

## Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: Various

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**War & Peace, #4** *Called into Conflict*

### Message Outline ...

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#### **Inevitable Conflict: Called into Conflict**

As followers of Jesus we do not have the right to impose or pass judgment on other Followers of Jesus when dealing with morally debatable issues.

Romans 14

#### 1. Submission is our Default Posture.

Romans 13

1 Peter 2

Christians are commanded to subject themselves to governmental authority. God put authority and government in place.

- Rebelling against government is rebelling against Him.
- Jesus demonstrated this for us!

*And yet...*

God's call on your life as a Believer will require you to live at times in conflict. Jesus was clear on this.

Matt 10:34

Exodus 1

Joshua 2:3-4

Example of Esther:

1 Samuel 14

1 Kings 18:3-15

Obadiah hid 100 prophets from Queen Jezebel despite her command.

Daniel 3:5, 18

Daniel 6, 7, 10, 22

The Wisemen:

The Wisemen refused to tell Herod where Jesus was. They ignored his order and went back home a different way.

Acts 4:17-21

End times example: Revelation 13, 14

2. Our Posture of Submission to any human/institution should never be absolute.

3. There are situations where it is required of us to humbly stand in opposition rather than bow in submission.

All of the examples we looked at earlier, were examples of men and women who defied orders because those orders did one of two things:

1. Commanded what the Lord forbade.
    - Bow to the image, kill the babies, murder the prophets.
  2. Forbade what the Lord commanded.
    - Do not preach, do not pray.
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### **Questions for Growth continued...**

◆ As you read Romans 14, which of these principles of living for the Christ Follower as they relate to government jump out for you? Which ones of these seem hard to apply and why?

◆ What makes it difficult for many to obey the government today? Our nation is unique, persecution for one's faith occurs in many nations ... ([persecution.com](http://persecution.com)) Take some time to read through the stories of believers found on this web site and how these men and women deal with governmental authority. Write down lessons learned below.

◆ Read Psalm 20:7. What lessons can we learn from David the Psalmist?

◆ "When the officials, who we wish would be elected to office, aren't elected, what should our response be as Christ Followers?"

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