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When Life Is Unfair

The Greatest Test Of My Faith Will Be How I Respond To

When Life Is Unfair

1. R _____

“Dear friends, I warn you as ‘temporary residents and foreigners’
to keep away from worldly desires that wage
war against your very souls.”

1 Peter 2:11

“For you are free, yet you are God’s slaves,
so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.”

1 Peter 2:16

“It is God’s will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant
people who make foolish accusations against you.”

1 Peter 2:15

2. R _____

“For the Lord’s sake, submit to all human authority—whether the
king as head of state, or the officials he has appointed. For the
king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor
those who do right.”

1 Peter 2:13-14

“Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority
comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed
there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling
against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.”

Romans 13:1-2

3. R _____ to _____

“For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure
unjust treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you
are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and
endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. For God called you to do
good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is
your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor
ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor
threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of
God, who always judges fairly.”

1 Peter 2:19-23

Memory Verse
"People who do not believe are living all around you.
Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do
and will give glory to God.."
1 Peter 2:12 (NCV)

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- Invite Jesus to by my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize 1 Peter 2:12
- Ask God to help me to live so that others see Jesus in me.
- Get the most out of today’s message by attending my Life Group





Discussion Questions - Week #3

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "When Life Is Unfair," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- In 1 Peter 2:13, we are commanded to submit ourselves to every human authority. How why might that be a controversial command in our culture?
- Can you think of any times you've dealt with a difficult authority figure? How did you respond?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 4:1-11. The Spirit "led" Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Why do you think the Spirit led Him into such a challenging situation?

Do you think it was possible for Jesus to fall into temptation?

Jesus must have told the disciples for the Gospel writers to include this story. What do you think was Jesus' purpose in sharing it?

What underlying desires are behind the three tests the devil presented?

What does this passage tell us about preparing for the temptations we might face?

2. Read Daniel 3:1-30. What stands out to you?

What would you have done if you were one of the three?

Do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego respected or disrespected authority?

How do you think they were able to run to God rather than from God when faced with suffering?

Do you think anyone ever notices or pays attention to how you handle difficult situations as a believer? If so, what impact does it have?

FOR PRACTICE

One of our day's least popular spiritual disciplines is the discipline of submission. Submission is defined as not asserting ourselves in order to come under the authority, wisdom, and power of Jesus Christ as our Lord, Master, and King. Often the posture of submission and surrender is the very means through which we come to exercise spiritual power. Richard Foster suggests a practical path to submission by beginning each day following the prayer of Thomas à Kempis "As thou wilt; what thou wilt; when thou wilt."

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

☞ Pray for our missionaries serving Muslim communities in India. Pray that God would sustain them physically and spiritually in their work. Pray that they continue to see fruit in new decisions for Jesus and growing discipleship to Him. Lastly, "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field (Matt 9:38)."