

Week 7
FAR Above
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Ephesians 1:21-23

As we begin 2020, we are already bombarded with campaign commercials. I grow weary of them so quickly because there is a sense of hopelessness in it for me. None of the candidates truly represents what I value in leadership. It is sad to think that if I vote I will be voting for what I consider the “lesser of two evils.”

This is where I must remind myself frequently of Ephesians 1:21. Jesus 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.” (emphasis mine)

Let those words sink in. I have mentioned the elections this year. Jesus is *far* above any president this country has seen or will ever see. But look at the rest of the statement. Jesus is *far* above your boss, your pastor, your parent, your husband...he is *far* above any authority in your life. But I love how Paul never leaves room for argument. He ends by saying that Jesus is *far* above anything else you can think of as well.

Even as I write these words, I am convicted that I have fallen to the lie that my situation is beyond Jesus Christ. No, I would never actually say those words (or write them) or even think them. But my action betray the fact that I have bought into that lie when I fail to take my problems to Him in prayer and when I burn myself out trying to solve my issues on my own.

Christ is above all things. *FAR. ABOVE. ALL. THINGS.* You can trust Him and rest in Him.

QUESTION: In what area(s) of your life do your actions declare that you do not acknowledge that Jesus is *far* above all things?

WALK IT OUT: Pick at least one area in your answer to the question above. Write it down and then above it write, “Jesus is *far* above this!” Carry this around with you as a reminder to let Jesus be the authority that God has appointed Him to be.

PRAYER: Jesus, thank You so much for allowing me to rest in knowing that you are over all things. Help me to remember that You have authority over each person in my life and each circumstance that I will face today. You are good. You will be my strength. Help me to submit to this authority.