

# Trust Our Sovereign God

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## Big Idea: We must entrust ourselves to our sovereign God...

### I. When enemies oppose us (1-5)

- a. Remember the truth
  - i. They are opposed to Christ in us (John 3:19-20; John 15:20-21; Ephesians 2:1-2; 6:12)
  - ii. They will stand before God in judgment (Acts 23:5)
  - iii. They cannot separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39)
  - iv. They cannot act outside of God's perfect plan (Acts 25:4-5; Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 46:8-10)
- b. Stay on mission
  - i. Do what we know to do
    - 1. Rely upon our God-given authorities (Romans 13:3-4)
    - 2. If we can, remove ourselves from the threat (Acts 23:17-35)
  - ii. Love our enemies
    - 1. Pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:43-45)
    - 2. Serve our enemies (Romans 12:14-21)
    - 3. Share the gospel with our enemies (Acts 22:1-21)

### II. As authorities rule over us (6-12)

- a. Remember the truth
  - iii. They are God's gift for promoting good and punishing evil (Romans 13:1-7; Acts 23:5)
  - iv. They are fallen people who sin (Romans 3:23)
  - v. They are God's servants who will answer to him in the final judgment (Romans 13:4; Psalm 2:10-12)
  - vi. They cannot rule outside of God's perfect plan (Acts 25:9-12; Proverbs 21:1; Isaiah 46:8-10)
- b. Stay on mission
  - i. Do what we know to do
    - 1. Submit to authority that does not lead to sin (Romans 13:1-7)
    - 2. Submit to God rather than authority that would lead to sin (Acts 5:29)
  - ii. Love our authorities
    - 1. Pray for our authorities (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
    - 2. Respect their position (Romans 13:1-7)
    - 3. Share the gospel with our authorities (Matthew 10:16-20)

### III. When circumstances are beyond us (13-27)

#### a. Remember the truth

- i. God is with us (Matthew 28:20; Acts 23:11)
- ii. God is faithful (Matthew 6:33; 1 Thessalonians 5:24)
- iii. We have brothers and sisters who love us (John 13:34-35; Ephesians 6:18-20)
- iv. Our circumstances are part of God's perfect plan (Isaiah 46:8-10; Romans 8:28-29)

#### b. Stay on Mission

- i. Do what we know to do
  1. Abide in Christ (John 8:31-32; 15:5)
  2. Seek help from God and others (James 5:13-14; Romans 12:13)
- ii. Leverage our circumstances for the gospel
  1. Pray for God to produce hope within us (Romans 5:3-5)
  2. Boast in our weaknesses (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
  3. Share the gospel with the people God brings into our lives (1 Peter 3:14-15).

*"God, from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass and perpetually upholds, directs, and governs all creatures and all events. Yet He is not the author or approver of sin, nor does He destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures."*

- Crosspoint Statement of Faith: Providence