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Who is YOUR King?!?



How to Follow Jesus When our Government Doesn't?



Matthew 22:15-22

Gospel Challenge

2021

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Background and Context

Pharisees VERSUS Herodians

Pharisees + Herodians





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Matthew 22:15



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Matthew 22:16



Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

Matthew 22:17



But Jesus perceived their
wickedness, and said, “Why do you
test Me, *you* hypocrites?”

Matthew 22:18



Show Me the tax money.”
So they brought Him a denarius.

Matthew 22:19



And He said to them,
“Whose image and
inscription *is* this?”

Matthew 22:20



They said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

And He said to
them, “Render therefore to Caesar
the things that are Caesar’s, and to
God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22:21



When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

Matthew 22:22

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Romans 13:1a



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**[GOD] removes kings and
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Daniel 2:22b



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1 Peter 2:17b



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2 Timothy 2:24-25



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A hammer with a wooden handle and a metal head is positioned diagonally across the top of a piece of aged, yellowed parchment. The parchment has a rough, torn edge and is set against a dark, textured background.

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Romans 13:7



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1 Peter 2:13-15a



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Jeremiah 29:7



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Application: Are we responding appropriately toward our governing authorities?



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Matthew 22:21b

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We must obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:29

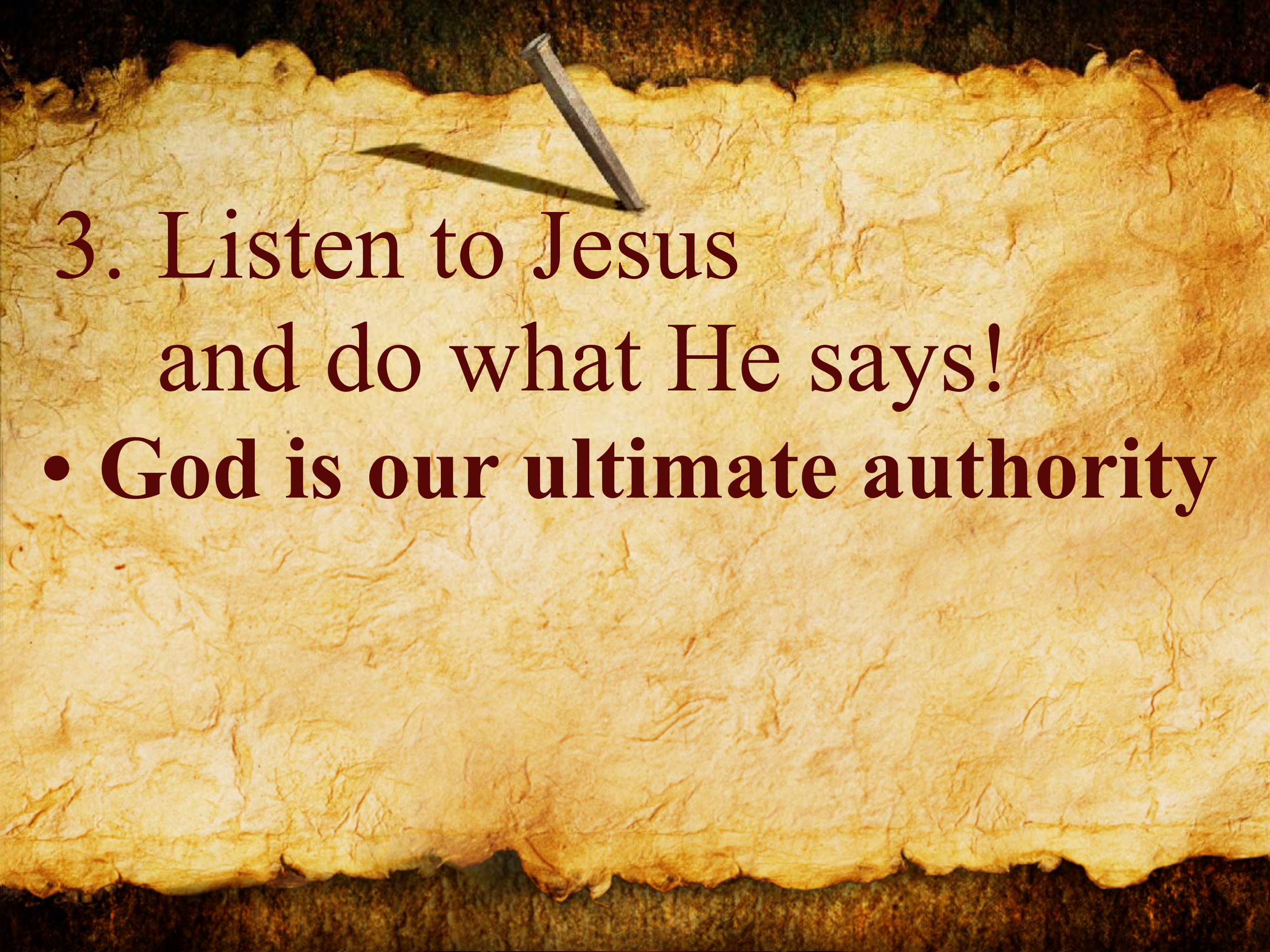




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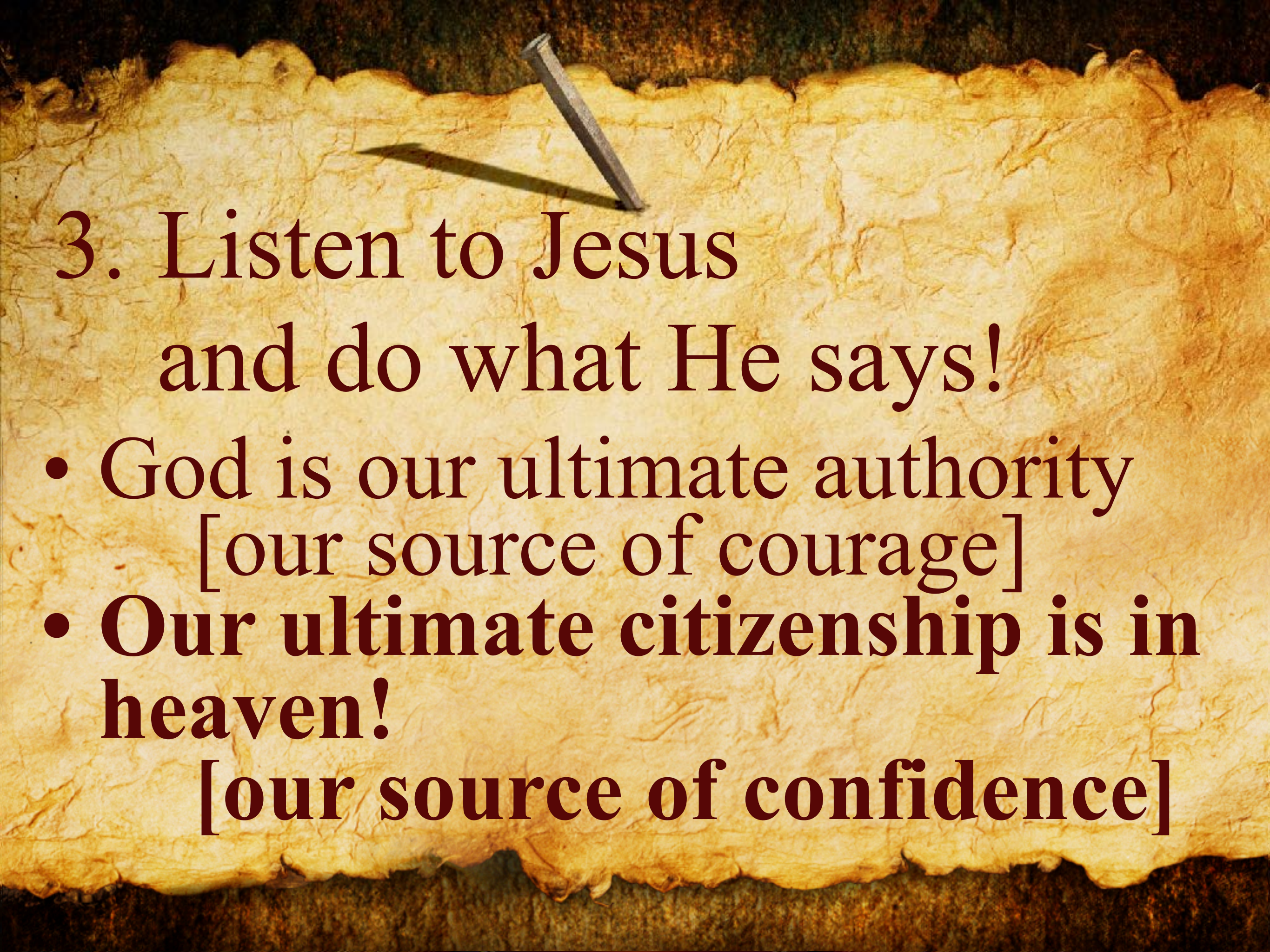
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