

## Acts of Jesus, Lesson 52: The Unfairness of Life

- ✓ Life truly isn't fair
- ✓ Bad things happen to good people and Good things happen to bad people.

Paul, no doubt, had a keen sense of life's unfairness: Serving God faithfully and yet brutalized by his own people as well as others he was trying to help.

- Here in Acts 25-26, the governor openly confesses that he finds no fault in Paul and yet he leaves him to rot in prison just to do the Jews a favor.
- On the other hand, Paul once was the bad guy, and instead of God eliminating him He saved him even though a number of believers lost their lives because of him, doesn't seem fair.

### 1. How do we deal with unfairness?

- First of all, we need to understand that God never promised that life would be fair—in fact, He promised the opposite: **John 16:33b, Matthew 10:22, 2 Timothy 2:3**

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### 2. Psalm 73 = the "Life's not Fair" Psalm.

- The Psalmist deals with the issue of unfairness addressing his own turmoil and bitterness over one question: **"Why are the wicked successful while the righteous suffer?"**
- **Verse 1** – Lest we misinterpret what he's saying here--- His syntax reveals that he is stating an absolute certainty.
- This is where we need to start—with a certainty, God is good to those who belong to Him—be certain of it.
- **Verse 2** – he openly confesses that he almost lost it over the seeming unfairness of life.
- **Verses 3-12** – Charles Haddon Spurgeon once said, "Those who deserve the hottest hell often have the warmest nest."
- **Verses 13-14** – He's being brutally honest.
- God is big enough to take your temper tantrums and not disown you.

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- **Verses 21-22**
  - The word for "beast" describes animal that grazes with its head down in the grass all the time.
  - **Seeing only grass and never the sky** (describes us so well when we're having a pity-party)
  - The remedy for having your head down is obvious.
  - **Verses 16-17** – It's all bad and dark until...His perspective is transformed by a little thing called worship
  - "The Message" paraphrases these words like this: "Then I understood the whole picture"
  - If we are having a hard time with the realities of life, it's because we've got our head down in the grass.
  - **The mysteries of life only make sense in the presence of Majesty.**
  - The result of worship is: Verse 25
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- Sometimes it seems that God is operating like things down here don't matter. **Guess what? They don't!** – You will find that God will do some very confusing things if your heart is set on things down here.
  - He will consistently opt for things more valuable our lives than our temporary wellbeing like your **character, humility, dependence on Him, walking by faith.**
  - Until we get to the point where we can say "God you're all I want because you are all I need", Then life is going to continue to seem unfair.
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Here's a man who got there...head out of grass...eyes on the Lord: **Habakkuk 3:17-18**

Charles Swindoll describes the blessing of those who in midst of unfairness refocus on God:

"Blessed are the Jobs, who suffer, yet stay faithful. Blessed are the Josephs, who endure unjust treatment yet refuse to live in bitterness. Blessed are the Hoseas, who continue to walk in obedience even though their spouses leave them. Blessed are the Pauls, who pray for relief from the thorn in the flesh yet also respond, 'His grace is sufficient for me.' Blessed are all those who can live with unanswered questions, who can rest in what they see, and who can wait patiently for God to reveal what they can't see."

**"Life still seem unfair? Remember that our eternity hangs on unfairness. Jesus paid for sins He didn't commit...you get a Heaven you didn't earn."**

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