

Title: Church Essentials: Following ...

Scripture: Romans 10:9 [Using the New American Standard Bible, NASB]

Outline:

- I. **Whoever Puts things in Place is the Head—Genesis 2**
 - A. **God is the Placer. He is in Charge.**
 - B. **God Orders Life and the Church.**

- II. **Bad Examples are Still Examples: Babel—Genesis 11.**
 - A. **Babel's Blunders**
 1. **A City—Genesis 11:4**
 2. **A Tower—Genesis 11:4**
 3. **A Name—Genesis 11:4**

 - B. **God's Merciful Correctives**
 1. **God's Prohibitions—Genesis 11:7**
 2. **God's Boundaries —Genesis 11:8**

- III. **Korah's Complaint**
 - A. **Situation: Korah Complained—Numbers 16:1-3**
 - B. **Solution: Moses Cautioned—Numbers 16:4-33**
 - C. **Sign: God Clarified—Numbers 17:8, 10**

- IV. **David Trusted God**
 - A. **Though young, David trusted God—1 Samuel 16-31**
 - B. **David Refused to take matters into his own hands—1 Samuel 24, 26**
 - C. **Even in Absalom's Coup (age 31), David (age 64) Showed His Trust in God—2 Samuel 15:25-26; 16:12**
 - D. **At the end of his life, David focused everyone on the Lord—1 Chronicles 29:11**

- V. **Jesus Lived Under the Headship of His Father**
 - A. **Jesus dealt with many Authorities—Luke 7:1-10**
 - B. **The Capernaum Centurion Spoke Truth—Luke 7:7-8**
 - C. **Jesus Spoke and Prayed in Line with His Father—John 5:17-19, 30**
 - D. **Paul Spoke of Jesus being under the Headship of His Father—1 Corinthians 11:3**

- VI. **Paul Wrote about Authorities Under the Authority of God.**
 - A. **God Establishes Authorities for Good, not Evil—Romans 13:1**
 - B. **God Calls All to Not Resist Authority—Romans 13:2-3**
 - C. **God Calls All to Do What is Right—Romans 13:4-7**

- VII. **God Places Authority in the Local Church to Lead**
 - A. **Local Church Leaders Live it Out and Lead—Hebrews 13:7**
 - B. **Local Church Members Learn, Follow, and Grow—1 Peter 5:5-7**

Following for Today:

1. **God is the Authority over all. Follow Him.**
2. **God works through authorities. He leads. He cares.**
3. **Each of us needs to be under authority to have authority.**
4. **Honor authorities as much as possible.**