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Rocky: Rebel with a New Cause (I Peter 2:13-17)

Warmup: What feelings rise up when you hear the words “submit to authority”?

READ I Peter 2:13-17

- Which governing powers are Christians instructed to submit to according to Peter?
- What does Peter mean by “doing good” as a way to silence ignorance?
- How does Peter describe Christian freedom, and what boundaries does he place around it?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

REFLECT

- Which of these rebellious acts have you personally justified?
 1. Tax law
 2. Traffic laws... speeding, seatbelt not on, driving barefoot
 3. Not getting a building permit
 4. Watering on non-water days
 5. Cheating on job applications or exams
 6. Jaywalking
 7. Littering (two-and four legged)
 8. Not getting license for pets/dogs without leash
 9. Netflixing on someone else's account
 10. Singing Macarena in public
- Why do small acts of resistance matter spiritually?
- How have your experiences shaped your view of authority?
- What authorities in your life do you find hard to submit to? How might surrender become an act of trust?

RESPOND

- What would it look like to fear God in your decisions, even when it clashes with popular opinion?

“To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ.”

- What practical steps can you take to lead in a way that honors both civic authority and Kingdom values?
- How will this passage shape your response to leadership challenges or injustice this month?