

Abundant Life Church
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Series: ***Who Do you Think You Are?***

Title: ***Are You Getting Treated The Usual Way?***

Fairness is impartial and just treatment without favoritism or discrimination.

How important is fairness to kids

If you expect the world to be fair with you because you are fair, you are fooling yourself. That's like expecting the lion not to eat you because you didn't eat him.

Unknown

Since this is an era when many people are concerned about "fairness" and "social justice," what is your 'fair share' of what someone else has worked for? Thomas Sowell

Is it fair, in this world, for some people to have more than other people?

Psalm 73:2-5

But I had almost stopped believing; I had almost lost my faith because I was jealous of proud people. I saw wicked people doing well. They are not suffering; they are healthy and strong. They don't have troubles like the rest of us; they don't have problems like other people.

Honesty with God when you feel like life is unfair is a spiritual discipline.

Psalm 73:13 (NCV)

So why have I kept my heart pure? Why have I kept my hands from doing wrong?

Psalm 73:16 -20

It was too hard for me to see 17 until I went to the Temple of God. Then I understood what will happen to them. You have put them in danger; you cause them to be destroyed. They are destroyed in a moment; they are swept away by terrors. It will be like waking from a dream. Lord, when you rise up, they will disappear.

We have to believe that God is fair and true to his Word!

God's action in our world is not always to perform the miraculous, but more often than not to walk through our suffering with us.

Ephesians 1:19-22

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms... God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

God, Is this your usual way of dealing with people?

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I can't believe how he blesses me – or - I can't believe how he lets tough things happen to my life!

2 Samuel 7:18-19 (NCV)

King David went in, sat before the Lord, and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my family, that you should have brought me to this point? And you didn’t stop there, O Lord God! You have also spoken about the future of your servant’s family. Is this your usual way of dealing with men.

Prayer is meant to be the conversation where your life and your God meet. Paul Miller

Praying should feel like a dinner with a good friend!

Jesus accepted an unfair life so you and I could have life.

Martin Luther King

Sit at the table with God and let him show you the way.