



THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY

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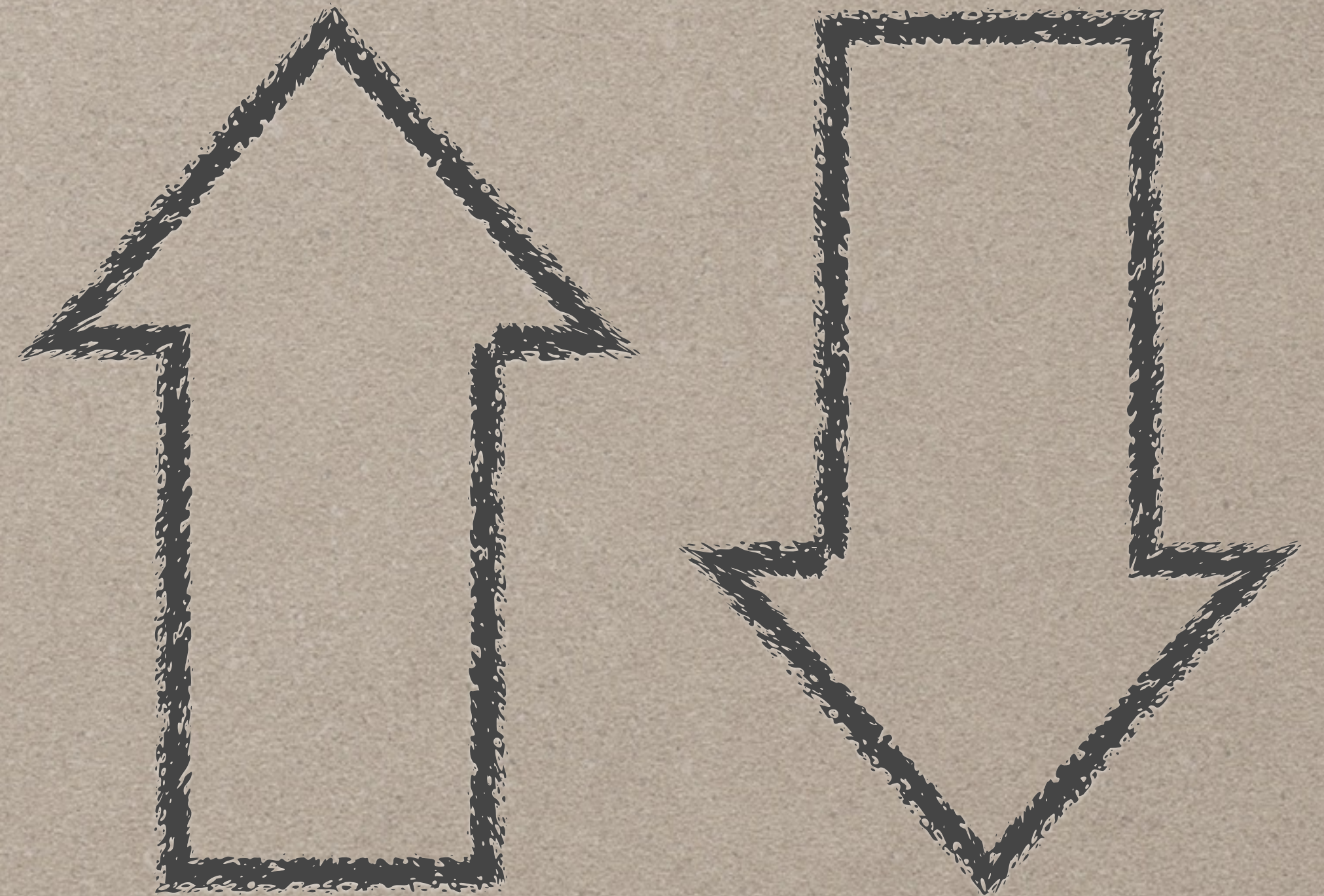
MAIN POINTS:

- Questions?
- Sources of authority
- What kinds of church government do you typically see?
- Biographical story
- Looking at Acts 14
- Thoughts and discussion of Paul's approach to church government

ANY MORE QUESTIONS SO FAR?

TWO SOURCES OF AUTHORITY AT WORK

- Kingdom given to the saints
Dan. 7:18
- It is His Kingdom
Dan. 7:13-14
- Two sources of authority:
 1. Heaven
 2. manMatt. 21:25
- These two dynamics are in tension



MAIN TYPES OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

- Episcopal (bishops)
- Presbyterian (councils of elders)
- Congregational (one type is completely this)
 - Single-elder (pastor)
 - Plural-elders (elders with a teaching elder)

BIOGRAPHICAL STORY

church, churches



assembly



congregation



in every church

PRIMARY TEXT – ACTS 14:21-23

- “church” / ekklesia
- elders
- fasting and prayer
- “commended them to the Lord”

OTHER IMPORTANT PASSAGES DEALING WITH PAUL'S APPROACH TO CHURCH GOVERNMENT

- Acts 20
- 1 Timothy 3:1-15
- Titus 1:5-9

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