

January 29, 2017  
Thrones: Leveraging Authority to Help Others Win  
Part 1: The Most Powerful Person in the Room  
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1. We witnessed several touching baptisms last Sunday. What do you remember from your baptism?
2. The title of the sermon was “The Most Powerful Person in the Room.” In what way do you feel like you could be the most powerful person in a room?
3. Have you ever been in a position to help someone “win”?
4. How did you feel about the Women’s March? Do you think important changes could have been made without the Women’s March to Vote, the Civil Rights marches, or even the not as peaceful Boston Tea Party in protest of the unfairness of King George?
5. Most of us are moved by movies like *Schindler’s List*. Oskar Schindler, an ethnic German businessman, saved the lives of more than a thousand mostly Polish-Jewish refugees from the Holocaust by employing them in his factories.” They were saved from concentrations camps or extermination because Schindler gave “Nazi officials even larger bribes and gifts of luxury items obtainable only on the black market to keep his workers safe.” Before the war was over he had spent his entire fortune on these bribes to save 1200 or more Jews. We are also amazed by people like Corrie Ten Boom and so many others who risked their lives to save others.
  - \*Were these people breaking the law and thus not being submissive to the authorities?
  - \*Did they do right or wrong?
  - \*Do you know of other examples of people who have helped others and by doing so endangered their lives and broke the law?
6. What are some of the things that Ted listed that keep us from being good leaders? **(Fear of not being liked, feeling overwhelmed, avoiding confrontation, following a bad leader, having bad models, never being taught, waiting for someone to tell us to lead.)**
7. Why does Peter tell us to submit to all human authority? **(For the Lord’s sake)** Does submitting exclude peaceful protest or intervening in individual lives?
8. Peter says if we “suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with” us. (I Peter 2:20). Have you ever suffered for doing good? Or do you know someone who has?
9. Read John 13:1-5 and 12-17.

\*What did Jesus washing his disciples dirty feet signify?

\*We have no need to have our feet washed today. Have you done anything that is an equivalent of washing feet?