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NEVER READ A BIBLE VERSE*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.
Romans 13:1

Eight: Government

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*Without Context.

TODAY'S VERSES:

- Romans 13:1-7
- Ephesians 1:16-23
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- 1 Samuel 2:30
- Matthew 10:32
- Matthew 12:28

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RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Romans 13 leaves many Christians scratching their heads with questions. In Romans 13:1-7 we are told that there is no Authority appointed apart from GOD, that anyone who resists God's appointed authority's, resists GOD, and to be subject to those in authority because that pleases God. In submitting to that authority, we pay taxes, honor, and respect as if we are paying it to God Himself. The two overarching themes in Romans 13 are:

3. The only legitimate authority is God
4. Human authority is only legitimate when appointed by God.

When we have an unrealistic view of government, we become disillusioned, expecting government to fulfill every purpose that only God alone can fulfill in our lives.

- What authority figures has God placed over you?
- What is your relationship like with them?
- Do you have a "righteous frustration" with our government?
- Who should you be praying for even now?
- How does the Gospel of the Kingdom differ from worldly expectations of government?
- How does God's sovereignty reframe our frustrations with our government?
- How can God use our current government to open avenues for the Gospel to be proclaimed?

ASK US: ***What questions do you have that you want to ask us about this topic/verses covered?***