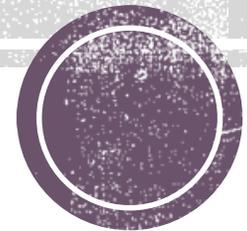
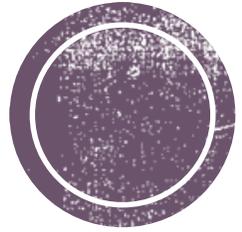


# All Anew: Bible Study #2

**Presenter Kelly Fryer**





**“I tell you, something  
greater than the  
temple is here.”**

**– Mat 12:6**

**Remember, this is God’s gig –  
and let that set you free.**



**Don't you dare  
disengage.**

**“...be subject to the governing  
authorities, for there is no authority  
except from God.” - Romans 13**

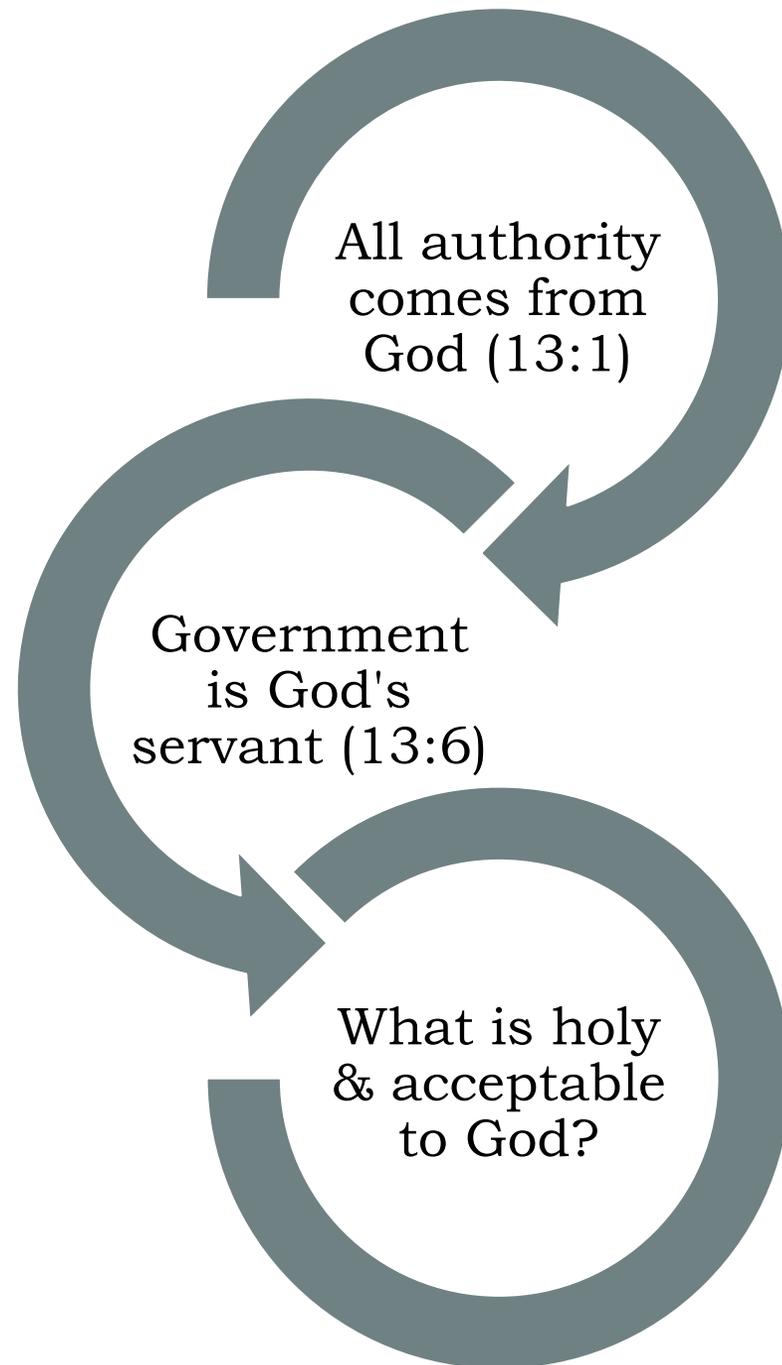
**Pay your taxes.**

**Be a good citizen.**

**Respect & honor those in authority when it is due.**

**Hold your leaders accountable.**

**- Romans 13**



**All those under God's authority – including government – are expected to:**

- Be humble & sober (12:3)
- Use gifts for good of community (12:6-8)
- Give to those in need (12:13)
- Live in harmony (12:16)
- Leave vengeance to the Lord (12:19)
- Welcome those who are different (14:1-6)
- Make peace (14:19)
- Don't impose your religion on others (14:1-16)



# What can I do?

- Get informed at **BolderAdvocacy.org**
- Form an advocacy committee
- Partner with nonpartisan groups like League of Women Voters, YWCA and host issue forums & candidate forums
- Register to vote and vote, in every election, in every single race
- Focus on the ISSUES and become a source of knowledge for your network



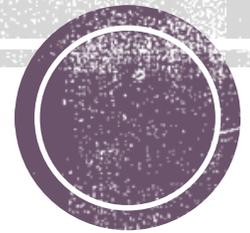
2

# Get woke.

**“...you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake up from sleep. For salvation is nearer to you than when we became believers; the night is far gone and the day is near.” - Romans 13:11-12**

**Here is a terrible fact:  
Nobody sleeps better than  
white people.**

**That ought to wake us up.**



# What can I do?

- Don't ask your friends of color to do it for you. Use google.
- Start a Movie Club: Good Hair, Moonlight, 13<sup>th</sup>, I Am Not Your Negro, Hidden Figures, Loving
- Start a Book Club: Waking Up White, The Fire Next Time, Between the World & Me, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, The New Jim Crow
- Find a YWCA that has anti-racism programs or a SURJ group to join, or an online class you can take



**3**

**Decide right now to  
be good, rather  
than nice.**

**“Let no one’s heart fail because of  
[the giant]; your servant will go and  
fight with him.” – 1 Samuel 17**

# What's the difference?

## Nice

- Avoids controversy & runs from conflict
- “That’s OK,” even when it’s not
- Doesn’t risk upsetting the status quo
- Worries about “what the neighbors think”
- Let’s you run all over her

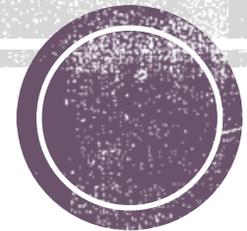
## Good

- Does what matters.
- Knows there are more important things than your reputation or wallet
- Loves EVERYONE - and will stand with those who are being putting down or hurt
- Speak up even when she’s scared for what is right



**I'm talking to you, my  
white sisters.**

**We all have a lot of work to do.**



# What can I do?

- Find a “good buddy” – practice on and support each other, and hold each other accountable
- Make your church a “No Niceness Zone”
- Call people in when they say/do things out of ignorance – call out microaggressions every single time
- Tell your pastor that you’ll have her/his back if she/he leaves nice behind for good, too.



# Maybe start here.

OPINION > COLUMNISTS

## Hebda, Lull, Svennungsen, Harpstead, Marx: Standing together to oppose proposals that would leave Americans uninsured



By [BERNARD HEBDA](#), [PATRICIA LULL](#), [ANN SVENNUNGENSEN](#), [JODI HARPSTEAD](#) AND [TIM MARX](#) |

July 14, 2017 at 12:41 am

Lutherans and Catholics have had their differences over the past 500 years, but we have



**4**

**Always take the side  
of those who have  
been sidelined.**

**“Just as you did it to one of the least  
of these who are members of my  
family, you did it to me.” - Matthew 25**

# This is where God can always be found.

- “Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land’” (Deuteronomy 15:11).
- “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full” (Proverbs 19:17).
- “Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you” (Matthew 5:42).
- “Sell your possessions, and give [to the poor]” (Luke 12:33b).
- “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them...to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share...” (1 Timothy 6:17–18).



# What can I do?

- Listen • Honor • Respect • Learn
- Ask your friends holy troublemaking questions like:
  - ✓ Have we ever asked the folks who come to our food bank what they really need? Or what they have to offer, or share with others?
  - ✓ I've noticed that the lines have gotten longer since our state cut services. What can we do about that?



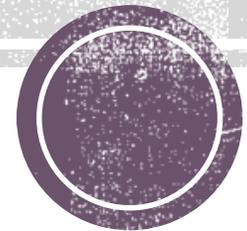
**5**

**Amplify the voices that have not been heard – those are the folks through whom God most often speaks.**

**“The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth...” -  
Micah 1**

**When you're with people of color, talk less and listen more. When you're with white people, SPEAK UP.**

**A good rule of thumb.**



# What can I do?

- Find out who in your community is already doing justice work – go ask how you can help
- Use your privilege to make space for others – ask “why aren’t there any young people on this committee?”, “how about letting someone new do...?”, “don’t you think we need a different perspective?”

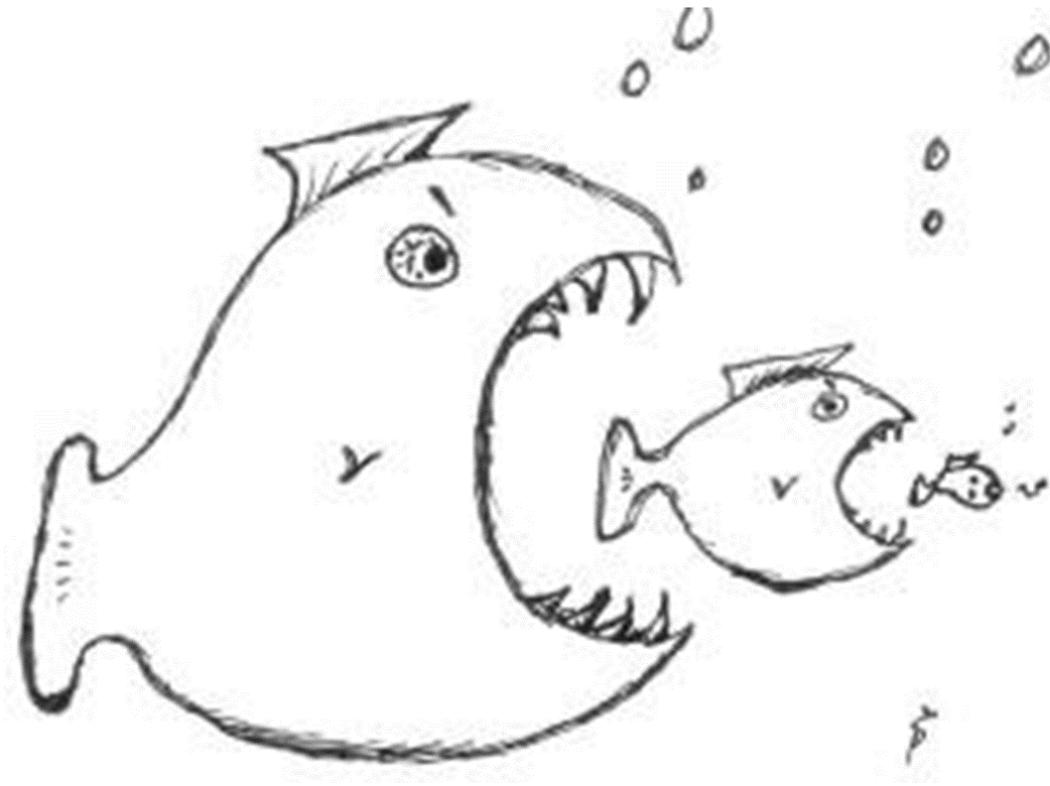




# Never forget who you are.

**“Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our dear brother. To Philemon, our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house.” - Philemon 1:1-3**

**No wonder everyone's so  
afraid.**



**But this is the world God  
actually made.**



# What can I do?

- Tally up what you have to lose and ask, “What’s the worst that can happen?”
- Go for a walk in a cemetery and think about what you want to be remembered for
- Look for new friends, collaborators, co-conspirators --- especially those who are taking action, on the front lines, who can help you feel brave



# Some things to think about:

- Where are you being called to stir up trouble, as part of God's mission to love, save and bless the world?
- Are you ready? If not, who can you ask for help and support?
- How can you help and support your fellow troublemakers back home?

