WVC "Submission to God" Sun Nov 1, 2026

I. ***James 4:6-7***

A. Power vs. Weakness (The Misunderstanding)

1. In our culture today, the word submission is highly misunderstood. We are taught to look out for "number 1", stay in control, and demand our rights. Submission and Surrender are viewed as a sign of weakness.
2. In God's kingdom, it is not a sign of weakness, but rather divine strength. It is the path that leads you to true purpose. ***Submission is the daily act of stepping down from the throne of your own life and placing God as your Commander.***

B. ***Your Position Determines Your Promise***

1. ***Submit _____to _____;***
2. ***Resist the _____ and he will flee from you!***

II. ***Matthew 8:5-10***

A. The Military Picture

1. *"I am a man Under Authority…"* The Centurion understood what it meant to be under authority so he could speak with authority.
2. Submission is a Position of Authority not defeat.
3. Notice that Jesus attributed great faith with the understanding of submission and authority. Why Faith?

B. ***The Turning point & Truth***

1. We often want God's authority in our lives without taking the posture of being under His command.
2. When you try to resist the battles of this life in your own flesh, you only exhaust yourself. When you are submitted to God, you step into His strength and not your own! ***Zechariah 4:6*** *"Not by _____, nor by _____"*

C. Giving it to God is the First Action….

1. ***James 4:10*** – the opposite of submission is control and the root of control is ***Stubbornness and pride***.
   * The side effect of pride is friction and excuses. (King Saul)
   * There are no side effects to submission. The fruit is peace, healing, and Spiritual breakthrough.
2. ***I Peter 5:6-9***
   **** What area of your life are you holding tightly to?***
   **** The Power of Submission is that you do not lose your life; you find it!***