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Segment.01 Hello. I'm Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the Lighthouse, and your brain masseur—get ready for your brain massage.

Hillary and Trump win New York! — Glorious day! Two buds, side by side, both big government socialists—rejoice America, your future is Socialism — the bands and cords of that old Constitution will finally be broken off the backs of elitists who want to enslave us — Trump can use eminent domain to steal all the private property he wants now—hey, I know, maybe Trump can appoint Hillary as Health Czar to implement his single payer nationalized health care — Hooray! Hey, Banks, burst another bubble — you've got your man to bail you out — hey big business no worries, taxpayers will secure your debt—glorious day. Oh, by the way, for all concerned about walls and deportation—no worries, that will soon be over, when Donnie finishes his negotiation for the nomination, he'll begin laying out his deal for the Presidency and his tone will change—and now there is no reasonable expectation that Cruz can win 1,237 delegates by the convention.

But, woah! Slow down! Not so fast. As Yogi Bera said, "It ain't over till it's over." And, as GOD has said, "If MY people, which are called by MY NAME, shall humble themselves and pray..."

Has Trump settled the nomination question and is it time to turn attention to the general election? Is there a path for Cruz to pull out a win? Can Cruz "steal" the election? The GOP has publicly committed that they will not change the rules going into this convention. What does that mean for the candidates? Okay, my friends, it's time for your brain massage!

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Hillary and Trump won New York! To hear the press, you'd think the primary is decided—it's over—as Cruz put it, to Trump, "Manhattan has spoken" let's go home.

But if we play by Donald's rules he lost to Cruz because in Wisconsin, Cruz picked up 531,290 votes in a State with a population of only 5.76 million while Trump won New York with less votes, only 524,932 votes with a New York population of 8.456 million—Oh, wait, that was New York City — Trump received only 524,932 votes in a State with a population of 19 million.

So Cruz got more than Trump did, Cruz got—wow!

But it does give us some perspective, and in fact, it's important.

Look, WHO DOES NOT KNOW THAT NEW YORK IS A LIBERALLY INCLINED STATE — want to know how many votes Hillary got in New York? Over 1 million. Bernie picked up over half a million—700,000 plus. That's almost two million Dems voting in the New York Democrat primary.

It should surprise no one that New York would go to Trump—it's his home state. However, it's a closed primary state, and I did hope the few conservatives there are in New York would rally to Cruz—it did not happen and I think that is very sad.

But when you study the stats — I think the hype about Trump's win in New York is greatly exaggerated — I mean in terms of what it means about his chances against Hillary.

Excuse me? Yes, I know, I know...if you add Trump's Wisconsin votes to his New York votes and add Cruz's Wisconsin votes to his New York votes Trump has over 300,000 more votes in total—

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And if you add up all the votes Donald has gotten and compare that to all the votes Cruz has gotten —Trump leads by almost two million votes.

If we calculate about 10% of that as crossover (it could be more, it's not likely to be less) that still puts Trump significantly ahead of Cruz in total votes cast.

However, the larger factor is the fact that Trump's votes only account for 35% of total votes cast in the GOP race thus far. It is reasonable to expect most of the votes divided between Cruz, Rubio, and even Carson and the rest, would have gone to Cruz if it had been a two man race all along. The best guestimate in that case would be Cruz would be leading by about 2 million votes, and would likely have the requisite delegates to sew up the nomination already.

No matter how you study this, the fact is Trump is an anomaly. I'm going to re-examine the Trump phenomenon today, and I'll tell you why, it's because I really have a lot of Trump supporters who listen to my show, and many of them are very sharp, intelligent men and women who are genuine patriots—although I think they are terribly deceived in Trump. Of course, they believe I'm deceived in Cruz—

Trump supporters perceive him to be the only outsider running in this race. Here is a list of the top six things that appeal to Trump supporters.

First, the refreshing frankness in his tone and manner. He certainly comes across as the "non-politician."

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Second, adding to the first, the idea that he is "his own man," no one "owns him" — this is because he is personally financing his campaign.

Third, his celebrity status as a successful business man who has been in the "real world" and actually "earned a living" and is regarded as having street smarts, and business savvy, together with the perception that this is what we need in the White House right now—a smart business man who can manage the government more efficiently and effectively. (As opposed, say, just another "politician" like Cruz. Cruz has the burden of having been elected to office and so wears the stink of "politician" — people, especially Trump supporters, have trouble seeing him as an "outsider.")

Fourth, his views on the immigration issue—and this might be thought by most to be the first reason. The problem there however is that Cruz is saying almost exactly the same thing, only he is a little bit tougher on illegal immigration than Trump, and actually has a more workable plan to address the problem—I mean, Trump wants to build the wall, and Cruz wants to build the wall, only Trump wants to put a revolving door in the wall, and Cruz wont. So, while I think Trump certainly used this issue to galvanize a following after him, the attraction was to his manner of addressing the problem, that frankness, the anti-politician tone, that audacious effrontery to political correctness.

Fifth, the fact that the all the right people hate him. The GOP Aristos despise him, and the MSM seem to despise him also. Trump's ability to tweak the noses of these groups that we conservatives have grown to resent so deeply, polarizes the GOP with Trump at one end against the Aristos on the other — and so

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these particular conservatives are instinctively drawn to Trump and the more these GOP Aristos and MSM beat on him, the stronger is the undertow dragging these disenfranchised Americans to Trump. It's very similar to what happened with Obama. It's also very like the old enemy of my enemy is my friend dynamic we see played out in the Middle East and really in politics generally.

Sixth, you can trust Trump to be Trump. They feel comfortable with him as a known quantity—though flawed, his flaws are "out there" and we are accustomed to them. Cruz, by contrast, is something of an enigma to them, a shadowy character, and all they know about him is that "he's a politician." So everything he does or says is interpreted within that rubric—or within that as a context.

Now, there is a seventh, but that one is not generally held by conservative Republicans—it's held by RINOS and Dem crossover voters — and the seventh is he is not Cruz.

Now, have I assessed it correctly? I have talked to well-reasoned, intelligent Trump supporters who agree that he is not an ideal conservative. In fact, I have yet to talk to a Trump supporter who did not agree that his view on eminent domain is flawed. Some attempt to excuse it as naive — owing to the fact that he is not, after all, a politician, and they think he will grow in this regard. Hmmm!

All of them agree that his support for Obama's stimulus was ill advised, and his notion that government can and should sometimes take over private business is considered by them "not so good." His repeated statement that he intends to push for universal, single payer nationalized health care is admitted by every conservative supporting Trump as seriously concerning. His past record on the Second—you know, he is a recent convert to the second

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amendment—and on abortion, especially with his recent arrogant suggestion that he is going to unilaterally work to change the platform of the Republican party on the issue of abortion—all are problematic for even the most dedicated Trump supporters.

Yeah, one guy, said, in response to all of this, "well, that's not so good" — but immediately she, and all others that I've talked to fall back on one or more of the six reasons for supporting Trump that I have heard from conservatives.

Now, I understand that those of you who support Trump because you despise, hate, or otherwise oppose Cruz, and for you it's anybody but Cruz — please listen anyway even if it's just to get some insight into all of this. But I'm not likely going to influence your thinking very much. Many in this category are actually, I think irrationally, more afraid of Cruz than they are of Trump, Bernie, or Hillary.

So, basically, I'm talking to conservatives who would support Cruz if he wins the nomination—but who prefer Trump for one or more of the six reasons I outlined earlier.

Take number one: his frankness, his plainspoken manner—his effrontery to political correctness. To be honest, Trump has always very frankly, and frankly liberal. The economy does better under Democrats — really? The conservative frankness we are hearing now is all new coming from him. I don't just forget years of experience with someone only because of a sudden inexplicable conversion. The only thing I can see explaining his conversion is political expediency—so, you see, I don't trust Trump. I don't trust his ideological dedication to conservatism, or to the Constitution.

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I have solid grounds for distrusting Trump. I have a record to point to—I have specific statements he has made. My distrust for Trump is rational; it is sensible; it's reasonable.

We know he can talk frankly, he can say, "you're fired" — he has that as part of his personality—but it's never showed up in disdain for political correctness before. He has always spoken for abortion, for gun control, and while he has lately changed his tone on these subjects, somewhat, he has not taken back his statements regarding eminent domain, the stimulus, the Bank bail-outs, the take over of Chrysler—he was very frank, and I think sincere, when he said, the economy is better under Democrats. But that is so fundamentally flawed it leaves me in jaw dropping astonishment to hear otherwise well reasoned conservatives embrace him as a conservative.

Cruz is as un-politically correct as they come—he is a politician, by profession, but that is what Trump aspires to be—he is running for office—if he wins, that will by default make him a "politician." If you say no, he is an outsider—what you mean, obviously, is that in terms of ideology, principles of action, and so on—but I think you are wrong. I think Trump is the quintessential demagogue politician—he keeps media attention focused on him through demagoguery — blatant appeal to issues that inflame a specific demographic focused narrowly on one issue.

Please look at Cruz for a moment and think! It's hard not to see a politician, he sounds like a professional debater, he is glib of tongue, and quick of wit—and all these gifts are against him in this election. If only he could talk more emotionally, if only he could connect with his audience on a deeply subjective level, as Trump has done—this whole thing would be done. But I call on you to be objective and look at this—

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Is it reasonable to reject a man who is a dedicated Constitutional conservative with ALL the right positions—every one of them—that we want—and has always been with us on these issues—he is not newbie conservative —

Do you begin to see that an emotional connection with Trump is not enough reason to accept his blatantly liberal side in preference to someone who is solid gold conservative but you don't "like him" as much? He is not as much "fun."

Running out of time, I'll have to pick it up on the other side of the break. Hold on, I'll be right back.

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I'm Jerry Scheidbach, pastor at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere's lantern lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the enemy is on the march, an enemy that would steal from us our liberty.

Man, sometimes the time restraints of my show really frustrate me. Folks, I want to examine the whole convention rules thing—although, I have noticed a lot of this is coming out much more clearly and that is helpful. But I'm looking at the material I feel compelled to cover right now, and I'm sure I'll not get to the other. You can catch me on YouTube — we are getting pretty good at these videos now so I'm okay with promoting them to you—but I'll post a couple of brain massage videos addressing the convention rules and how all that works.

Okay, in the last segment, I outlined six, and a seventh, reason people support Trump, summarized as follows:

First, the refreshing frankness in his tone and manner.

Second, he is "his own man," no one "owns him."



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Third, his celebrity status as a successful business man as opposed, say, just another "politician" like Cruz.

Fourth, his views on the immigration issue—

Fifth, the fact that the all the right people hate him.

Sixth, you can trust Trump to be Trump. They feel comfortable with him as a known quantity—though flawed, his flaws are "out there" and we are accustomed to them.

And then there is a seventh, but it's not one that generally motivates genuinely conservative Republicans—it's held by RINOS and Dem crossover voters — and the seventh is he is not Cruz.

Okay, I addressed number one in the last segment; let's pick it up at number two. Second, he is "his own man," no one "owns him."

This is mostly because he is financing his own campaign—and the idea is that therefore he will not be beholding to anyone funding his campaign.

Wow! First, he is LOANING his own money to his campaign. He intends to get that money back. If he wins, and I think it'll come out if he wins the nomination—he'll say he needs some help to go up against the big war chest of Hillary—and he'll start taking donations, he'll recover all his investment and you'll be right back where you started—a politician who is beholding to big donors. Watch!

If he is loaning the money to his campaign, who is going to pay it back? If Donnie is anything, he is a savvy businessman, right, it's what you like about him, never been known to compromise personal interest for business advantage before—right? That's not his persona — that's not his modus operandi —he has a plan to

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recapture his investment, make no mistake, and it will come from donors.

Besides, have you ever really thought about this? He has business deals going down in other countries right now that he intends to turn over to his children to run for him while he is President—it's so weird to me—if Cruz had that in the background of his run for office—you would never hear the end of it. Aren't you the least bit suspicious of this? A President whose children are running his businesses with international concerns?

How can you be so suspicious that Cruz is beholden to big business, and international trade, because his wife worked for Goldman Sachs—when, however, Cruz has always been consistent in his opposition to any deal that compromises our national sovereignty, or the legitimate interests of the American economy, and yet you can turn a blind eye to a noted "deal maker" who is a billionaire — I mean — how is it possible that no one has even one shred of suspicion that this man is buying the White House — isn't it strange to you, that you are against "big business" buying influence in the White House, but for a **BIG BUSINESS MAN** buying the White House?

And, he is a business man who is known to be ruthless in his dealings who with that characteristic frankness you like so well has admitted he used bankruptcy laws to protect his interests and that of his family—compromising the interests of all those families who were invested in his operation.

Okay, let's look at number three: his celebrity status as a successful business man as opposed, say, just another "politician" like Cruz.

I'm attempting to appeal to common sense. Are reasons 1-3 (he is anti-politically-correct, he is financing his own campaign, and he is

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a successful businessman—I mean, even without looking deeper, are these things really so important they cancel concern about single payer national health care, abuse of the fifth amendment protection against government confiscation of personal, that is, private property, an obvious intention to use taxpayer money to bail out banks and take over private business when it's felt necessary—what are you giving up in this trade?

He is a celebrity, understands how to manipulate the media—have you never thought that just maybe he is smart enough to know that a significant part of the conservatives today can be manipulated into trading their conservative values away for someone who will champion their anger against the establishment?

He is a businessman and not a politician—and that's all you need? Really? Okay! Well, he'll be a politician soon enough, and he'll do what he said he will do and go to Washington to make deals. I thought you wanted a dedicated Constitutional conservative would not negotiate away your conservative values.

Fourth, his views on the immigration issue—I mentioned earlier that this really is not the primary reason for preferring Trump to Cruz. Unless you simply have not actually studied the allegation that Cruz was for the gang of 8 Bill before he was against it. I've dealt directly a few times already—and I'm assuming my listeners have heard me do that. The fact is, Cruz was never in favor of legalization—even though, just as Donnie knows, in negotiations, sometimes you willingly yield on one point to achieve an agreement on something far more critical to your concerns—Cruz did say he was willing to support a bill that offered legalization, so long as it also included forfeiture of any path to citizenship for ever. That's pretty tough—and guess what, Trump wants to give

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the illegals a path to citizenship. Both Cruz and Trump want to build a wall, only Trump wants to put a revolving door in the wall—so they go out, then come back in. Anyway, you can call it a lie if you want to—but be reasonable—if you call that a lie, then just wait, because your DEAL MAKER is going to make some DEALS and he is going to give up on a point here or there to do it, and then, are you going to say LIAR TRUMP for four or eight years?

My point is, this is not reasonable. Trump will HAVE to compromise on something to get anything done. If that makes you liar—I just don't know what to say!

Please, be reasonable! Cruz has been consistent in his ideology and while I guess it is a matter of interpretation, when I look at that history, I see Cruz filibustering to stop this, I see him declaring over and over his disapproval over the Gang of 8 bill—and, okay, you call it politicking — well, man! Look at what it has cost him. Trying to negotiate through that mess—

But here is the bottom line today. Be reasonable! Cruz did not technically lie — those of you convinced he practiced deceit, it's your opinion, you don't have proof, but only a bunch of circumstantial things—my objections to Trump are premised entirely upon the objective facts directly supporting my suspicions. Your objections to Cruz are based on some sort of magical ability to know his heart, and his motivations. You are simply suspicious of him—and your suspicions are founded upon unproved allegations supporting unfounded beliefs about his character and motivations.

Now, for me, my Christian beliefs and values do not allow to judge someone merely by my suspicions based on circumstantial

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evidence at best. You don't know his heart. I don't know Trump's heart. But I do know what Trump has SAID, and DONE.

Fifth, the fact that the all the right people hate him. Is this really a reasonable foundation for your decision? This is fallacious argument. Look, first, I really have suspicions about the MSM—I share those suspicions with you. But here is what I know. I know the MSM are clever and smart—and I know they know all the media attention they are giving Trump AIDES and ABETSS his bid for the nomination. I admit, that might not be an intended result, it's possible they are only about ratings—but if that were true, why would they not follow the Fox format? I don't know this for sure—but aren't you the least bit suspicious—I mean, there is so much suspicion about Cruz—aren't you the least bit suspicious that the MSM know full well that the attention Trump is getting is worth billions in free advertising, that it is impossible for Cruz to get any where near that much exposure for his ideas, and beliefs—so they throw him an appreciated token here and there, but, really! Do you actually think the MSM is not aware they are feeding the Trump frenzy?

You know, when I look at this, every poll, and every well-informed gut instinct tells me Hillary wants Trump on the GOP ticket because she is scarred to death of Cruz. We know she has laid out a thorough strategy for defeating Trump—you don't see that the DEMS are in a backhanded way giving the nomination to Trump?

You don't see that Trump, with his national health care, his penchant for using government to confiscate personal property, he has said he intends to raise taxes, I mean, this would be laughable if it was written in a novel—it would be so unbelievable, the novel

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would tank—but it's actually happening. We are heading toward a scenario where we have a Democrat on both tickets—some would say that's been going on for a long time—but I will say that today, you have a chance to change that.

Sixth, you can trust Trump to be Trump. He has flaws, but they are "out there" and we are accustomed to them. But what "flaws" are we talking about? I mean, if you are talking about his character issues—what is it, four wives, and they keep getting younger—that's does not suggest a level of superficiality that bothers you? Do you secretly admire him, because he gets to trade off his old model for a new one? Is that what this is about? Oh God help us—you see the pretty chic positioned right behind him in almost every clip of him lately—you don't see this as a manipulation of his image as a sort of playboy billionaire—it disturbs me!

Aren't Cruz's character issues less obnoxious than Trump's? I'm trying to appeal to your reason, your common sense. You think Trump is going to take out Monsanto? And the issue of labeling, I agree we should be informed if they have monkeyed with our food; but you don't know about it already, and you don't think word gets out anyway, and you think that is more important than universal single payer health care, government confiscation of personal and private property, a revolving door in the wall? You think Trump is going to turn the oil industry on its head? He might nationalize it—is that really what you want.

But, on this point, I agree with you, in this at least, you can trust Trump to be Trump — to be who Trump has always been. About three quarters liberal.

And many of you are willing to forego an opportunity to have a genuine Constitutional conservative in the White House in trade

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for a guy you makes you feel good by tweaking the politically correct. Do you want to know who the politically correct really fear—want to know who the gay agenda really fear—want to know who the establishment really fears—it's Cruz. And you who are supporting Trump are missing this—

Please, take a REASONED look at this.

I have lit the lamps in the Church belfry arch and now you let me know if you see them. You say LIGHTS ON if you see the LIGHTS ARE ON and you will ride like Revere and spread the warning, (essentially, it means you agree with what I'm saying) or you say LIGHTS ARE OFF — which means you reject what I'm saying and disagree strongly with me. So, what will it be today, lights on, or lights off?

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