

Sermon Title: "The Posture of His People"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:13-17

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- 1. Commands surrounding our <u>submission</u> to authority were always given in a <u>context of corruption</u>.
- 2. God <u>commands us</u> to submit to the <u>authorities</u> He has placed over us.

Scriptures: I Peter 2:13-14; Titus 3:1; Romans 13:1-7; Philippians 2:6-8)

3. In every instance where man's authority conflicts with God's authority, we stand with God.

Scriptures: I Peter 2:16-17; 3:13-17; Daniel 3:6; Acts 4:18-20

4. Willing submission to earthly authority reflects true faith in our <u>Ultimate Authority</u>.

Scriptures: Acts 16:16-40; 22:22-29

5. Our response to man's authority impacts our testimony before all men.

Scriptures: I Peter 2:12,15

Questions to Consider:

- 1. In the examples seen in Daniel and Acts 4, what was the deciding factor in the decision to not submit?
- 2. What are the areas you are unwilling to submit to the authorities God has placed over you?
 - a. What is your deciding factor for not submitting in that particular area?
 - b. Is there solid biblical justification for your refusal to submit?
- 3. How might the cultural context where submission was commanded/required within scripture cause us to reconsider our own approach to submitting to current/future authorities God has over us?