

Series: Anchors: convictions to counter the dangerous drift.

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Scripture: Romans 13:1-7, various Scriptures

Sermon: Authority: I will respect and submit to those over me.

Dig Deeper:

1. What is your basic attitude towards authority? Are you prone to submit to authority or resist authority? Why?
2. What do you think are common reasons why a person would resist or reject authority?
3. History lesson: why is it inaccurate to call the US a democracy?
4. What is the general purpose of authority?
5. Why do people desire anarchy? Why is anarchy bad?
6. Why should we value authorities?
7. What is servant leadership?
  
8. How can you be an authority without being authoritarian?
9. What does it mean to "speak truth to power"? How can we do this with respect?
10. What does it mean to submit?
11. What does it mean to say that authorities are accountable for their actions?

Personal Application:

12. Write a list of the various authorities in your life: how many of these authorities are you prone to resist?
13. Write out a list of the people you are in authority over: in which of these arenas do you need to be a better servant?
14. Parents: teach your children to submit to and obey their teachers.

For further study:

15. Look up passages such as Acts 3-4 or Daniel 6 where people disobey authority in the Bible. Under what circumstances is it okay to resist authority?