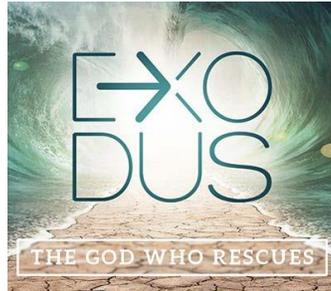


# Oakland Church of Christ

Jan 5, 2014 – Kristofer Tripp

## Under Pressure Submit and Resist



## With God's strength, resist evil

*Ephesians 6:10-13*

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

*Ephesians 6:10, 13 NLT*

## As employees

*Ephesians 6:5-8*

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. *Ephesians 6:5 NLT*

Employees, obey your earthly bosses

### How to handle evil on my job

## As citizens – Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. *Romans 13:1 NLT*

### How to handle evil in this country

## How they submitted and resisted:

Egyptians' problem – too many Israelites! *Exodus 1:1-10*

Joseph brought 70 people in *Exodus 1:5*. By Moses' time 600,000 men – not counting women and children! *Exodus 38:26*

Plan A – kill them with slavery. *Exodus 1:11-14*

Plan B – have the OB nurses kill the baby boys, *Exodus 1:15-21*

Plan C – have all Egyptians kill baby boys, *Exodus 1:22 – 2:10*

## What can we learn from them?

### Know when to resist

But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders. *Exodus 1:17*

“Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him?” *Acts 4:19*

“We must obey God rather than any human authority.” *Acts 5:29*

## Stick together

### Keep it civil

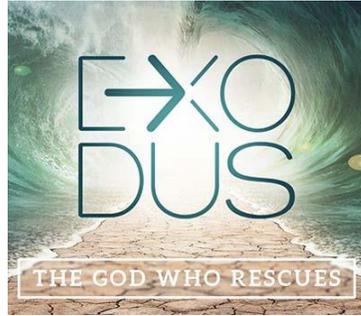
Moses broke the law—of people and God. *Exodus 2:11-15*

Keep God's law.

## Next Step

For the week of Jan 5, 2014

1) Name two traits you like to see in an authority figure (boss, police officer).



2) What part of this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

3) After Jesus rose from the dead, Peter and John were on their way to the temple, and healed a paralyzed man. See how they responded to the local authorities.

a) Read Acts 3:11-16. Jot down any observations or questions.

b) Read Acts 4:1-12. Jot down any observations or questions.

c) Read Acts 4:18-22. Jot down any observations or questions.

4) Have you ever defied authority, because it was the right thing to do? If you want to, share it with the group.

5) Are you in a situation where you may need to defy authority? How can you apply this week's points to your situation? Feel free to ask the group for help.

6) *Know when to resist. Stick together. Keep it civil.*

a) Which of these is easiest for you?

b) Which of these is hardest

c) What do you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?