**LORD OVER ALL – PART 3: *ALLEGIANCE***
**SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 16; JOHN 3; ISAIAH 64**
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## INTRODUCTION

- Words matter. If they didn't, we wouldn't care what others said.
- It is fully possible to declare Jesus is Lord while allowing other voices, values, and loyalties to have the final say in our lives.

## I. THE CHRIST

- Who we understand Jesus to be should determine how we respond to what He says.
- Matthew 6:13-14 NLT
- Tensions that still exist today:
  - What are people saying about Jesus?
  - Who do *you* say He is?
- Matthew 16:15-16 NLT, "…Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'"
- If Jesus is King, His authority isn't limited to just the areas of our lives where we agree with Him.

## II. THE ISSUE OF ALLEGIANCE

- John 3:16 NIV, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- Belief acknowledges who Jesus is. Trust relies on who Jesus is. Allegiance demands I order my life around who Jesus is.
- Matthew 16:17 NLT
- Jesus isn't something we add to our lives; He becomes the reason for how we live.

## III. CULTURE, ALLEGIANCE, AND CONFLICT

- Isaiah 64:8 NLT, "…O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay…We all are formed by your hand."
- Everyone is being shaped by something. The question is whether we're intentionally allowing God to shape us or unintentionally allowing everything else to.
- Our greatest point of failure comes when secondary loyalties take a position of authority that belongs to Jesus.
- Which voice has greater access to your life - the presence of God or the voices of the world?
- Isaiah 64:9 NLT
- Confession is how we acknowledge where our allegiance has failed and turn back toward God.

## CLOSE

- Are you surrendered to the One who is full of grace, mercy and loving-kindness that leads us to repentance?
- Matthew 16:23-26 NLT
- How we live reveals where our allegiance lies.