

1. HEART OF A KING: SUBMISSION

- a. Is submission good?
 - i. Imagine the following without submission:
 1. Orchestra, Family, Government, Workplace, Sports Team, Military
 - ii. Submission is necessary to organize parts to make a unified whole to achieve a purpose, a goal, or harmony.
- b. Jesus submitted to the Father:
(Luke 22:42 NIV) "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
- c. In MMA, submission is losing. In our world, submission is often seen as losing.
 - i. However, in God's kingdom, we overcome through submission.

2. TOPIC SUBMISSION

- a. What is it?
- b. What is it not?
- c. And how do I apply it?

3. SUBMISSION: WHAT IS IT?

- a. Greek word: hupotassó—hupo ("under") and tasso ("to arrange")
 - i. Imagine willfully arranging yourself under a metal awning in a hail storm.
- b. Biblical authority - The authority is to protect and provide physically and spiritually
 - i. Submission is more than just obedience.
- c. David as an example of submission [Read 1 Samuel 24]
 - i. David still sees Saul as his master.
 1. Even though, David sees what Saul is doing as wrong.
 - ii. David still speaks and acts respectfully towards Saul.
 1. Even though, David does not trust Saul.
 - iii. David chooses not to do his master harm.
 1. Even though, Saul has sinned against David.

(1 Samuel 24:12 ESV) "May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you."

4. SUBMISSION: WHAT IS IT NOT?

- a. **Submission is not being a doormat.**
 - i. Notice that David runs. Godly submission and boundaries coexist.
 - ii. Submission is not being less than the other in value.

(Philippians 2:5-8 ESV) "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

- b. **Submission is not enabling sin or obeying sin.**

- i. Notice that David respectfully confronts Saul about his actions.
- ii. Submission is not the same as agreement or seeing things the same way.

(Exodus 1:17-20 NIV) "The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. [...] 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own."

- iii. My submission to my authority is under my submission to God.

1. Jesus didn't aim at being a rebel; He aimed to submit to the Father

- c. **Submission is not simply based on the authority's worthiness.**

- i. Notice that David submits to a rebellious and evil king.
- ii. Submission is not something we only do to good or godly authorities.

(1 Peter 2:13 - 3:2 ESV) “13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

5. SUBMISSION: HOW DO I APPLY IT?

a. #1 Know who God says you need to submit to.

- i. Ex: Citizens - human institutions, servants - masters, wives - husbands

b. #2 Learn your “why”.

- i. Because it is the “Will of God”, I’m a servant of God, I’m mindful of God

(Luke 22:42 NIV) “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

- ii. Jesus, prayed and broke blood capillaries in his head... this isn’t easy!

c. #3 Willfully arrange yourself under their authority.

- i. I’m not just being obedient; I’m yielding my will to another’s for the good of the whole.

d. #4 When your authority is abusive or leading you into sin, get help.

- i. Remember what submission is not and seek counsel and help.

6. NOTE TO PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY:

- a. How am I doing submitting to the authorities over me? God, govt., elders, etc.
- b. God holds us accountable for how we use the authority He gave us.
- c. God wants us to love those under us by providing and protecting them spiritually and physically.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Ice Breaker: Where have you seen submission at its finest? (Ex: a symphony, a horse trainer, Olympic team)

Main Passages: 1 Peter 2:13 - 3:2

1. How is Biblical submission more than just obedience?
2. What is submission not according to scripture?
3. What stood out to you about David and his example of submission to King Saul?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:13 - 3:2. What about submission in that passage is challenging for you to live out?
5. Are you a person in authority? If so, what is one way that you can grow as a leader to bless those who submit to you?

