

Are We in the Early 1930s Again with Many Churches Asleep?

For your briefing, Eric Metaxas joins us in the Economic War Room to provide his insights on the church's role in restoring America. He explains when facing evil, the American church has become eerily silent, opening the door to every kind of hell and chaos.

The church has the cultural influence to restore America, but the question is, will they step up to their calling?

Tragically, many of today's church leaders are unwilling to speak against evil out of fear of being offensive, because they carelessly believe the church shouldn't be controversial and instead should simply "preach the gospel."



The Church has failed society before, look what happened during the Nazi's reign:

The German church during the Nazi's reign held the same belief and was silent in the face of unspeakable evil. The result was a horrific nightmare right out of hell itself. With the rise of secularism, socialism, and Marxism.

⚠ WARNING: America is being threatened like never before and the church can no longer be silent.

In a time like this, the church is summoned to battle – to combat the evils of our time. Silence is not an option! It is our duty to fight the powers of darkness, especially on behalf of the weak and vulnerable. The Church must overcome fear and enter the fray, armed with the spiritual weapons of prayer, self-sacrifice, and love.

In this Economic Battle Plan™ we will review the following topics:

- Economic disaster is on the horizon if the church doesn't stand up and speak up in the face of evil.
- "Letter to the American Church" – a wake-up call to the woke church.
- "Keep your faith private" is the "Big Lie."
- Who is the church, and why does it matter?
- The battle between Biblical liberty and progressive ideology.
- We can win this battle together by turning from abdicating to advocating the voice of hope and truth!

YOUR MISSION: Sound the alarm to provoke churches and faith leaders to stand up and speak the truth, calling evil exactly what it is – evil. Together we CAN push evil back and restore America.

ATTENTION: America is under the greatest spiritual attack in its history disguised as secularism, socialism, and Marxism. The church has become passively silent in the face of evil of every kind. It will be an absolute disaster if the church doesn't vigorously stand up and speak up for truth and justice.

Ep. 6-222 (OSINT) Open-Sourced Intelligence Report. This briefing includes conversations with Kevin Freeman and Eric Metaxas. Eric is the bestselling author of 14 books, including: "Bonhoeffer", "Amazing Grace", "If You Can Keep It", "The Forgotten Promise of American Liberty" and his newest, "Letters to the American Church". His books have been translated into more than 25 languages. He's the host of a nationally syndicated radio and television show. He's the host of the acclaimed conversation series, "Socrates in the City". He's a prominent cultural commentator. Eric's work appears in The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Atlantic, New Republic, and the Wall Street Journal. He is a senior fellow and lecturer at large at the King's College in New York City where he and his family live.

1. Economic Disaster is on the Horizon if the Church Doesn't Stand Up and Speak Up in the Face of Evil.

"The economic chaos is obvious. Most people don't need to be spiritual to realize that opening the door to socialism or to the kind of Marxist values that you see everywhere in cultural Marxism, is always a disaster economically.

- » People will not flourish.
- » If you care about the poor and you let people blather on about how socialism is a good idea or whatever it is, you are complicit in crushing the poor.
- » The American church has an obligation to the poor to speak out against those things, those systems which are ultimately going to crush and harm the poor." —Eric Metaxas



This is Silence in The Face of Every Kind of Evil.

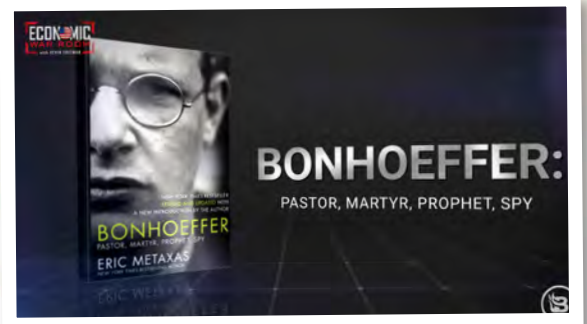
- » Economic evil is what we see in Marxism and the authoritarian governments that want to destroy free trade, free economies, and much more.
- » One specific evil is the silence of the church, and the unwillingness of church leaders to speak against socialism, Marxism, and authoritarianism.
- » In Germany, the church had the cultural power. They had the power to speak against the evil of Nazism and to stop what happened.
- » Similarly, today in America, the church has the power to speak against evil.

If we don't battle evil, economically it is going to harm the poor and God will hold us responsible.

2. "Letter to the American Church" – A Wake Up Call to the Woke Church.

Eric's biography about Dietrich Bonhoeffer tells of the German pastor who understood, during the 1930s, that it was the job of the German church to speak against what the Nazis were doing and fight it with everything they had.

- » Bonhoeffer effectively failed in the sense that, even though what he was saying was true, like an Old Testament prophet or a New Testament prophet, people didn't want to hear the truth.



“The German church was silent in the face of evil. And because of the silence of the German church in the face of evil, Germany slid into what we can now recognize as the pit of hell. What happened in Germany, because of the silence of the church, was a nightmare.” —Eric Metaxas

The silence of the American church today, on similarly vital issues, has opened the door to every kind of hell and chaos.

Eric Metaxas wrote the book “Letter to the American Church” principally to wake up those who are still asleep – those in the church.

Metaxas explains:

- » The book is especially for church leaders and pastors who think, “You know what, I don’t want to get into that controversial stuff. I’m just going to “preach the gospel.”
- » There is no such thing! If you want to obey God, you have an obligation to speak truth in every one of these areas.
- » If you shrink from doing that, God will hold you responsible.
- » If you need an example of what happens when people are silent, look at what happened in Germany during the 1930’s and 1940’s – the persecution of the Jews and the concentration camps. It was horrific. It’s almost unbelievable that it happened.
- » The same is happening now in America. We’re already seeing the beginnings of this.

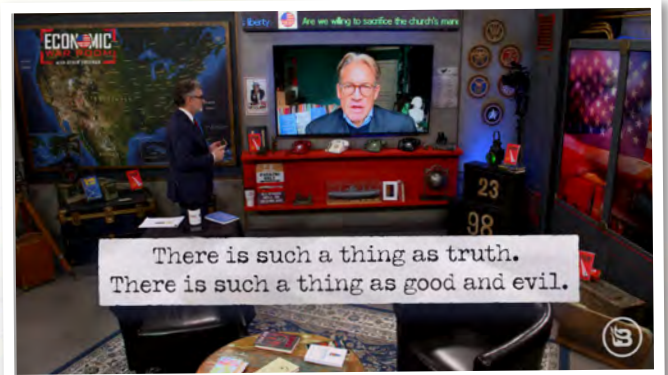


WARNING: “We are in a crucial hour. The window is closing. If the church doesn’t wake up to its obligation to speak the truth in every one of these spheres, we will be judged much more severely than we are already being judged.” —Eric Metaxas

3. “Keep Your Faith Private” is a Lie from the Pit of Hell!

At the heart of the whole thing is this lie. And that’s why, in “Letter to the American Church”, it is clear that people, especially Christian leaders, must understand how they bought the lie.

- » German pastors bought the lie and it led to hell on earth.
- » What is the lie? At the heart of it is the idea that we’re not supposed to be political. That’s a lie from the pit of hell!
- » There are many people, just like in the 1930s, who are saying Christians shouldn’t be political. We’re supposed to focus on the gospel.
 - That is theological nonsense, absolute nonsense. And it is wicked worse than nonsense because **we are called by God to take our biblical faith into every single sphere of life.**



A Lesson in History.

It was William Wilberforce's faith that led him to see that slavery and the slave trade were an abomination, an evil thing that needed to be eradicated from England and from Europe.

» It was because of his faith that he led the battle in politics to abolish the slave trade.

» **"We don't go back and complain that Wilberforce was political, that he should have kept his politics out of his faith and kept his faith out of politics. We cheer him because we all know, unless we're idiots or evil, that slavery is wrong."** —Eric Metaxas

» It is why Wilberforce brought his faith into politics and into English culture and said, "We must abolish this evil."

» At the time, those who insisted the church stay out of politics were the slave traders.

» Similarly, today, Christians or anybody who has any kind of faith in what is right and good and true, have an obligation to advocate to help the poor and vulnerable in any way they can.

» God commands Christians to care about the poor. That may mean that you get involved in politics. It may mean that you get involved in other things.

The idea that you're supposed to keep your faith private, just keep it in the church, is nonsense. The Chinese let Christians do that – just keep it in the church. But once they leave the church, they must bow to the secular authority of the state.



There are Christians in America who have believed this lie of keeping your faith private and are imposing silence on themselves by saying, "Theologically, I should just stick to the gospel."

Metaxas explains:

» That is a theological absurdity.

» It is not biblical to keep your faith inside the church.

» **You're supposed to take your faith and what is in the church, out of the church, and into the world!**

- » If the Christian faith is contained in the church alone, the values of the devil are going to prevail.
- » The poor will be crushed; slavery will continue. Nazism will triumph.
- » Every bad thing that is happening today, which we've seen on steroids in the last two years, will continue.
 - Big government, authoritarianism, the end of liberty, the end of religious liberty, the end of free speech.

“America’s freedoms are being attacked, principally because the church has abdicated its role in being a leader in advocating for truth and justice.” —Eric Metaxas



- » The church has said, it doesn't want to be controversial; it doesn't want to offend anybody; it doesn't want to bring up anything that could be political. That's complete nonsense!
- » The idea that Christians should not be political is just a lie designed to silence the voices of truth in this generation – specifically in the church.
- » There are many who not only have bought this lie and are self-censoring but are advocating silence on all these issues.

4. Who is the Church, and Why Does It Matter?

“A good portion of so-called Christians are arguing for things that are just exactly contrary to what the scriptures teach. They're arguing for death, not life – because it's a right to choose, and we get to pick who lives and who dies. They're arguing for manipulations of the definition of marriage, the manipulations of sexuality, and so forth. That's not what the Bible says.” —Kevin Freeman



There are people who are nakedly leftist. They make no apology for it, and they claim to be Christians.

- » You could be a slave owner who claims to be a Christian.
- » You could be a murderer who claims to be a Christian.
- » You could be an abortionist who claims to be a Christian.
- » Gavin Newsom used scripture on a billboard to advocate for abortion – abusing the words of Jesus.



Just because someone says he or she is a Christian or does “Christian” things, we know that doesn’t mean they are a Christian.

- » You can talk and talk and talk like a Christian, but how are you living?
- » Are you living in a way that honors God?
- » And just because people say they are Christians, doesn’t mean we need to accept them at their word.

Just like the German church in the 1930s, much of the church in America has bought into this idea that **faith is just what’s in my head.**

- » That’s a lie!
- » That is not Biblical!
- » The American Church and its Leadership Needs to Take a Stand.

ASK YOURSELF WHAT ARE YOU REALLY STANDING FOR.



ALERT: It’s not just enough to have faith and belief. You must act on it. The German church erred because they went too far on faith alone. Not that works will save you, but works are necessary to live out one’s faith.

The Bible tells us that faith without works is dead:

“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?” (James 2:17-20, NKJV)

If you claim to have saving faith, then it will be made manifest in works done to the glory of God.

Metaxas warns:

- » If you are not doing works to the glory of God, if you are not living your faith out self-sacrificially, that is evidence to God and to the rest of us that you don’t have faith.
- » It’s a chilling warning to those of us who claim to be Christians that maybe God says you’re not a Christian according to His Word.
- » Nothing could be more crucial!

Those of us who know we are Christians, have an obligation to speak biblical values into the marketplace, and into the culture.

- » Speak against the transgender madness. People’s lives depend on our speaking out against transgender madness.
- » People’s lives depend on our speaking against open borders and the idea that a nation means nothing, and that we shouldn’t have sovereignty as a nation.

All these globalist, atheistic, Marxist ideas and more have been unleashed on America and the world.

→ These ideas are catastrophic!

→ Shamefully, the church has been silent about these ideas to a large extent.



ATTENTION: Many in the church have abandoned what God has called Christians to do with their money and with their lives.

5. The Battle Between Biblical Liberty and Progressive Ideology.

There are key things Christians must be doing now!

“We see a battle between individual liberty and collectivist tyranny. And I think God calls us each at the individual level and together as we comprise the church. But I think the other side, the left, sees it the other way – it’s a collectivist top-down and the church is going to dictate. The church isn’t dictating based on the Word of God; the church is dictating based on a progressive ideology.” —Kevin Freeman

Questions Christians must answer to stand up and speak up for biblical truth:

- » What is the Biblical idea of liberty?
- » Where were the Founders coming from?
- » What is the true meaning of freedom and liberty?
- » What does self-government mean?

“There is no way to divorce these beautiful concepts from virtue and faith. If you have a Marxist atheist ideology, you are, whether you know it or not, leading away FROM liberty and self-government. There is no way to have genuine liberty when you pull God out and you pull out these ideas of virtue.” —Eric Metaxas



The Consequence of Biblical Values.

- » Unless you understand the above, you can’t understand that it is only biblical values that say the individual is sacred; human life is sacred; the unborn are sacred.
- » Africans who were enslaved should not have been enslaved. The only way you can come to these conclusions is when you have a biblical worldview.
- » People who have a culturally Marxist worldview, when they talk about racism, are talking about equality.
 - They have no way of logically talking about racism. They’re making it up. They have no basis for treating people with dignity.
 - It must be understood that being against racism is entirely a biblical idea.

“Cultural Marxism and Marxism and social Darwinism. All these ideas lead to tribalism, lead to racism and lead to power and the worship of power.” —Eric Metaxas

UNDERSTAND THIS: What you believe is not just some philosophy you pick to make life happier. It is called the truth!

- » Without these truths, top-down authoritarianism takes control.
- » There will be no liberty.
- » Human beings are going to be crushed under the wheels of the oppressive state.

These are facts! This is not just theory, but the church often has sidestepped this and said, “Well, we don’t want to get into that.”

- » The church needs to get into it! It is the job of those of us who claim to be Christians, to understand what God requires of us.
- » **If you live in a free culture like America, you have a particular duty to use your freedom to help maintain freedom and to help bring that freedom to others around the world.**
- » If you say, “I’m not interested in that,” then you’re not interested in what God is interested in, because He uses these things – virtuous capitalism and virtuous self-government. He uses these things to bless people.
- » If you say, “I care about other people, I want to bless people, I care about the poor,” then you’re obligated to take these things seriously from a biblical worldview. And that’s what the book “Letter to the American Church” is about.

“The church has silenced itself and we are already seeing the judgment falling.

“Judgment is seen in rising gas prices, inflation, the open border, and fentanyl deaths. Wherever you look, you see the judgment coming because the church has been silent.” —Eric Metaxas

“The silencing often comes through economic means as well, where you get canceled like Nick Vujicic, whom we had here in the Economic War Room®. He got canceled. His bank canceled on him. Bingo. And that is the silencing that’s happening.” —Kevin Freeman

The power is in these banks that are trying to cancel people. Big pharma, and big tech are also trying to cancel people. **We are in a war. It's an economic and spiritual war.**

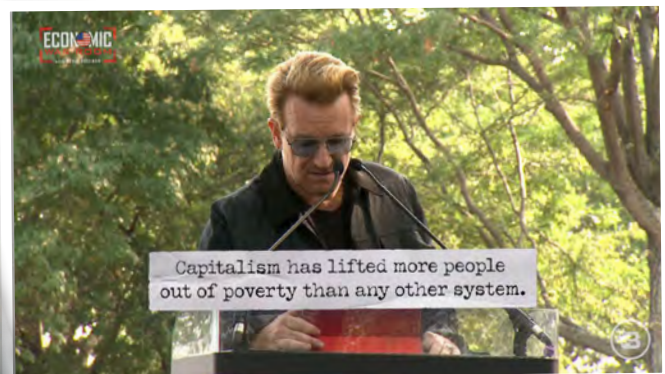
- » By God's grace, it is essential that the church does what God has called it to do in this hour. And not repeat the mistakes of the German church.

6. We Can Win This Battle Together by Turning From Abdicating to Advocating the Voice of Hope and Truth!

It is God's will that we turn America around. The church must wake up and not repeat the mistake that the church did in Germany during the 1930s.

- » They were silent just long enough for the Nazis to crush them and take power.
- » When they finally said, "Maybe we should speak up," by then, it was too late.
- » That's exactly where the church in America is today.
- » If the church does not find its voice and speak up and act self-sacrificially, it is going to abdicate the role that God has given them.
- » That is why "Letter to the American Church" has been written. This book is a warning that we must wake up now before it's too late. It will be too late very, very soon.

Recently [Bono came to this conclusion](#): Capitalism has lifted more people out of poverty than any other system. To help the poor, we need to have free market capitalism, not crony capitalism, but free market capitalism.



In Luke 16:11, Jesus said, "If you're not faithful with your unrighteous mammon, you will not be trusted with true riches."

- » A starting point for the spiritual battle is to get your money part right.
- » We're seeing the money part through ESG and through all the other things that are being done to destroy our values. We're essentially funding our own demise!
- » If people get their money part right with God, they can make a difference in America.
- » This is a spiritual battle we CAN win, just as it is revealed in the book, "Letter of the American Church".

7. The Economic War Room® (EWR) is composed of economic warriors (primarily Christian) who believe in weaponizing their money for liberty, security, and values.

The Economic War Room created the National Security Investment Consultant Institute www.NSIC.org.



- » Training is done online via Liberty University.
- » The intention of NSIC is to train 10,000 financial advisors to help their clients weaponize their money to reflect their values, not ESG environment, social justice, governance, but LSV – liberty, security, values.
- » People need to put their money where their mouth is.
- » 10,000 financial advisors will represent a trillion dollars of capital.
- » The argument is made that speech is also reflected in where we spend our money.
- » Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt. 6:21, NKJV)
- » EWR's goal is to help people weaponize their money – through their investments and spending – to stand up for the truth of God's Word, liberty, security, and values.
- » Now is the time to restore America back to a God-fearing, God-honoring, righteous nation – a beacon of hope and light in our world.

We must live out our faith in every sphere, including the economic sphere:

- » How we spend money.
- » How we invest.
- » How we give and live.

God has given us a mandate. This is as serious as it gets, and He's allowed things to get as bad as they are now as a call to say, "Will you wake up now?" "Will you act now?"

- » There could be nothing more tragic than if the American church would miss this opportunity.
- » Now is the time that we must repent. We must act immediately and self-sacrificially because we truly believe what we claim to believe.

Will YOU be the Leader God Has Called You to Be?

Eric Metaxas writes this in the Conclusion of "Letters to the American Church":

"But again, the question comes not to them, but to you. Will you be the leader that God has called you to be in this way? Will you follow Him wherever He goes, and be a true disciple by looking to Him alone in what you say and do? If a holy remnant will now do that—and exhort others to join them—we will see such things in Heaven and Earth as were never dreamt of in your philosophy, Horatio. We will see God's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen."

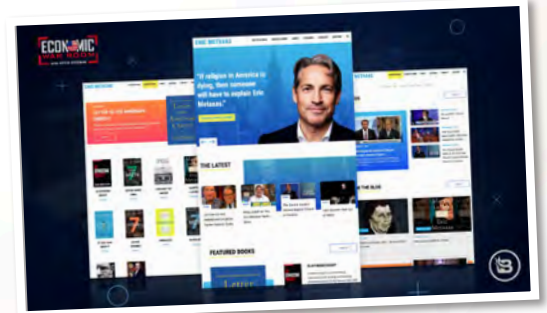
According to Luke 16:11, this starts with how you handle your money.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

- » Economic disaster is on the horizon if the church doesn't stand up and speak up in the face of evil.
- » The book "Letter to the American Church" – is a wake-up call to the woke church and should provoke all Christians to act against evil.
- » "Keep your faith private," is a lie from the pit of hell!
- » People are questioning, who is the church, and does it really matter?
- » There is a battle between Biblical liberty and progressive ideology. Without the church standing, the progressive ideology is winning.
- » We can win this battle together by turning from abdicating to advocating the voice of truth and justice!

ACTION STEPS:

1. To learn more about Eric Metaxas and his work, go to: www.EricMetaxas.com. There you can sign up for his newsletter, get updates, radio show recaps, and more.
2. Repent and pray for America and the American church. “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14, NKJV)
3. Seek to answer the following:
 - What is the Biblical idea of liberty?
 - Where were the founders coming from?
 - What is the true meaning of freedom and liberty?
 - What does self-government mean?
4. Study, alone or with a group, “Letters to the American Church” by Eric Metaxas.
 - a. Ask God to let you see beyond cultural blinders that hide evil in our nation.
 - b. Ask God to direct you to be obedient to Him in helping drive out evil in America. What can you do to fight this spiritual and economic battle?
5. Openly express your faith at home, in the church, at work, in the public square. Don’t keep it private!
 - Be the light of Christ to the world. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:14-16, KJV)
6. Ask God to empower you to stand up and speak out against evil – to be a true advocate of truth, justice, and liberty in America and across the world.
7. Pray that God will show you how to get your money right with Him, so you can make a difference in America.
8. Expect God to answer your prayers and thank Him for doing so.
9. Forward this to all your friends and loved ones and get them to take action.
10. Join us weekly in the Economic War Room. We are building new solutions with thought leaders that come through our doors every week.



11. Watch or listen to Economic War Room® each week ([CLICK HERE](#)) and study the resources to help you understand the geopolitical landscape and threats against your money, your livelihood, and your way of life to better prepare you to enter the battle.
12. If you have a financial advisor, make sure they have your values and interests at heart. Make sure they really understand what ESG investments mean for our future. Suggest that they become part of the NSIC institute and nominate them to participate in our online certification (see below).



ATTENTION: Remember if you have not contacted your financial advisor, it is time to make it happen now. Have him or her go through our training. Or look for a new advisor if she or he won't.

IMPORTANT: If you have a financial advisor, make sure they align your investments with your values and understand the economic war being waged against you. (See more on [Weaponizing Your Money](#) below)

Also, you can nominate your financial advisor to participate in the NSIC Institute at www.NSIC.org and we will reach out to them.

If you are a Financial Advisor, please register to learn more at www.NSIC.org.

1. Weaponize your money toward principles that support Liberty, Security, and Values (LSV). You control your giving, spending, and investing. Nominate your financial advisor to attend our next class at Liberty University February 2023.
 - **Investing.** We suggest you get a like-minded financial advisor. We've done surveys and a clear majority of investors want an advisor who matches with their political and cultural beliefs. Unfortunately, Wall Street is pushing for you to just take what they offer in order to force a leftist agenda on you.
 - o "If your advisor isn't willing to match your investments with your values, send them to us for training and education. If they won't do that, I can promise you that there are lots of other advisors looking for new clients." –Kevin Freeman
 - o If you are following Economic War Room®, you will be on the leading edge regarding global threats, geopolitical analysis, and how you can weaponize your money to strengthen America. Your money, livelihood, and way of life are at risk and these tools are designed to mobilize America to protect our economic liberty.

2. It is time to fight the economic war we are facing. Nominate your financial advisor at www.EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor and let them know you think this would be a great opportunity for them. Classes are launching and our list is growing fast.

3. Again, if you have not already done so, please consider the following: Be sure to sign up for our free weekly Economic Battle Plans™ at <http://www.economicwarroom.com/battleplans>.
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