



UNEXPECTED: Week 3

WEEK 3: LIFE ISN'T FAIR

Bible: 1 Samuel 24:1-15; 1 Samuel 24:16-22; Psalm 57; Hebrews 6:10; James 1:12; Ecclesiastes 9:11

Bottom Line: There are going to be twists and turns in life that make situations seem unfair.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

We have heard it many times.

Life is not fair.

Whether you didn't get picked to do something, or got cut from the team, or didn't get a role in the play—there will be times when it seems like life isn't fair.

Help students see that God doesn't make mistakes, and things work together for the good of His will.

Let God sort it out.

Just focus on Him and He will give you the strength to deal with it.

TEACH

Life will continue to throw you twists and turns. There will be moments that seem unfair and downright wrong. The Bible tells us how we should respond in these situations. It's not always the way we want to respond.

Nonetheless, God knows exactly what He is doing. We can trust that He will sort it out in the end.

Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7.

At this point in the account of Samuel, David is being hunted by Saul. That doesn't seem right.

We read last week that David saved Saul's butt by taking on the giant, Goliath, and defeating him. Saul is now threatened by David and wants him dead. That just doesn't seem right. How could this be?

There will be moments in your life that don't make a whole lot of sense, but God is going to sort it out. You might be saying to yourself, "This is so unfair." But don't worry, it will work itself out in the end.

Saul brings 3,000 men with him to hunt down David. Saul goes into a cave to relieve himself, but little did Saul know that David and some of his men were in the cave.

David could have easily killed Saul and it would have been over. David even snuck up to Saul and cut off a piece of his robe. Later on, he felt bad about it because it was an act of vandalism against his king.

David knew that Saul was his king and he could not do anything against the man that was appointed by God. David rebuked his men and told them to stand down.

This was the perfect opportunity for David to stop running from Saul and just kill him, but he knew that was not the right thing to do.

Sometimes in life things are not fair; God asks us to do something, to obey him in such a way that doesn't seem fair. But God has greater plans. God wants you to be obedient, and David was obedient to God. It would have been wrong for David to kill Saul.

Read 1 Samuel 24:8-15.

David waited until Saul was a good distance away and called for him. David bowed and basically pleaded for his life. He even asked Saul why he was listening to what other people were saying about him.

Others were telling Saul that David was going to take his life, but David was never going to do this.

Do you ever face this problem? When other people say you are saying something, but you really aren't? You plead, and tell them you aren't saying anything, but they don't believe you. This seems so unfair, but it is a reality we all deal with.

He tells Saul how he had the opportunity to take his life, but he spared him. David tells Saul that he is not going to harm him in any way. He pleaded for Saul to stop pursuing him. Did it work?

Read 1 Samuel 16-22.

It took a while, but it looks like Saul finally gets it. Saul knows that his days are numbered. Saul knows that David is going to be King.

Finally, he understands that David is not his enemy and he leaves. If you do what is right by the Lord, He will work it out.

It doesn't mean you won't face some difficulty. It doesn't mean things will always be fair, but in the end, God works it out. Your attitude before God needs to be one of trust.

Trust that God knows exactly what he is doing. Trust that in the end, God is going to make things right.

You are going to face twists and turns in your life. At times, it's going to feel like life isn't fair. But, God will make things right, whether during our time here on earth or during His judgment.

We need to understand that in the end, God will make all things right in His eyes. We can trust that God knows exactly what He is doing.

PARENT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when something happened that wasn't fair?
2. Why was Saul trying to kill David?
3. Why didn't David seize the opportunity to take out Saul?
4. Do people always do what is fair? Why or why not?
5. What should you focus on during unfair situations? (Like not being able to graduate like others have in the past? Or like having to be in lockdown while other families maybe take more freedoms?)
6. Why does it seem like some people get away with unfair situations? (Like those people rioting? Or like someone you know who cheats in class or on the playground but doesn't get caught?)
7. Do you think you should praise God when you are facing unfair treatment?
8. Why don't people just do the right and fair thing?
9. What should your attitude be when you face an unfair situation?