OBEY THE __________________________.  

“Everyone must submit to governing authorities.”

ROMANS 13:1 (NLT)

For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.”

ROMANS 13:1-2 (NLT)

DO WHAT __________________________.

For the Lord’s sake, submit to all human authority - whether the king as head of state, or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

1 PETER 2:13-17 (NLT)

For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. The authorities are God’s servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God’s servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.

ROMANS 13:3-5 (NLT)

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ACTS 5:27-29 (NLT)

So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”

ACTS 4:18-20 (NLT)

Then they brought the apostles before the high council, where the high priest confronted them. “We gave you strict orders never again to teach in this man’s name!” he said. “Instead, you have filled all Jerusalem with your teaching about him, and you want to make us responsible for his death!”

But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

ACTS 5:27-29 (NLT)
1 - What is your attitude towards the government? How has it changed over the years?

2 - What laws, rules, or taxes do you struggle with and think shouldn’t be followed?

3 - Why do some people believe the rules shouldn’t apply to them?

4 - Re-read Romans 13:1-2. According to this passage, why are Christians subject to the laws of the Government? Do you struggle with this Idea? How do you make sense of this passage?

5 - Re-read Romans 13:3-5. What are some reasons we should live according to the laws and authorities? Are there any exceptions?

6 - Who are some of the earthly authorities God has placed over you? According to Romans 13, what does obedience to each of these authorities look like in both your actions and your heart?

7 - What is God calling you to do differently as a result of this passage?