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Scripture: Ephesians 1:19-21 / 1 Tim 6:15-16 / Matt. 16:24

TITLE: Jesus Our King

Who's the King? That's a song my kids learned at Vacation Bible School a number of years ago. They sing "Whos' the King of the jungle? Whos' the King of the sea? Who's the King of the universe? And who's the King of me? His name is JESUS, YES!"

What an important truth for them to learn at such a young age. Jesus is King. But, if they're like most people, they'll forget "who is the King of the universe, and of you and me". I know I have, and I still do. That's why it's so important for us to go back to the Bible and remind ourselves who Jesus is. Jesus is the King.

Ephesians 1:19-21 (NLT) says, "I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come."

Jesus Christ came to Earth to seek and save the lost. Jesus is fully God and now fully man. He is our Savior. He is our Redeemer. He is our empathetic Priest, and He is also King. That's why Paul says He is seated at the right hand of God. He's above any governor, senator, president, prime minister, or king or queen. His Kingship will never end. It will never end by the term, by vote, or by impeachment. He is King.

1 Timothy 6 says, "At just the right time, Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. ¹⁶ He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen." (1 Tim 6:15-16).

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In other words, I am not. And you are not. Jesus is good. Jesus is perfect. Jesus is kind, compassionate, full of mercy and grace. And thankfully, He is just and impartial.

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself and pick up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24b). So we must follow Jesus and go where He calls - Because that is what servants of the King do.

And when you have a good King, it's not only our duty, but it's our pleasure. Because He will take care of us and pour out blessings upon us.

So here's my challenge for you today. Say "no" to yourself and say "yes" to King Jesus. Ask Him where it is He wants you to go. What is it He wants you to do? Maybe it's simply being a better steward of the resources He's given you. Maybe it's in forgiving someone or asking for forgiveness. Maybe it's opening your dinner table to a shut-in down the street.

Ask Him for direction and then lovingly follow.

Someone once said, "It's good to be the king." From where I'm standing, It's better to be following the King.