

WEEK 4 – Authority Thursday - "He Chose Who?"

BIBLE STUDY:

Read Romans 13:1-7

Devotional:

It seems that with each election, local, state, and nation-wide, the choices get harder and harder. The options get fewer and fewer. People become more and more divided. Yes, we do our part by voting and participating in our democratic institution, but God has the final say. We may not like who God put in charge, but GOD put him/her in charge.

We cannot accept God as our Lord and Savior without fully giving him authority in our lives, and that includes our government, our bosses, and our superiors. He put them in charge. Paul says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." (Romans 13:1-2).

From our shift supervisor to our CEO, to our Governor, to our President, each person was appointed, by God for this time and this purpose. It is our duty as Christ-followers to respect their authority.

God has the ultimate authority, so when we start to doubt and deny the people he has appointed, we doubt and deny God's authority. While we may not appreciate our manager cutting our hours and bringing in tuna for lunch, again.... We need to continue to do our job with fervor and honor them.

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CHALLENGE:

Try every day to approach your superior (teacher, manager, boss, etc.), preferably one you have difficulty with, and do something small, like: asking how their day is going, ask how you can help them today, ask how you can pray for them?

PRAYER:

Ask God to give you a heart for the authoritative figure in your life, that you struggle with. Thank Him for putting that person in a place of authority.