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WEEK 4 - FOLLOWING THE LEADERS



Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority – quite unlike their teachers of religious law.



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Matthew 8:5-10; 13

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.”



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But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.”



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“I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.”



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When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth – I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!” ...



Matthew 8:5-10; 13

Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.



1 Corinthians 4:14-21

I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children. Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.



1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Therefore I urge you to imitate me. For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.



1 Corinthians 4:14-21

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For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?



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Genesis 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.



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Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.



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The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted,



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and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold not terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority?



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Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing.



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He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.



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This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.



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**Give everyone what you owe him:
if you owe taxes, pay taxes;
if revenue, then revenue; if respect,
then respect; if honor, then honor.**



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Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ – which is the first commandment with a promise – that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth.



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Hebrews 13:17

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1 Cor. 11:1 – You should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

1 Thess 1:6 – So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

2 Thess. 3:7 – You ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you.



AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

Hebrews 13:7-9a

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.



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