

1. The World Feels Angrier

- Personal observation: society seems more tense and reactive than in the past.
- Modern contributors: constant access to opinions (Facebook, media).
- Core truth: *Christians don't have to live angry or afraid—because we live in God's kingdom.*

2. You Already Live in a Kingdom

- Biblical identity:
 - Colossians 1:13–14 — God has rescued us from darkness and brought us into Christ's kingdom.
 - Philippians 3:20 — our citizenship is in heaven.
- Even in a democracy, believers live under the rule and protection of a King.

3. What It Means to Live Under the King

- Illustration: Sam the dog and the storm — peace comes from trusting who is in charge, not from avoiding storms.
- God's love and care for His people:
 - Like a parent who loves their children even when they fail.
 - Unanswered prayers or hardships do not mean God's love has changed.

4. Earthly Leaders Will Always Fall Short

- Jeremiah 23 — God rebukes unfaithful leaders.
- Earthly rulers disappoint because they are limited.
- Many people are angry and discouraged because they place their hope in political figures instead of in Christ.

5. God Has Always Been in Control

- Biblical observation: terrible kings ruled for decades with no elections, yet God remained sovereign.
- Messianic promise: a Righteous Branch, a true King — fulfilled in Jesus.
- Christians live in a different kingdom that cannot be shaken by worldly politics.

6. Living With God in Charge

- Humorous story: the boy who wants to “yell instead of listen.”
- Kingdom living means:
 - Submitting to God's authority.
 - Living according to His values rather than the world's.

7. How God's Reign Changes Your Life

- Priorities shift: time, purpose, and goals become aligned with God's will.
- Relationships shift: quicker forgiveness, deeper integrity, a life that reflects the King.
- Work shifts: your job becomes a mission field, not just a paycheck.
- Finances shift: generosity flows from recognizing God as the source of all blessings.

8. Your Identity as a Child of the King

- Baptismal identity: you belong to Jesus.
 - Because Jesus is King:
 - Fear doesn't rule you.
 - Anger doesn't own you.
 - Anxiety doesn't define you.
 - Challenge: Choose one way this week to live as if Jesus truly is your King.
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where do you notice anger, fear, or anxiety shaping your responses to the world?
2. Read Colossians 1:9-13. What changes when you remember that you live in God's kingdom rather than merely an earthly nation?
3. What "storms" in your life are you trying to handle alone instead of trusting your King?
4. Where have you mistaken God's silence or "no" for a lack of love?
5. Read Jeremiah 23:1-6. Do you ever place more hope in earthly leaders than in Christ? What effect does that have on your emotions?
6. How can knowing God is still in charge change the way you react to news, elections, or global events?
7. In what areas of your life do you struggle to submit to God's authority?
8. If you truly saw your job as a mission field, how might your behavior or attitude change?
9. Read Philippians 3:15-21. How could living with eternity in mind shape the way you spend your time this week?
10. What is one specific, practical way you can live as if Jesus is your King—starting today?