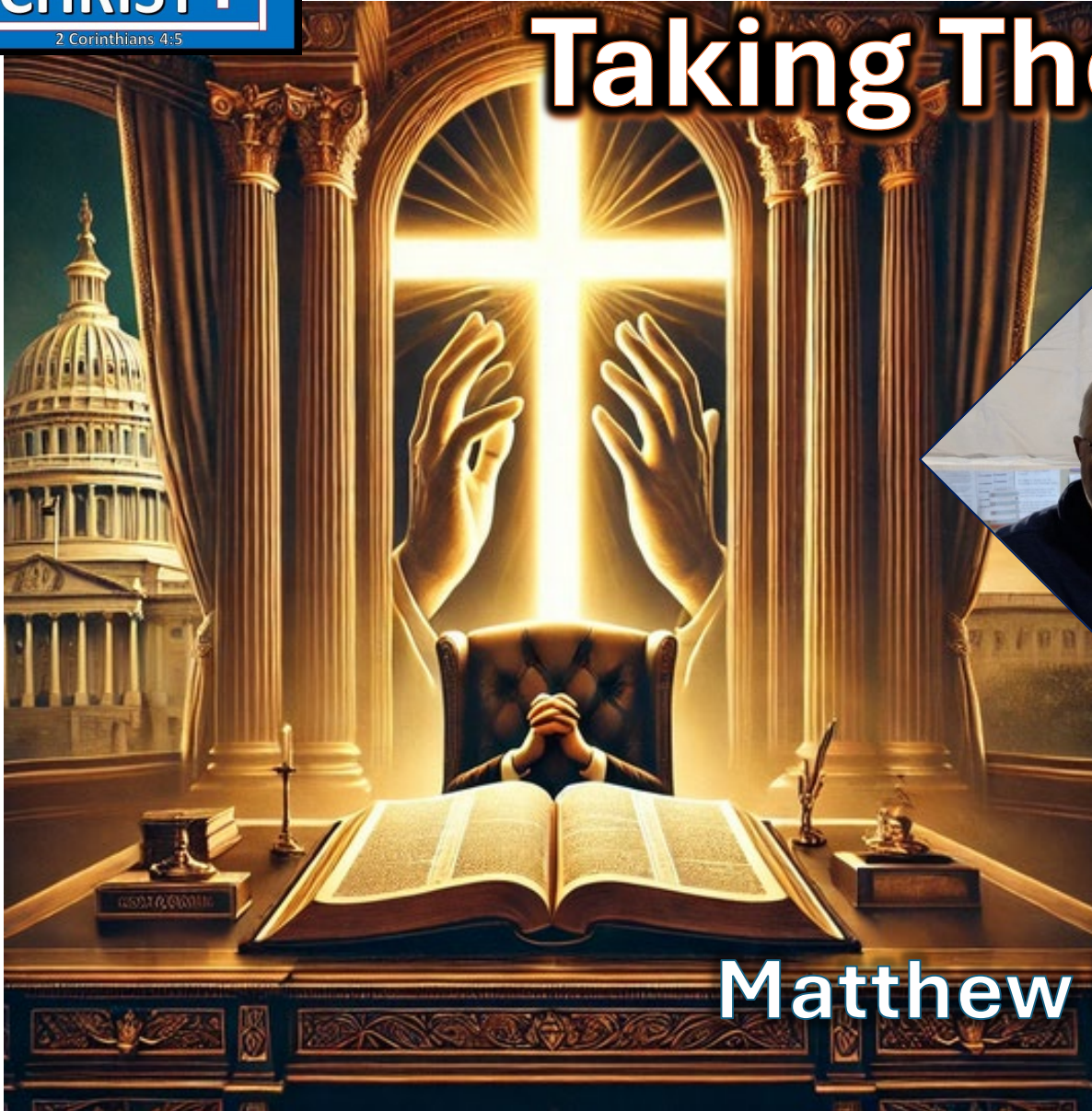
"I solemnly commit before God and my fellow citizens to live as a reflection of Christ's love and truth. I will:

- Follow Jesus:** Walk daily in faith, seeking His guidance through prayer and His Word.
- Shine His Light:** Let my words and actions glorify God, showing kindness, integrity, and humility in all I do.
- Share the Gospel:** Be unashamed of the good news of Jesus Christ, ready to share it in love with those around me.
- Serve Others:** Use my talents and resources to meet the needs of my family, community, and nation, modeling Christ's compassion and love.
- Stand for Righteousness:** Uphold truth and justice in the face of opposition, while showing grace to those who disagree.
- Pursue Unity:** Seek peace and reconciliation, loving others as Christ loves me, regardless of their background or beliefs.
- Trust in God's Sovereignty:** Rest in the assurance that He is in control and live boldly, knowing my hope is secure in Him."



"By God's grace and strength, I pledge to let my light shine, that others may see His good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. Amen."

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