**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

August 14th ~ 10:30 AM ~ Romans 13:1-7

Read 13:1-7 thinking about how it applies to Christians in both authoritarian states and democracies.

1) Why should Christians submit to governing authorities? (13:1-5)

2) Paul says that if we do what is right, those in authority (even "immoral" rulers) will praise (comment) us. How could an immoral ruler "commend" us if he punishes us for doing good? (see Luke 21:12-15; Philippians 1:12-14; I Peter 2:19-21 etc.)

3) Read Acts 4:1-22; 5:17-42 How did the apostles show submission to the authorities in these passages? What lessons can we draw for our own submission and obedience? Give examples of civil disobedience that does not honor God; that honors God.

4) In vv6-7 Paul suggests some practical ways we should submit to those in authority.

What other examples can you give?

5) Describe some specific ways in which you can apply Romans13-17 to your own dealings with authority.