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Living Under God's Authority, In the Church!

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- I. Jesus and the church (Matthew 16:18)**
  - a. He builds it
  - b. He is the Head of it
  
- II. Meaning of the church. (Acts 2:1-4)**
  - a. Church → “Called out ones”
  
- III. Reasons for the Church**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> - To give Him Glory (1 Peter 4:11)
    - i. Glory → dox-ah (Praise, honor, worship)
  
    - ii. Examples of God as the authority over their lives.
      1. People who get made when things don't go their way.
        - a. Esau (Genesis 27)
      2. People who build their marriages on the foundation of the world.
        - a. King David (2 Samuel 11)
      3. People who deal with depression.
        - a. Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 1:8-11)
      4. People who are never satisfied.
        - a. Crowds who followed Jesus (John 6)
      5. People who think they have life figured out.
        - a. Pharisees
  
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> – To serve Him!
    - i. Israel (Deuteronomy (11:13-17)
    - ii. Samuel the Prophet (1 Samuel 12:19-25)
    - iii. Paul (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  
- IV. Results of service in the church. (1 Corinthians 12:27-31)**
  
- V. Examples of service in the early church. (Acts 2)**
  - a. Devotion to Biblical teaching. (vs 42)
  - b. Devotion to fellowship (vs 42)
  - c. Christ focused (vs 42)
  - d. Acceptance of the value of prayer (vs 42)
  
- VI. Results of the obedience of the early church. (Acts 2:43-47)**



