



AGE OF KINGS, Part 1: Resistance is Futile

INTRODUCTION

It's good to be king because kings are autonomous and unaccountable, right? A king doesn't obey the law; he makes the law. And when the law gets in his way, he breaks it. But there's a simple lesson that kings never seem to learn: rebellion against God *always* leads to pain.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you watched someone else make a poor choice. Did you try to intervene? What happened?
2. In this message, Andy says, "God doesn't have to punish us because sin bears its own consequences." How does this change your view of sin? How does it change your view of God?
3. When have you told yourself you could manage the consequences of your own sin? What was the result? Looking back, in what way did God offer you a way out?
4. Why is it so difficult for us to bow our knee to God and acknowledge our dependence on him?
5. Read Revelation 3:19. Why would God rebuke those he loves?
6. In what area of your life are you trying to maintain autonomy? What can you do this week to repent and make things right with God and others?

MOVING FORWARD

You belong to God. He loves you. You have to decide whether to humble yourself to him or press on and eventually suffer the consequences of your attempts to be autonomous. God didn't spare his own Son to gain your salvation. He won't spare your wealth, health, or marriage to get your attention.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:19-20