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6. What does the fact that this psalm is centered on God and not humans tell us about how humans can best exercise any authority given to us?

Psalm 8 follows seven psalms full to the brim with enemies. Human suffering (Psalms 1–7) does not diminish the royal place and vocation of humanity to care for God's creation.

7. Why is it important for humans to know that authority (Psalm 8) exists for humans in spite of weakness and suffering (Psalms 1–7)?

 **RESPOND** 

- * In what areas of life have you been given responsibility or the capacity for meaningful action (authority)?

✧ How does Psalm 8 shed light on that responsibility?

☀️ **PRAY** ☀️

As you pray this week, try paraphrasing Psalm 8 in light of a responsibility you bear in your life, even if it's as simple as caring for your home or car.

☀️ **NEXT STEPS** ☀️

This week as you water plants, do yardwork, or take care of pets, consider in wonder how God has given you the gift of dominion in caring for these creatures. If you do this work, try approaching it in the tone you found in question 2.

¹Walter Brueggemann and William H. Bellinger Jr., *Psalms* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 59.

²Brueggemann and Bellinger, *Psalms*, 59.

³Brueggemann and Bellinger, *Psalms*, 60-61.

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