

Broken Signposts: POWER

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Today we conclude this sermon series: Broken Signposts

We have explored how Justice, Love, Spirituality, Beauty, Freedom & Truth were created in God's good world but were broken in Garden due to sin. But, because of Resurrection, those still echoing Signposts of God's good world instinctively call us as we embrace our long created vocation. Our Final Signpost is no different: It is POWER.

- **God Created Humans to Exercise _____.**

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:26

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴**what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

⁵You have made them a little lower than the angels and **crowned them with glory and honor.** ⁶**You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:** ⁷**all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.**

⁹LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:3-9

"Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

²**May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice."**

Psalm 72:1-2

"For **he will deliver the needy** who cry out, **the afflicted who have no one to help.**

¹³He **will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.**

¹⁴He will **rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight."** Psalm 72:12-14

"Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen." Psalm 72:19

- **In Jesus, _____ is Revealed.**

"Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶Jesus said, "**My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."** John 18:33-36

"Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

¹¹Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?" John 18:10-11

- **Exercising Dominion now in the Kingdom of God must _____ the King.**

Christ-followers face 3 Decisions with respect to Kingdom and Power:

Decision to _____

Decision to Rule through _____.

"When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
John 21:15

Decision to Rule by the _____ of the Holy Spirit

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth."** John 16:12-13a

Conclusion: Are you prepared to step up to Rule God's Way?

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