



Power of the Cross: The Trial

INTRODUCTION

There are times in life when we all need to be reminded just exactly Who it is that is truly in control. The power of the cross is an absolute power that anyone can find rest and confidence in.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you were intimidated by a person, place, or thing? How did this intimidation affect your decision?
2. Has there ever been a time when you felt God made a mistake or was not in complete control of what was happening in your life? If you answered yes, please explain why you felt this way.
3. In the message, Jon said: "God still has the whole world in His hands...This includes YOUR world." Do you have a hard time believing this at times? Why or why not?
4. Read [John 19:5-11](#). What was Jesus answer when Pilot said that he had the power to crucify Jesus? Why is this answer significant to you and I?
5. Read [Romans 13:1](#). Where does any and all authority come from? With this truth in mind, how should you view the different authorities in your life?
6. How can the truth that God is the One who has all authority and power help you deal with people, places, and things in your life?

MOVING FORWARD

If we are going to live in the power of the cross it means we must move from fear to faith. It means that we realize, like Jesus reminds us here today, that anywhere where we go, anyone or anything we encounter, anything we come up against... God rest supremely over it all.

God says in [Romans 13:1](#) that all authority is subject to and under His authority. This means that when we submit to the authority , we receive blessings and safety of God.

We live in the power of the cross when we live in this confidence:

God is in absolute control and nothing happens in His world by mistake.

This means:

- There are no such things as mistakes with God. He doesn't and can't make them.
- Nothing about you is a mistake to God.
- Nothing or no one has power over you that God does not have power over.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. - [Romans 13:1](#) (ESV) .