

Augustine the Theologian

Week 2 in our series *Heroes of the Church*

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*For you have made us so that we long for You,
and our heart is restless until it rests in You. (Confessions)*

Augustine: lived in north Africa from 354 to 430 AD

Just War and the Christian Leader

- Understand God's design for government is _____ (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Just War is a _____ and can only be waged by a legitimate authority (Romans 13:4-5)
- Just War is motivated and guided by _____ (Psalm 82:3-4)

How does this teaching enrich your prayers for our country?

Remember!

The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review) open our lives to God's love and direction and power.

Good Morning God should be the first thing we do every day when waking up. The *Spiritual Boost* connects us with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when we have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, we finish our day with *Good Night Review*, and this allows God's joy and forgiveness to come to us as we drift into sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and you will be amazed at how they affect your life. Give it a try and see how you are fundamentally changed by time with God!

Here are suggested readings in the Bible for your **Spiritual Boosts** this week:

Day 1: Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- What are we called to pray for our country?

Day 2: Read Romans 13:1-7

- When you read this description of godly citizenship, what is the most difficult part for you to accept in your own life?

Day 3: Read Matthew 22:34-40

- ✳ How would a soldier in battle obey these words of Jesus?

Day 4: Read Psalms 82:3-8

- ✳ Why is it important for us to be accountable to God as a nation?

Day 5: With all you've learned this week from the Bible, pray for America in line with God's will.

- ✳ Pray for our leaders, our direction, our decisions about using violent means, our motives, and our need to repent and turn to God when we choose our own ways over His.