

April 19, 2026



# Welcome to Fellowship!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun. Apr. 19 Spanish Bible Study
- Sun. Apr. 19 Foundations Class
- Sun. Apr. 19 Equipped for LIFE
- Sun. Apr. 19 18/24 Group
- Tues. Apr. 21 Adult Bible Studies
- Wed. Apr. 22 Fellowship Kids Ministry
- Wed. Apr. 22 Student-Reach
- Wed. Apr. 22 Adult Bible Studies
- Wed. Apr. 22 GriefShare
- Thur. Apr. 23 MomLIFE
- Sun. Apr. 26 Baptism Sunday
- Sun. Apr. 26 Parenting Class

### Need Assistance?

Visit the South Foyer Welcome Desk and our friendly Welcome Team will be glad to answer any questions or help you find the information you're looking for!

### Need Coffee?

Visit our Café in the North Foyer. Our Hospitality Team is ready to serve you!

### Need Prayer?

If you would like someone to pray with you, our Prayer Team is available at the back of the Worship Center after each service.

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How can believers truly honor God in the way they live under governing authorities? In 1 Peter 2:13–17, we discover how a God-centered life empowers us to reflect Christ in our response to government, our use of freedom, and our treatment of others.

Grant Kaul, Senior Pastor

# God, Government, and Living as Honorable Citizens

1 Peter 2:13-17

How do we glorify God by living as honorable citizens in the country where He has placed us?

1. Submit to governing authorities

2:13-14

*“Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.”*

Romans 13:1

## 4 Ways to Give



In Service

Boxes in Worship Center



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## 2. Serve God freely

2:15-16

*“Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, “Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? “Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.”*

Matthew 22:17–21

## 3. Show proper respect to all people

2:17

***A God-centered focus leads to a  
God-honoring response to human governing authorities.***

### **Take Next Steps**



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## ***My personal application of this passage:***

### **Questions for individual study, small group Bible studies, and LIFE Groups:**

1. Where do you find it most challenging to honor and submit to governing authorities, and what does it look like to do so “for the Lord’s sake” in that situation?
2. How does your relationship with God shape the way you speak about and respond to leaders with whom you disagree?
3. What is one practical way you can pray consistently for those in authority this week?
4. How can you engage cultural or political issues in a way that reflects both truth and Christ-like character?
5. What specific step can you take this week to show honor and respect to someone you would normally overlook or disagree with?



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