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So here we are. We are in the um, page 33 has types of lawful resistance tactics. Uh, and this is specifically, uh, resistance taxi resistance tactics for individuals. Um, we did speak previously about Um, individuals being rather different than specific offices.

So, this is how he he denominates it. It's, it's individuals versus actually BP says churches. Um, but So what, we'll get into the beginning here, 33. Um, excuse me, we're going to start on page 34. The the next section he had was evangelized, and disciple as a Uh, resistance tactic.

Matter of fact, I think it's more like a invade tactic, like we're more like on the offensive in this one rather than the defensive but either way, Um, He has some some points about, um, Uh, Jonah called the degenerate Pagan Nations, innovate repentance. And the, the people of Nineveh believe God proclaimed fast and put on sackcloth and Grace, at least of them, the king himself repented.

Commanded everyone to cry mightily to God. Yes. Let everyone turn from his evil way. Um, I think a lot of this, I think his last point, his last full sentence here. I think is actually helpful. Do we believe most helpful believe that God's word is powerful enough to accomplish this again.

Um he we can tend towards um kind of pragmatism in this kind of thing. Like things are getting really bad, we ought to start evangelizing. So it gets better, you know. So food can be more plentiful. Um, people can stop saying silly things and going by weird pronouns and like that.

That's a very bad risk, you know, this is a horrible. Use of the Gospel. As a matter of fact, it's not a use of of the preaching of the Gospel preaching. The gospel is its own end. You know saving Sinners for the glory of God not for Making better voters for the next round or making better citizens for your, for your neighbors.

So he not say he does necessarily head that way, but there's something we always want to Edge away from when we're talking about um You know, the salvation of Eternal Souls under the glory of God, and you're really just concerned about your neighbor, mowing his yard faster or sooner or your magistrate not.

Um, Being such a goofball and saying silly things. Um, so I do think evangelizing disciple is really should be capitalized and bolded even more than it already is. Um, this is the church's response. In in, in every situation whether that be tyranny or free and just Society. Um, this is really the real test of our faith.

If we, if we put all the weight down on this, Um, evangelized would be preached, the gospel, right? Now that, that word gospel is in that evangelized word. So this is the real test for faith. Whether we believe that the gospel will do what God said it will. That's that's this is the test.

Um, When faced with tyranny, from above disintegration all around cowardice, in the pulpits, laxity and the worship of God, do we believe that the gospel of Christ is effectual and salvation

And that saved regenerate men, make better rulers order rather than deteriorate their environment and culture stand boldly against evil weather.

Um, standing with an army or a contromundum and approach god with fear and awe. Do we believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer to our current situation and I've seen lots of bumper stickers, that say this, that make me not want to say, Jesus is the answer.

But uh, I still kind of have to agree and say that Jesus is the answer. It's not fun but you know acquiesce and I'll just say it uh we we may not presume that God will work such a work of Revival as to turn. Um, Turn us from our slide into Oblivion.

Like you did Nineveh like he did nations of old peoples of old. Um, but I'd rather be like Jonah, I'd rather be well convinced. Of which is not something. I'll say very often in many topics, but this is one I would rather be like Jonah in his merely in his belief that God was a gracious.

God, he was scared at what would happen if he went and actually did what God Said, he knew how merciful and how gracious, and how good, and what kind of work God could work in a society and he was terrified, he would do it. I would rather be on that side than on the other side.

Uh, trembling in fear wondering if I were to speak up uh would God actually work? And and whether when I speak up, they kill me or whether I speak up the entire nation repents like with Jonah. I know that a work of God will happen when I preach the gospel, right?

So, that's, that's the approach that I think is I just, I, I wish the section were a little bigger, more more emphasis on it honestly, because I think this is the, the, a huge, uh, portion of our response. Um, Move on to rebuke protest cry out this on page 35.

He gets to here. Um, from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is full of rebukes against unjust, tyrannical authorities, of course, this is true. Um, we have lots of examples, we've gone over most of them, but I'll go real quick. Uh, Daniel called Nebuchadnezzar. Off your sins by being righteous in your iniquities, by showing Mercy to the poor.

Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your Prosperity. John the Baptist tribute teradan Antipas for his incestuous marriage. And lost his head for it, you know. So, An important caveat and I think this is uh, Dr. Kaiser takes a moment to speak to our hearts, which I think is very helpful.

Reminder, Exodus 22, 8 commands us. You shall not revile. God nor curse a ruler of your people. Christians, General disposition to rulers should be one of respect and submission. So I think keeping this in mind is is essential for our reactive. Hearts, a reflexive Hearts, who, who long for their what to do, what they want to do.

We need to remember that. Patience. And long-suffering is something that is necessary with every Um, Honest every relationship, right? Every relationship, you have patience. And long-suffering is the, that's the Plum line. You you need to walk that line all the time. Certainly no less true with your magistrate and certainly more when he is theoretical.

Um, just like it's the Kings responses. I'll add to Dr. Kaiser here. Just like it's the king's responsibility to obey the law. So does our responsibility to rebuke the king when he disobeys the law. Um, We ought not whine and fuss. Um, go about dejected. Shake our fists. As I was saying last few last times.

You know, this kind of tantrum mindset, but rather remember that God has placed us here in that job. In that state. And that's nation town Social Service Etc or whatever is over you that that would be tyrannical again speaking. Specifically about governments obviously but there are other ways in which people can Be tyrants.

Uh, and we ought to protest when evil happens. We Define Evil by what God calls evil and my household. We can't say we hate anything. We only hate what God hates. So you do not hate brussels sprouts, you don't like them. God loves brussels sprouts. We can't say you hate Brussels sprout.

Kind of the same things. God God says, evil is evil. So, as the king does evil, Um, It is not merely the king's whim to do evil or good, he must do good. Uh, it is not our Whim to rebuke or not. It is our responsibility, we must speak.

Um, I do think that it's it's very worth saying that you may lose your head. But also your head made that may be just the right place for your head not on your shoulders anymore. So this is something we need to come to grips with uh, that the consequences of such responsibilities could be grave.

Um, But, But such is ours to. These are our responsibilities and whatever those cost. We'll do them. Gladly Expose and denounce rulers sin. This is obviously an interesting one in our current political situation. Um, when you've got two men who are equally despicable who've run for equally, I don't know.

You could argue about how despicable, but either way equally despicable, uh, who run for the largest public office in the nation. And, uh, and you know, you can't really stand listening or looking at either of them, for any length of time because they're, you know, so I think that, um, this is a difficult one.

But this is why a free press and free speech, uh, was written into our nation's founding and both have been degraded, uh, for Generations now. From within the government and without So uh Dr. Kaiser says, when rulers are in sin exposure of their sins, to the public is a valid option, he cites Ezekiel 8.

Matthew 23. And um, Ephesians 5 11. Uh, Ephesians 5 11. I didn't really see the lineup so much and have no fellowship with the unproof force of Darkness, but rather expose them, of course, as a principle. Yes, but not necessarily talking about Uh, tyrants are the magistrate. Um and then he breaks it in I I've broken this into two categories of kind of hard resistance and soft resistance.

He doesn't say that but this is the line where I would say, um, Hard resistant start to deceive or hide disobey and flee. These are kind of the, you know, these are the visceral real observable. Uh um, Types of resistance, right? So deceiver Hyde again, more examples we've used before but worth restating Gideon hides.

His crops from the midianite government. Michelle or however you say that, A David's wife. Deceived her father King Saul enabling David to escape from Saul Jonathan to the same. Uh, Hebrew midwives Rahab. Obviously the certain deceived the government of Jericho. To help the Israelite spies. So, Um, you know, it's not the kind of just it's the kind of Deceit, that's okay.

And that's an interesting line to walk, actually, because in war or even in a sport, if I'm playing football, I don't want you to know my next play and I don't think that's a sin. Uh, you know, right if I'm in war, if I, you know, I don't want you to know my, I'm going to try to deceive you about, what my next move is and that's not a sin.

So these are, um, these are interesting lines to walk but this is when when a leader has strayed into own a magister straight into. Tyranny. Um, these These are these are lines. We have to walk and they're not always. Um, easy to find so deceiving and hiding is absolutely on the table for us.

Um, It. Yeah, just disobeying I think was is obviously much more straightforward. Just not obeying. What? What the magistrate says Um, Heber midwives, Moses parents again. These are obviously pretty similar. You, you deceive. You you disobey by deceiving, right? That makes sense. The wise men for me is clearly disobey Herod.

They did not go back and tell him where the baby was uh, Apostles in Acts 4 and 5, I would dare say that the the apostles in Acts 4 5 are really One of the best examples we have of Seeing the kill or die line. I call it the killer die line.

Either I kill her, I die. Here. I'm not moving anywhere. This is where I stand. It's the Martin Luther line of. Okay. I'll die. That's fine. Here, I stand, I can do no other. So I think the apostles are a really great example, better than Martin Luther even, uh, of of our, our dial line.

This is it, we'll die here. That's okay with me. If this is what God has given me. This is where I stand. So we need to have that that place where we just disobey and say I can't I can't do that. So whatever you've got for me I'll take it.

That's I'm good with that. So um That, that really is. That's, that's a line. We all need to kind of get comfortable with a concept. We need to get comfortable with um, And that of course, should stem from not merely. Our um, stubborn heart or um kind of grumpy bitter heart towards them.

Towards evil committed against us, but rather our obedience to God. Um, Something I I keep in mind on this whole topic is, is our Disobedience. Specifically in in this hard resistance, Disobedience category. She always come from. A heart to obey, God. So it's it sounds kind of obvious, but I think it's a, it's a good distinction to make is that you should Um, your your Disobedience comes from an affirmative place.

Not a negative place though, a negative comes out of it. Your actual desire is to please God. Um so so that's that's where your your momentum is towards obeying God and because I'm doing that I'm not going to do that. Not merely this kind of stubborn um mule-like for yesterday's celebrations.

I guess uh kind of resistance of no, I'm not going to go that way. But rather no, I must go this way because I must obey, so I must disobey it's kind of this necessary consequence of a greater obedience. David, yeah, something I, I guess the way I describe that is more about.

An office offensive resistance, as opposed to a defensive resistance. There are times like in battle where you're on the offense but you want to do it, tactical Retreat, to draw the enemy in, you know, that would be considered defensive resistance. And I the other thing that I was going to say that I think is interesting even within the history of Presbyterians.

P, you go back and you look. He Associated churches, where the a came from. Their position was. We will work with the government where we can't have disobeying God, in areas. We can't. We will not work. Whereas the Uh, in the ARP which is what is reform? They took one position of Unless government completely reforms and obeys all God's law law, we'll have nothing to do with it.

And so that group the they are from which are our country which still exists uh Today, I think it was up until 1940 in the United States would not vote, right? Because they said, government will not totally conform to the law of God, which You know, just because government doesn't doesn't mean there's biblings, the law of God, but So they, they would not right.

So, You know, that's the thing to consider because they're here two, good roots. Yeah. That have very different opinion. Um, outside of the mere Southern politics of, um, war between the states. We obviously have the abolitionists versus Um, incrementalists. So um, you know, Wilberforce Uh was not an abolitionist yet he was the most effective man in ending the slave trade on the planet.

So, So yeah, no, it would be it would be that. And I'm not saying by principle, which one's right. I would I would tend towards incrementalism, but, um, Abolitionism might be the right response. It takes wisdom. I think. Yeah. But so I increment incrementalism would say it's okay to take a small gain.

If we can take a small gain today, that means we can take another game tomorrow. And we didn't get the whole thing, but we're gonna get it, you know, we're gonna we're gonna March that way, whereas abolitionism has this kind of a very curious about what David said, this kind of All or Nothing response of no, they will do all of it or we'll won't participate at all.

There's a certain amount of crossing my arms and stamping my feet, that kind of, that's that's the feeling I get from that position. I don't I don't love it. Obviously, the abolitionists of America were generally Progressive and not Christian uh of any faithful sort. But again, I'm speaking in generalities because we can't go into that.

It might be a worthy topic to look into brother. Going to say, although in the abolitionists, in regards to the war between the states, they violated a whole bunch of other rights this is. Yeah, this is the problem. Yeah, you see this is, this is how it goes with and Pastor and I were talking about this before when you hyper focus on one thing.

Um, Theology reactionary, frankly, War reaction or anything, right? We all reaction is not good to think that your reaction is great. Is to presume too much of your flesh. That's what I would say. You, you should, you know, the react, not uh, respond, not react. Kind of principle. I think that that's that's really what's at play here?

Yeah. The the when you hyper focus on one thing and react according to your greatest, um, Affection. And, you know, the abolitions of abolitionist affections were disordered here. There were essentially humanists, right? They're progressives. Um they were they were not Christians by any means. Um again speaking, broadly there might have been an abolitionist out there who was faithful that I don't know about but Broadly and a long time ago so yes a different topic but yeah, incrementalism versus abolitionism is definitely a valuable thing to look into.

Um what's, what's would be worth? And also takes a good amount of wisdom in the moment. Consider, Um, so those are kind of the hard hard lines of resistance Sir. Brother. You. Playing out of the incrementalism. Sanctity of The 15 weeks 10 week the sixth week the exceptions. Yeah.

You know, six weeks is better than ten, right? Yeah, of course the principles itself has not been Broken. Yeah. I don't know why is there men than me ought to talk on this? I would say um, I I so I will point out a few things. It's kind of difficult to get behind.

The increment. In the sense of you could, You could give it support because it's better than that, right? But To go campaign on incrementalism is kind of a different story. I don't think you

could do. Abolitionism or incrementalism ultimately or like across the board. I think it matters per um, situation, but it matters actually more per principle.

So the principle of this faculty of life is is a big one. We're not going to go John Brown and go murder, a bunch of people because um because people were not free. Yeah, so so I don't know. So um, if sorry I want to put on a few practical points as far as this goes, um, we did do incrementalism and we had the Supreme Court overturn in unjust law and that was not abolitionism.

It wasn't. It's still legal in a bunch of states and there's still greater threat now from a tyrannical. Senior citizen in the White House, who wants to make it code into law now, which previously wasn't an option, right? Um, so so there's this, you know, there's, there's, there's so much give and take there, but incrementalism.

Yeah itself, I would say is more often than not The the go-to of course there are lines again that are the dye line of. Well, I'm not moving from here. This must be or I'm gonna go Right. You know, and that of course that exists, but I think most of the time you want to uh patients along suffering, would necessitate going incrementally.

Um, But of course with with murder kind of hard to go incrementally, isn't it? It's hard to feel like going incrementally as wise or worth anything. Yeah, exactly. Some of them are rather straightforward, aren't they? Phil, yes. I agree. Yes, sir. Just happens because you brought up a point.

Oh boy. The Supreme Court 1973 versus Wayne. We are ignorant as people, they rigor, an opinion, an opinion is not, yeah, the state governments. And the people could have said, yes, there's lots of places where we have failed as a people and Not as a institution. Passive resistance. Well, you could have said, no, but we legitimized, right?

We think they're philosopher Kings and kind of treat them as such Right. Yes. Um, I think that specifically if I can tie it back to to our topic here, um, would go to the doctrine, lesser managements in our entrance of it. Because really we should have said, okay, the Supreme Court has just done something insane.

They've they've lost their mind. They've lost the plot. Um, we we need to now start engaging other courts to to to, you know to um Other legislators of the courts, uh, sheriffs Governors Mayors to to start, um, defending the rights of the people because there are tyrants who are trying to, you know, that kind of thing.

So that that all would have been an amazing reaction. I am not up on the topic as far as all the moves that happened as far as what I knew very little, I know of the topic, the church was largely asleep and ineffective in that moment uh, of our of our culture.

Um, Yeah. So but not not any Authority on it. Understood that. To an extent greater than Yes, yes. And even to this day they obviously it's a that's a that's a large topic for them. It's only that anyway, okay, don't make fun of the papers man. Don't make fun of the papists, it's just too easy.

Um, so So, um, So, yes, I think that's all the hard. Um, Stop flee when they persecute you. Flee into another city, obviously Christ commanded this. Um, thus if the government commands you to turn yourself into be jailed or executed, there are circumstances where Christ says it's legitimate to run.

I think this is valuable. I think we see it many times in. Pre and post Reformation kind of period, we see guguenots and Piedmontes and waldensies, and lots of different people groups running and being shrewd, which is the next topic, you know fleeing as necessary. Then coming back as another, you know, the king dies in another law is passed and they're able to, um, so a lot of kind of shrewd.

Um, Moves have been done in church history of course as well as more importantly in inspired scripture. David's flight from Saul is a classic example. Disobedience to a tyrant while still honoring the timer. I would say, still honoring the office. Frankly, I think he said honoring the Tyrant, don't love that.

Honoring the office. I think really is the truth of it. But either way, he says it, how he says it. Um, so now we're going to get into the more shrewd or the softer forms of resistance. I think would be helpful way to think of it, use of the law of the land.

So at my, at my current company, um, I am not as as Desired because of my color of skin. I have appealed to the law. It's it's I'm very public about it so I don't really mind saying it on a recorded thing. Uh, Hr knows my name. Uh, so I Speed, dialab Island, speed dotting uh, so so yeah.

Um so I actually am appealing right to the law of the land. That's illegal 1964 Civil Rights Act. Um, that's a just law praise God for that law, that it was worded. Well, it makes a lot of sense in a lot of ways, so, I actually appealed to it.

Um, I'm not pursuing any kind of legal action against my company, but I am appealing the law that they stand under and act, like they represent. In that case, I won't talk anymore about that, but I'm saying I am using the law of the land being shrewd to I'm not defending myself for righteousness sake.

It's actually rather arbitrary just the color of my skin, but either way, I'm defending myself with the law of the land. Hire a lawyer or use the law against the government. Um actually obviously Paul did this avoid discouraging by appealing to his rights as a Roman citizen, I was such a peculiar event as such an interesting event where Paul was like, well you can't do that because he never gets scared and all the implications of that play out really well for Paul actually in in the short run.

So um, Uh besides appealing to Caesar in Acts, 25 fossil Paul frequently studied the persecutors by appealing their laws, Paul's appeal, to Caesar also gained in more chances, to preach the gospel before heads of state. That's what I'm talking about. Um, Yeah. Just mix them all up so you can get in front of more of them, preach the gospel.

Um and this is uh it comes brings me my next Point Wicked people against each other and I would dare say uh he mentions the culture war here, which I think is actually very helpful. So, we have Um, We have lots of competing World Views, that are kind of the darling of, of the establishment, the darling of the elites.

Um but not many of them actually fit together, very nicely. So using them against each other is actually fantastic and actually rather entertaining most of the time not that you should do it for entertainment but it is entertaining. So obviously, feminism in in the trans idea, transgender idea. Are obviously incredibly antithetical.

So it's always entertaining when my company, the darling, one of the darling companies of Wall Street and all these different media companies love us. And Always talking about it and and

really neither of those things. Mix. So I've I've kind of skated by using both of them to not acquiesce to either.

Um, so it's actually been helpful for me to pit evil ideas against each other. So, um, to navigate tyranny. Um, Obviously. Um, Yeah so pitting pitting the the wicket against each other. It works rather well Uh, in getting them to in-fight and usually uh will allow more opportunities to preach.

The only gospel that will save you the group. Yes. Moving on to the next one, appeal to civil Ops. I won't say any more about that because I'll go on. Um, I will digress appeal to other Civic officers to help. And this is where we get the doctor. Now, for Lesser magistrates, this is the point.

Interposition, and all these kinds of things we need, we need this. This part, um, A lot. Um, Pastor has been helpful in a lot of ways but one of the things he said was all all magistrates are Leicester magistrates except Christ. You know, I thought was kind of funny but also has a has a good point.

So um, we're coming to the near the the end of my time here. So I'm gonna get to, um, Yes, God has placed you under magistrates under a plethora of magistrates. Not many of them are not tyrannical in our dates. You you have lived under tyranny, your entire life.

Covet is not the beginning of the tyranny. You've lived under Our president has been able to declare war by himself for years for decades. Now, that's that's tyrannical. Declaring war for one, man. Declaring war for an entire nation is tyrannical. We knew it when we founded the nation, that's why Congress was supposed to do it, right?

This was one. I'm not going to go through a bunch of examples. That's one small example of the degradation of our rights as a nation, our rights as people, and our um, organizational framework as a nation. So, Know wearing masks was not the first tyranny that you've ever experienced, you've lived under your whole life.

Um, the truth is All of these things, we can't hyper focus on these things because all things work together for the good of those who love and are called by his name. So if you are a Christian No matter if the Magistrate is tyrannical against you or you live in a wonderfully, just And righteous Society.

Under amazing wise, men magistrates who know what they're doing, all these wonderful things or you live in battle on itself. All things are being done for your good. So, the great magistrate, the one who is in control of all. Has placed you there in that place. Uh and you are uh the very the very best possible thing is exactly what's happening right now and though that lead to your death or your Exile or degradation of your culture or the destruction of your culture, as we're seeing really with the Western culture in its entirety, it's going to take a miracle to save the Western culture.

We've we've, we've sold the whole thing and said we don't want it anymore. But that's okay. Why? Because we have a guarantee that the greatest King, the king of all Kings, is working all things to our good. I'll end there. And He goes on to sing, talk about Psalms and other things.

We'll cover that Next week. Um, Yes. Next week be quiet, then. Do you have any comments before I close?

All right, let's um, let's break for worship. Or God would you? Would you encourage our hearts? To know that you are indeed the King of Kings and that term is not on accident. Not merely the leader of leaders or the boss of boss. But no, you are the king of all Kings Lord, that

though there be other kings and, and they'd be great and glorious and we should honor them and and submit to them as and so far as we're able Lord, that you are overall.

And this is such a great comfort to us in this topic. God, would you help us not to Focus on this topic as if the king over us the the smaller Lowercase K King over us. Were our end and hope. Um if our philosopher King doesn't say the right thing, then we you know, our whole life is undone, this is not true.

This is not how we ought to live. God, would you rebuke us in our way when we fuss and whine about things that are going ways that we don't want them to? Lord, would you encourage our hearts to know that you are the king of all Kings and you are guiding things?

Exactly. As you want, Lord. Help us to be wise and tried to walk through legal processes that are currently in existence. Um, governmental institutional practices and procedures that are in existence already. Um, and help us to navigate those wisely. Help us. Foil, the wicked in their plans. But Lord, help us to do that as a people who are Well, aware that you are doing that exact thing right now.

That you are to do that exact thing right now that at the cross, you have done that exact thing in the most magnificent way. And not a one of them has power over us. Um, any more than you have given him. Would you encourage our hearts this morning and more than any of this?

Lord, would you call us to yourself in worship um, in just a few moments? Lord. May we Under Christ's Banner. Even in Christ himself, would you hide? As if in his side. Cost yourself in Jesus name. Amen.