



God and Government

Responses to an Overreaching Authority Part 2
-Fight-

When to obey God rather than men?

- When we are asked to sin. - 1 Peter 3:18, Romans 3:8
- When we are told not to preach the gospel. - Acts 4:17-19
- When we cannot do what we have been asked to do in faith. - Romans 14:23
- When authority given is being stolen

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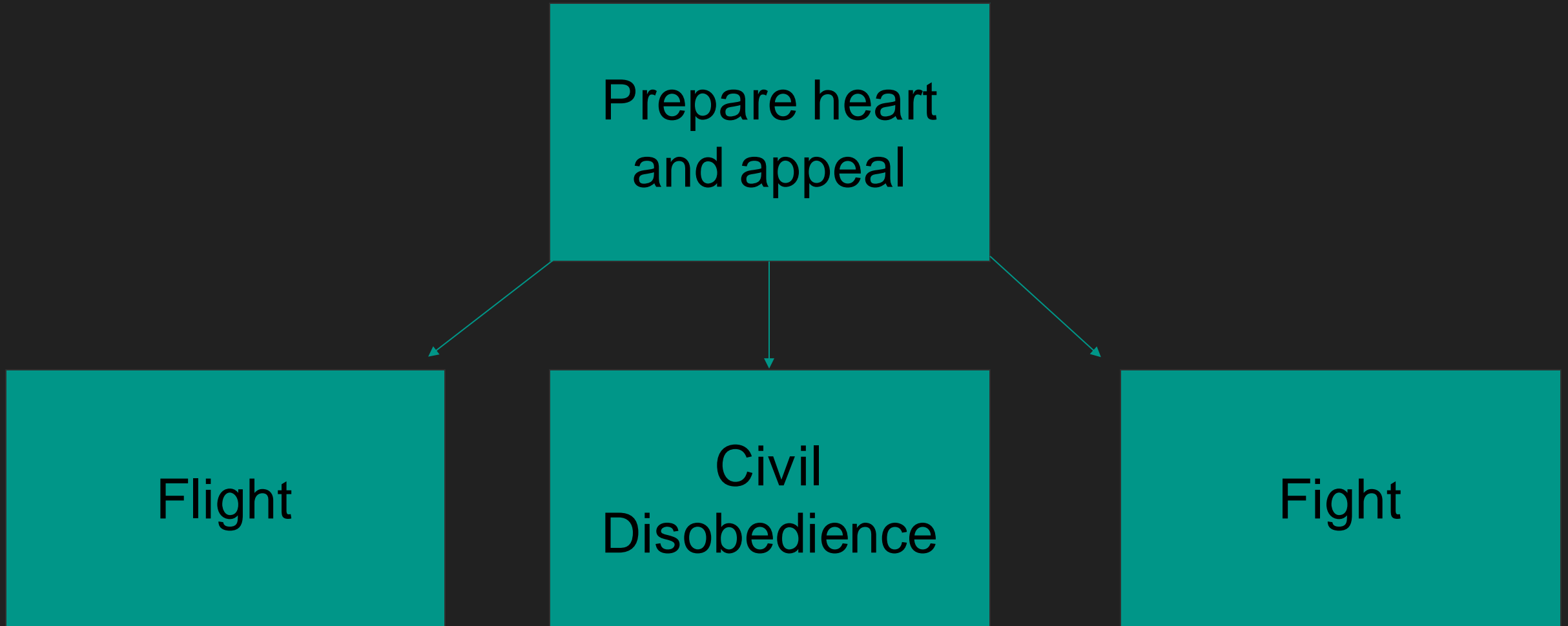
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How to respond to unscriptural authority

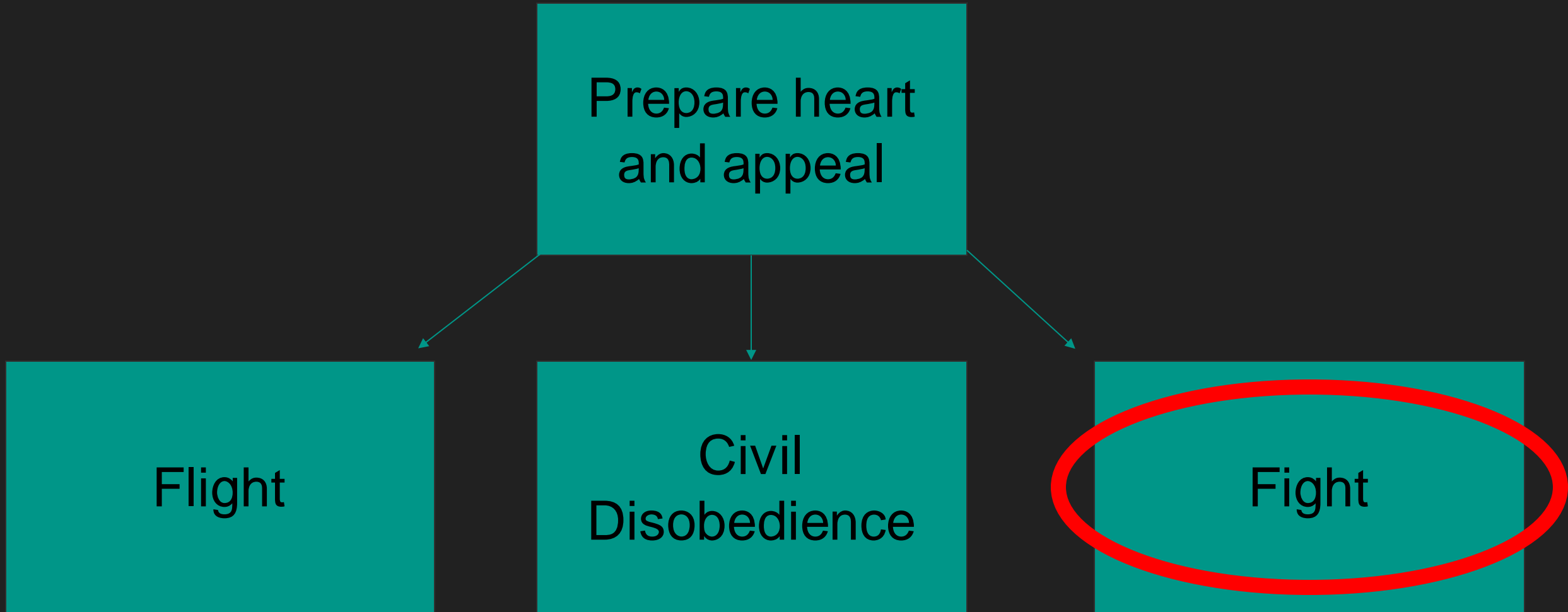
You need to be in the right place to decide

1. Prepare your heart - Grace, consideration and prayer -
Matt 5:39, James 1:19
1. Appeal to authority - Daniel 1:8

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Some Caveats

- **Build your own convictions.**
 - **Do this now, later is too late.**
- **Work through these issues with those close to you.**
- **Remember others may have different convictions.**
 - **Not moral relativism, but genuine personal beliefs.**
(Rom 14:23)

Scriptural Constraints

- “Universal Pacifism” is unscriptural. - Romans 13:4, Gen 9:5-6
- Capital punishment is required. - Numbers 35: 30-31
- War is allowed. - Revelation 19: 11-20
- Soldiers are not condemned. - Luke 3:14
- Vengeance is forbidden. - Romans 12:19

What is potentially “in bounds”

- Legal defense

- Deuteronomy 16:18, Luke 18:1-8, Acts 16:37-39,
1 Corinthians 6:1-8

- Self defense

- Luke 22:36, Luke 22: 49-51, Exodus 22:2-3, Nehemiah 4:16-18

- Political Rebellion

- Judges 3:9, 1 Samuel 24: 9-11, 1 Samuel 27: 5-12,
Nehemiah 6:5,8, John 18:36

