

Submitting to Authority

Facing Giants – Series

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LG Discussions



In today's sermon in the series **Facing The Giants**, today we look at the topic:

Submitting to Authority. Why does God call us to face the Giant of Submission to Spiritual authority in an ever rebellious culture?

First of all, the Bible is very clear on the subject of submission, not just in the church, but also for husbands, wives, children, and employees, to civil, parental, and spiritual authority. Submission is synonymous to **Honor, respect, giving, love and humility**. A person who understands submission to authority is a person who is humble, full of love, unselfish, accountable, and personally responsible. The opposite of this is a person who is prideful, full of criticism, selfish, self-ruled, and spiritually irresponsible. Those who do not like spiritual authority, most often they refuse to be answerable for their character.

More than ruling over people, spiritual authority has an obligation to Jesus Christ to love, feed, and protect the flock of God. Along with that responsibility comes instruction, counsel, warning, correction, and even rebuke when necessary. As a result of his submission, he grew in favor with God and (Luke 2:52)

Read: Ephesians 4:11, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Tim. 5:17, 1 Thess. 5:12, Joshua 1:16, Acts 20:28, 1 John 3:16

Discussions:

1. Why should we OBEY, SUBMIT, but also PRAY for spiritual leaders?
2. How is Submission to spiritual authority related to functional relationships of love and honor, to God and man?
3. Why do people in church have big problems submitting to and honoring those in spiritual authority?
4. What are the signs that someone has a problem submitting to authority?
5. Give some examples of submission and rebellion to authority in the bible.
6. As Christians, why should we submit to civil authority?
7. How should someone deal with abuse from spiritual authority?

Reflections for the week

Who are the legitimate God given Spiritual and civil Authorities in your life?

Are you submitted to both the Spiritual and Civil Authorities? Where do you need to have bold conversations about this issue?

Submission is a principle that should be practiced in every area of life, including the church, for it is godly order and divine principles for safety and success.