

Series: **On the Table**
Title: When should Christians disobey the government?
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Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval. (Romans 13:1-3)

"You would have no authority over me at all," Jesus answered him, "if it hadn't been given you from above..." (John 19:11)

"But even if he does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up." (Daniel 3:18)

After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin, and the high priest asked, "Didn't we strictly order you not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than people." (Acts 5:27-29)

1. Obey joyfully when you can.

2. Disobey courageously when you must.

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven. He saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. He said, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" (Acts 7:55-56)

Reflection Question:

What would it look like for you right now to submit fully in obedience to God?