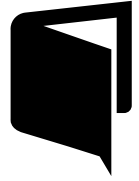


this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, March 7, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 9 | **Jesus & Authority**

1 Peter 2:13-25

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

SUBMIT to authority

v. 13-14, 17-18

our perfect God uses imperfect people to do his will

v. 13-14; Romans 13:1-7

some will act unjustly

v. 16

and do **GOOD**

v. 15-20

to silence the foolish

v. 15

to overcome evil

v. 16; Romans 12:21

sometimes you'll still suffer

Acts 14:22

What about civil disobedience?

We're to submit to authority unless...

1. It forbids us from doing what God **COMMANDS**.
2. It commands us to do what God **FORBIDS**.

just like **JESUS!**

v. 21-25

he submitted to authority

Matthew 26:36-46

he suffered yet responded by doing good

Hebrews 12:3; Isaiah 53:7

he's our example!

v. 21; Matthew 11:29



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting to Know You

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *Do you have a morning and/or evening routine? In other words, what do you consistently do every morning when you wake up and/or every evening before bed?*

Getting Started

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

- Can you think of any times you've had to deal with a difficult authority figure? If so, explain.
- We all have difficult people in our lives (no nudging anyone!) and conflict is unavoidable at times. *What's your first impulse when conflict surfaces with a difficult person?*

Run Fight Get defensive Listen Panic Argue
Become stubborn Problem solve Bury your head in the sand Other

Digging Deeper

1. There are many who struggle with the thought of biblical submission to authority. So a challenging relationship with a teacher, boss, or commanding officer can lead to a lot of frustration, especially when we are called to submit to someone who doesn't seem to deserve it. How can the following verses help us gain perspective on why biblical submission to authority is not only mandatory but also essential for us as Christians?

Hebrews 10:32-36

James 1:2-4

Romans 5:1-5

Can you think of any significant character building lessons you've learned in the past when having to deal with a difficult authority figure?

2. Submission is no small challenge when we find ourselves in an immoral or illegal situation. As we saw this weekend, biblical submission does have some limits. How could the following verses help you develop a strategy for dealing with a potentially illegal or immoral situation?

Proverbs 11:14

Acts 5:27-29

Titus 3:1-2

What could be some negative consequences of not putting the verses above into action when encountering a compromising situation?

3. When it comes to figuring out how submission works in real life situations, it's important to remember Jesus isn't asking us to do anything he didn't do for us first. **As you read through Matthew 20:20-27**, how does Jesus' teaching and example impact your thoughts on having to submit to authority?

If your boss, teacher, parent etc. were to read this passage, how would they say you're doing at imitating what this passage talks about?

Personal Prayer Items



MARCH CHALLENGE

Memorize 1 Peter 2:24 and Invite someone to an Easter service.

1 Peter 2:24 sums up the Gospel, take time to memorize it as we head toward Easter. — Speaking of which, **Easter is Sunday, April 4.** Who will you invite to join you? Be praying and thinking who you will invite. *We're sent to love people **and invite them** to follow Jesus with us.* Who will you invite?

Word Find for 2 Peter 2:21-25 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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