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TESTING THE FENCES AT THE MOVIES: JURASSIC WORLD

When you don't have control,
you can't fix the things you want to fix,
and you have no power or temporary power,
you start testing the fences.

JURASSIC PARK QUOTE

Dr. Grant: *[about the velociraptors] What kind of metabolism do they have? What's their growth rate?*

Muldoon: *They're lethal at eight months, and I do mean lethal. I've hunted most things that can hunt you, but the way these things move...*

Dr. Grant: *Fast for a biped?*

Muldoon: *Cheetah speed. Fifty, sixty miles an hour if they ever got out into the open, and they're astonishing jumpers...*

John Hammond: *Yes, yes, yes. That's why we're taking extreme precautions...*

Dr. Grant: *Do they show intelligence? With their brain cavity...*

Muldoon: *They show extreme intelligence, even problem-solving intelligence. Especially the big one. We bred eight originally, but when she came in she took over the pride and killed all but two of the others. That one... when she looks at you, you can see she's*

working things out. That's why we have to feed them like this. She had them all attacking the fences when the feeders came.

Dr. Sattler: *But the fences are electrified though, right?*

Muldoon: *That's right, but they never attack the same place twice. They were testing the fences for weaknesses, systematically. They remember.*

_____ **Authority**

Matthew 28:18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

Ephesians 1:21 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. **22** God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. **23** And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. **12** Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 12:4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. **5** There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. **6** God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. **7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. **9** The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

(NLT)

Authority

When is it ok to _____ follow Authority?

- (1) _____ God's laws (*Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego*)
 - Violate Command Scripture
 - Commit Unethical or Immoral Act
- (2) _____ God's people (*Disciples*)
 - Ask to go against Conscience
 - Challenges the authority of God through intimidation
- (3) _____ God's work (*Paul*)
 - Creates roadblocks for the sharing of the Gospel

Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. **2** So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. **3** For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. **4** The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. **5** So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

6 Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do. **7** Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority. (NLT)

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Acts 23:1 Gazing intently at the high council, Paul began: "Brothers, I have always lived before God with a clear conscience!" **2** Instantly Ananias the high priest commanded those close to Paul to slap him on the mouth. **3** But Paul said to him, "God will slap you, you corrupt hypocrite! What kind of judge are you to break the law yourself by ordering me struck like that?" **4** Those standing near Paul said to him, "Do you dare to insult God's high priest?" **5** "I'm sorry, brothers. I didn't realize he was the high priest," Paul replied, "for the Scriptures say, 'You must not speak evil of any of your rulers.'" (NLT)

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. *(NLT)*

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Ephesians 5:21 And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. **24** As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. **25** For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her **26** to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word... **33** So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. *(NLT)*

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord,[a] for this is the right thing to do. **2** "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: **3** If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." *(NLT)*

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1 Peter 2:18 You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. **19** For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. *(NLT)*

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. **6** Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. **7** Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. **8** Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. **9** Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites. *(NLT)*

Matthew 8:6 "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain." **7** Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." **8** But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. **9** I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." **10** When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!" *(NLT)*

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Proverbs 19:11 Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs. *(NLT)*

Exodus 14:14 The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." *(NLT)*

Exodus 14:14 The Lord will fight for you, while you keep silent." *(NASB)*

_____ **It**

Colossians 3:12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **13** Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. *(NLT)*

_____ **It**

Ephesians 5:11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. *(NLT)*

Matthew 18:15 "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. **16** But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. **17** If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. *(NLT)*

How to _____ offense:

- (1) Is it a _____ or is it _____?
- (2) Are both parties _____?
- (3) _____ to _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

Area #3

Forgiveness isn't _____

Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. **15** But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." *(NLT)*

1 Peter 4:8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. *(NLT)*

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