



# ROMANS

Strong faith for life



- We need to be prepared spiritually for the conflicts we have **culturally**.

The gospel in us produces **submission** from us.

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities. Romans 13:1

- Because God is in control of all things, I can **trust** what is under His control.

God causes everything to work for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. 6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. 8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:1-8 (NIV)

- We are to **willingly submit** to the authority of our Government.

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities... Romans 13:1

- Everyone = **Everyone**
- Be subject to = **Obey**.

### Take-A-Ways from the text:

- All authority is provided by **God** and for your **protection**.

... there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1b

4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. Romans 13:4

- God is in control of who is in **control**.

"Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. 21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. Daniel 2:20-21 (NLT)

- How we respond to **human** authority is how we respond to **God's** authority.

2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. Romans 13:2

5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. Romans 13:5

### Exceptions to the rule:

- Biblical submission is neither **blind** nor **absolute**.

But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20

### But this is key:

If we disobey, we're always **respectful** and pay the consequences.

### What this does not mean:

- Our standing with God is based on being a **rule** follower.
- We have to **agree** with the authorities in this world.

### What this does mean:

- Our goal is to **advance the gospel**.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 1 Peter 2:11-15

- Our motivation is to make **Jesus** look as **good** as He is.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

- Our posture is to **pray** for those in authority.

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Talk about the different ways the scriptures tell us to submit. (Parents, each other, wives to husbands, church leadership, government, etc. ) Why is submission an important principle for us as believers?
- Did you find the subject of this weeks talk to be difficult for you? Explain why.
- Is there a difference between submitting and willfully submitting? Explain why as believers we would willingly submit?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading "Take-A-Ways from the text".
- What is the exception to the rule? Why is respect so important?
- Talk about the goal to submitting to authority. Is this a goal in your life? How much of a priority is this in your life?
- What do we mean when we say - Our motivation is to "make Jesus look as good as He is"? How can we do that better?
- Why is our posture of praying for those in authority so important us as believers?

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