

HOPE and
HOLINESS
in a hostile world

STUDIES IN 1 PETER

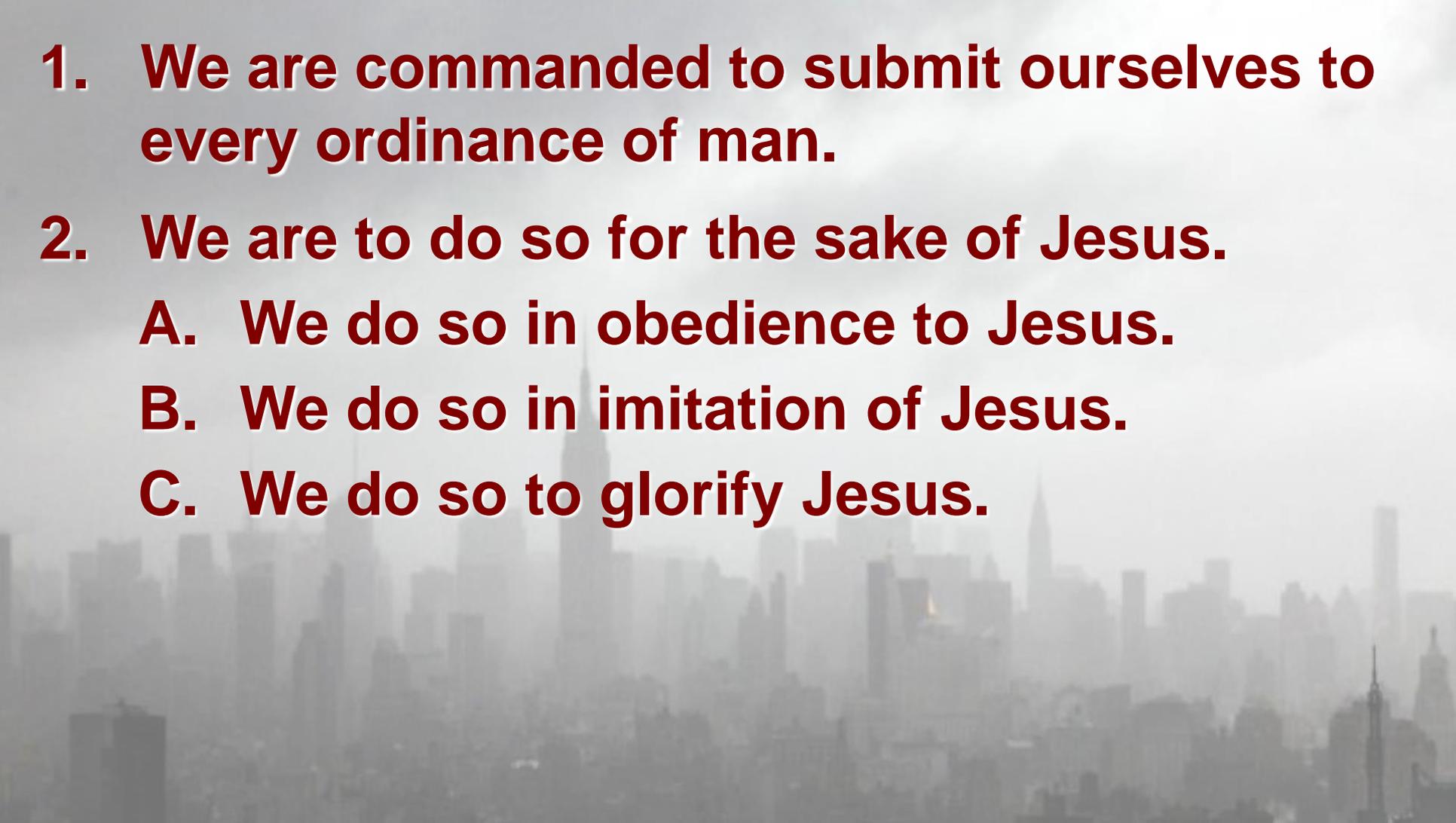
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*Living in Submission
to Human Government*

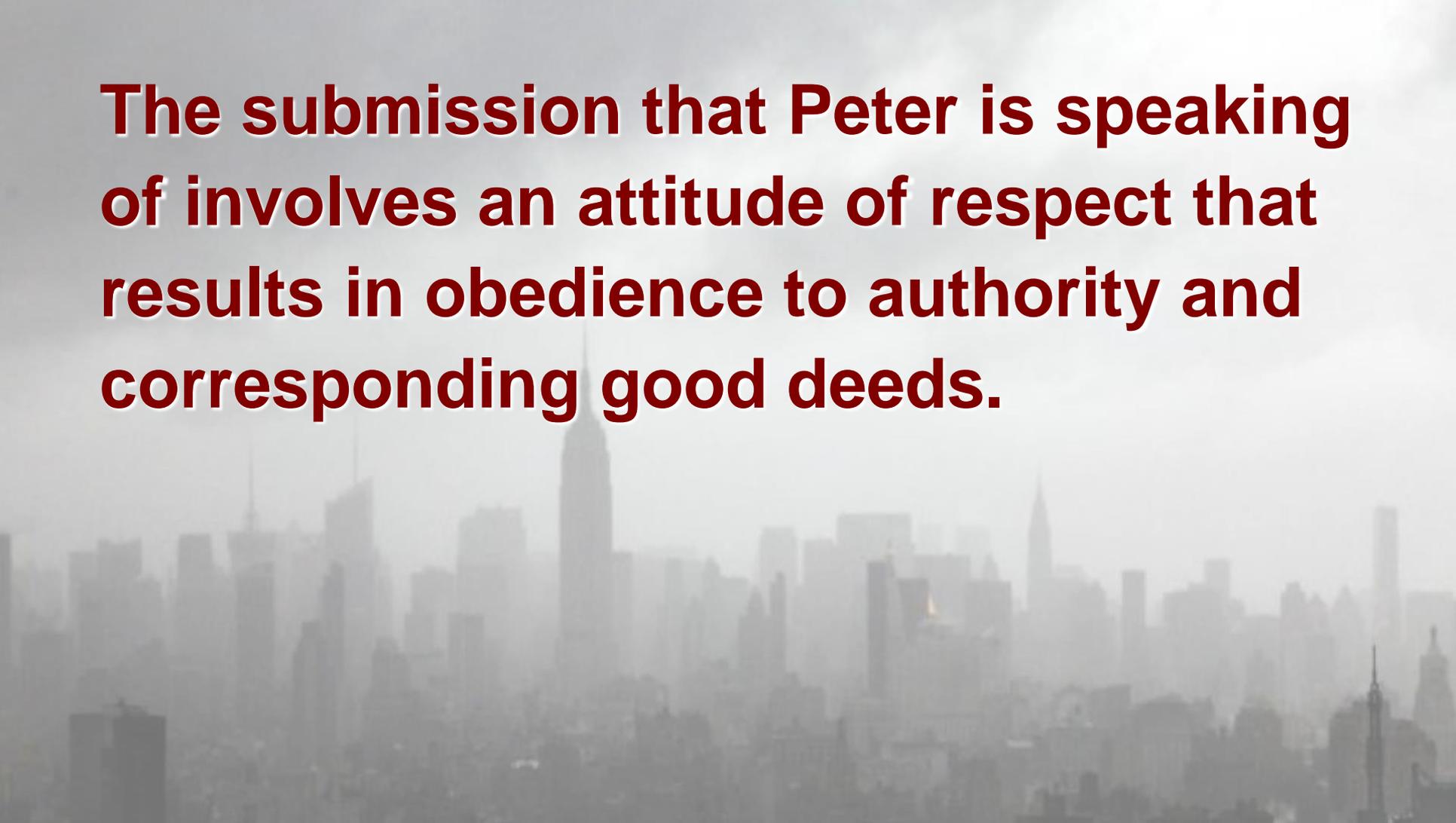
1 Peter 2:13-17

Peter presents our obligation to influence others for Christ in three “arenas” ...

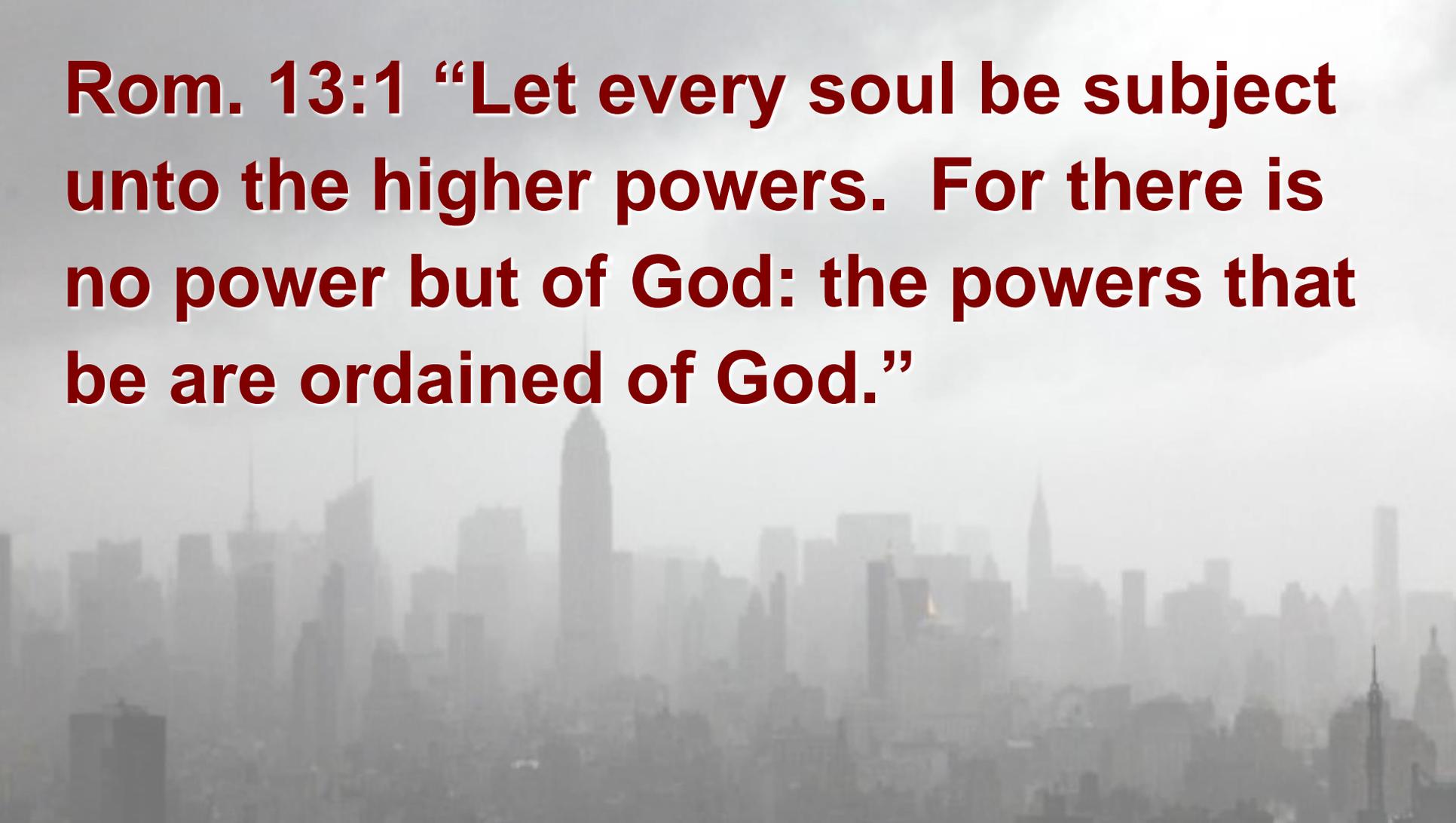
- Strangers & Pilgrims on this earth (11-12)**
- Citizens of our earthly societies (13-17)**
- Servants in our earthly relationships (18-20)**

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- 1. We are commanded to submit ourselves to every ordinance of man.**
 - 2. We are to do so for the sake of Jesus.**
 - A. We do so in obedience to Jesus.**
 - B. We do so in imitation of Jesus.**
 - C. We do so to glorify Jesus.**

The submission that Peter is speaking of involves an attitude of respect that results in obedience to authority and corresponding good deeds.



Rom. 13:1 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”



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- 3. We are to do so for two reasons ...**
 - A. Because it is the will of God.**
 - B. Because it demonstrates the transforming power of the Gospel.**
- 4. We are to do so gladly, with a willing heart.**