

Franklin Graham: Mr. President, the Nation Needs to Hear This Message From You

The bold evangelist son of Billy Graham took to Facebook this morning after two police officers were shot in Ferguson riots this week.

"Listen up—blacks, whites, Latinos, and everybody else. Most police shootings can be avoided," Franklin Graham posted. "It comes down to respect for authority and obedience. If a police officer tells you to stop, you stop. If a police officer tells you to put your hands in the air, you put your hands in the air. If a police officer tells you to lay down face first with your hands behind your back, you lay down face first with your hands behind your back. It's as simple as that. Even if you think the police officer is wrong—YOU OBEY."

The lesson here is respect for authority, Graham writes. It starts at the top.

"Parents, teach your children to respect and obey those in authority. Mr. President, this is a message our nation needs to hear, and they need to hear it from you," he wrote. "Some of the unnecessary shootings we have seen recently might have been avoided. The Bible says to submit to your leaders and those in authority 'because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.'"

Do you agree with Graham's comments? Sound off!