# I Surrender All

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## INTRODUCTION

- This particular lady had written on there in bold, permanent magic marker, do not move.
- If he's my king, then he's my ruler. He gets to tell me what to do.
- God has said, not only must I do what He directly says to me, but that He's put others in my life who also get to tell me what to do. And I'm to submit to them as well.

## 1 Somebody's Always Telling Me What to Do

**Mark 10:42**

- We start with the premise that we all know, and that is somebody's always telling me what to do.
- Everywhere I go, every scenario, every relationship, every location, there's somebody above me telling me what to do.
- There's the government telling me what to do. And again, layers of government and bureaucracy telling me what to do.
- Those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles, lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

## 2 There's Always Been the Tendency to Rebel

**1 Samuel 8:5–7; 1 Samuel 15:10–11**

- There's always been the tendency to rebel.
- Make for us a king to judge us like all the nations.
- Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you. But they've rejected me. That I should reign over them.
- I greatly regret that I've set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.
- So we've always got somebody telling us what to do. And there's always that tendency to not do it.

## 3 Called Upon to Respect and to Submit

**Colossians 3:18–25**

- But as citizens in this kingdom, as children of the king, I've been called upon to respect and to submit. That's my charge.
- But above them all is God telling me to do what they're telling me to do.
- Children, obey your parents in all things. For it is well pleasing to the Lord.
- Whatever you do. Do it heartily as to the Lord, not to men.
- And every act of human submission is really an act of divine submission. I'm doing it for God.

## 4 Every Authority Has Been Appointed by God

**Romans 12:19–13:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13; Hebrews 13:17**

- Because in civilization, God's established an order. In the family, God has established an order. In the church. God has established an order.
- Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities, for there's no authority except from God.
- But it also means God's appointed an avenger. And it wasn't me.
- Recognize those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you.
- Obey those who rule over you and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls.

## 5 When I Fail to Submit, That Is Rebellion Against God

**Isaiah 30:1**

- And so the implication is that when I fail to submit, that is an act of rebellion against God. Because it's rebelling against God's order.
- When I rebel against the government, God could say, You haven't rejected them. You've rejected me.
- So will I truly surrender all to my Kingdom. Or will I be like God's rebellious people in generations prior?
- O stubborn children, who carry out a plan, but not mine.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you relinquish that stubborn will to God this morning in obedience to the gospel? And say, God, let thy will be done and not mine.**

MY NOTES