



not what i planned!!!

That's not fair!

Journey with Jesus: Mark 11:26-13:27
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When it comes to injustice what should we do?

1. We should _____ that _____
exists in this life. 1 Samuel 18:17-21

2. We should _____ that God always has
_____. 1 Samuel 18:22-25

3. We should _____ that God thwarts those
who _____. 1 Samuel 18:26-29

4. We should _____ that God assists those
who _____. 1 Samuel 18:30

Take Home Truth

The faithfulness of God is _____ for
_____. 1 Samuel 18:30

Today's Core Belief:

Peace: "I am free from anxiety because things are right between God, others and myself. (from Philippians 4:6-7)

Today's Action:

Do you see any of these characteristics of rebellion in your life? If so, confess them to Christ and be accountable to a trusted brother or sister.



Deeper Connection Study

Chapter 18 begins and ends with one of Saul's children entering into a covenant relationship with David. In between these events, Saul is scheming to rid himself of this perceived threat to his success. This is certainly not going according to what Saul planned!

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Peace.

Read 1 Samuel 18:17-30

1. What attempts does Saul make to get rid of David (vv. 17, 21; cf. vv. 10-11)? Why would he do such things (vv. 25, 29; cf. vv. 8-9)?
2. How and why does Saul violate his promise to David (vv. 17, 19; cf. 17:25)? Actually, how does Saul give a new promise that needs to be earned?
3. What is the irony of the repeated phrase in verses 20 and 26? How does it reveal the contrast of intentions (cf. Gen. 50:20)?
4. How does David show loyalty to Saul (vv. 5, 10, 26-27)? What is his attitude in the king's presence (vv. 18, 23, 26)?
5. How does Saul's devious plan backfire (vv. 28-30)? Why does he become more afraid of David?
6. How do you respond when things don't go as planned? What about when you have been treated unfairly? How might these responses reveal our trust (or lack thereof) in God's sovereignty and care?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Thank God for his care in the midst of uncertain and often difficult times. Ask God to help you deepen your trust in him in all circumstances.



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1 SAMUEL 18:17-30

Occasionally everyone has a bad day: the car gets a flat, the baby throws up on you on the way to church, your daughter goes over on her cell phone data, or you get food poisoning from the salsa the night before. As undesirable as these circumstances might be, we understand they accompany our modern lives. However, there are other occasions when life truly is unfair; occasions when the undesirable circumstances are the result of malice, deceit or hatred. These circumstances may cost you financially, like when someone steals your identity and makes purchases on one of your accounts. They may cost you emotionally, like when your child rebels and disrespects your authority. It is possible that these situations may cost you spiritually by weakening your faith, like when the wicked walk away without a conviction. On these offensive occasions what are you to know about your God and His responsibility? In this text you will discover that God is definitely addressing the injustices of life.

