

Songs:

He Is Our God
10,000 Reasons
Cornerstone
Be Thou My Vision

Title:

An Awkward Conversation With Your Pastor

Text:

II Corinthians 10:1-18

Main Point:

God gives spiritual authority to build up His people and it should be protected by His people.

Major points:

1. Spiritual authority is real authority.
2. Spiritual authority is to be protected.
3. Spiritual authority is intended to build up.

Quote 1

"Culturally the defining spirit of America today is self-determination, not submission to the will of another. The ultimate value in America is the unencumbered self. Anything that enhances my individual liberty to do as I please is good. Anything that encumbers me and limits my ability to do as I please is bad. Self is king. And autonomy is the highest law." - John Piper

Application Questions: one for each of the first two major points:

1. Do you see spiritual authority as real? Does it function as real?
2. Without exalting leaders or treating them as infallible, how can I protect their authority?