

2026-07-05 Summary

This message challenges us to examine the fundamental question of authority in our lives: who is really in charge? Drawing from Revelation 12, we're confronted with the cosmic reality that there was war in heaven itself—a clash between submission to God's authority and the rebellion of Satan who wanted glory for himself. This ancient conflict didn't end in the heavenly realms; it continues on earth today in our hearts and minds. The sermon connects America's founding principles with the Christian faith that undergirded them, reminding us that those early patriots sought Jesus Christ as their King above all earthly rulers. But the deeper application reaches into our daily struggles with authority—in our families, workplaces, and even within ourselves. From childhood, we wrestle with wanting to be in charge, saying to siblings and eventually to God, 'you're not my boss.' Yet the message of Scripture is clear: true freedom comes not from asserting our independence but from submitting to the ultimate authority of Christ. The Patriots who overcame did so by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and by not loving their lives so much as to shrink from death. This call to submission isn't about weakness—it's about finding peace, power, and purpose under the lordship of Jesus, recognizing that when we surrender control, we gain the protection and provision of the King of Kings.