

# STANDING FIRM

## 1 Peter 2:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. <sup>16</sup> Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use *it* as bond slaves of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) Who/What are the "institutions" in your life?

4) What does it look like to submit yourself to them?

5) How do your friends view submitting to authority?

6) Why is it important for Christians to submit to human authorities?

### How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask "Why does this matter?"

