

## Living Under Authority 1 Samuel 24

It's never easy to submit to a bad boss, bad coach or bad leader. However, God has called us to live under authority in a powerfully positive way. Join us as we learn this critical lesson from the life of David.

### The Seeds of Discontent

Step 1: I see a flaw in leadership

Step 2. I assume my perspective is right

Step 3. 2 Roads

- I ask clarifying questions...
- I sow seeds of discontent...

1 Samuel 24:1–4 (ESV)

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.” Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats’ Rocks.

Step 1: Flaw: Coming after David

Step 2: Assumption: This is wrong!

1 Samuel 24:1–4 (ESV)

And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.

### Radical Submission

- All Authority is set by God

Romans 13.1

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

1 Peter 2:13-15 (ESV)

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

1 Peter 2.18-19

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

- I Submit for this Season
- I Leverage my Influence

### 1 Samuel 24.7

So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

“When I’m handed a decision I think is dumb or wrong or less-than-best, my default is to sit back and throw my hands up. I think, Since this is clearly not going to work, I’ll just sit back and let them see how bad this idea really is. If they wanted this to work, they would’ve invited me to the meeting, and I would’ve given them an idea that would have been great. Instead, I’ll just sit back and watch this train wreck happen.”

Clay Scroggins, How to Lead When You're Not in Charge

- I Lay down my desires
- Allow healthy distance

### 1 Peter 5:5–7 (ESV)

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.