

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

God Has Us Covered

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God's Word describes the authorities to which we are to be careful to submit; we are to live *under the influence* of the authorities God has placed over us! But Satan would take advantage of our human nature to get our hackles up, resist authority and rebel against submission, and thereby strip and rob us of the protective coverings which God has placed over us for our good.

“God is thy roof to shelter thee.
How this truth steadies and confirms the soul!
It is like a great rock in the midst of hurrying floods; and
from this standing place we can look out serenely upon
the mutabilities of life.”

Henry van Dyke

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Matthew 7:28-29

Matthew 23:1-3 (Seven Woes)

Mark 11:27-28

Romans 13:1

Colossians 3:15

Scripture to Memorize:

Matthew 8:9 *“For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me.”*

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Name the authorities—at least five—which you believe God has placed over you.

2. How serious of an issue do you think that **resistance** to, **defiance** of, and ultimately **disobedience** to God-given authorities—*rebellion*—is to God?

3. Rebellion is not a stand-alone sin! Explain how any of the following sins might contribute to it:

- 1. Doubt _____.
- 2. Pride _____.
- 3. Bitterness and resentment _____.
- 4. Anger _____.
- 5. Selfishness _____.

Recommended Reading:

Authority: The Critical Issue for Southern Baptists, Dr. James T. Draper, Jr.
Knowing God, J. I. Packer
On the Anvil, Max Lucado
What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us, Danielle Crittenden