"The Generational Sin of **Rebellion: The Need of Togetherness**" (Part 2) 1 Peter 2:13-25; Ephesians 6:1-9

Rebellious: The desire to resist authority, submission or control. The desire to self-govern or be autonomous.

— **Rebellious!v Weak**

Submission: A state where what I want to do is surrendered to someone in authority. Training myself to fight my sin and grow in holiness. — **Submissively Strong**

"To the extent that I recognize my need for **God ordained authority** is the extent in which I will be **submissive to God** under that authority and honor that authority."

(Spiritual) Elders are our spiritual authority: They teach and example the Word of God for the church and to govern and lead the church according to the Word of God.

(<u>Physical</u>) Bosses are our vocational authority: They are the means in which God takes care of people economically. Biblically, men are given the *primary role* to take care of the family in working outside of the home and to meet the financial needs of the family.

(Worldview) Husbands/Fathers are the familial authority: They are the primary means in which God uses to discipline, evangelize, and teach children and to instill in them a Biblical Worldview along with the Church. They also lead their wives spiritually and love them as Christ loves the Church.

(Common Grace) Government is the societal authority: They have the responsibility to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good on the societal level and bring societal order in doing these two things. God is over all authority: Submission is how we honor these authorities and God.

- 1 Peter 2:13-25: Submission and Authority. We represent Christ's reputation in society.
 - All submission to all authority is for Christ's sake.
 - All authority structures are put there by Christ and represent His authority (Romans 13:1).
 - All authority has a Biblical way it is to be exercised.
 - There are three primary ways we show Christ as Christians in society:
 - Submission (Ephesians 5:21).
 - Love (John 13:34-35).
 - Biblical Headship (2 Samuel 23:3-4).
 - Christians never....
 - **DISOBEY**; we submit to a higher authority.
 - Are **SELFISH**; we don't use our freedoms for ourselves.
 - **HONOR** or **LOVE** themselves at the expense of others.
 - We are free in Christ to joyfully submit to the authority above us. Freedom from sin is the freedom to obey God. "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:7-8)
 - Submission is more important than comfort or getting my way.
 - Abuse and suffering is possible in being under authority in a sinful world.

"But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you (rulers) must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man (Jesus) came not to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:43-45)

Worship: Crown Him — Citizens Father You Are All We Need — Citizens

Announcements:

- ★FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!
- ★HEALTHTREE 5K/1 MILE WALK: If you would be interested in joining a team of people to run a 5K or walk 1 mile on Saturday, June 8th, at 9am (at Wolfe Park in Columbus), please register at https://give.healthtree.org/team/582040 under Team Legacy Plus. The cost is \$35 per person. HealthTree raises money to accelerate research and find cures for blood cancer. Please see Krystal if you have any questions or need more details!
- ★<u>CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:</u> Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is TONIGHT from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.