

My Life Is Not Fair!

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Series: Fulfilled!

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“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.”
Proverbs 27:1 ESV

February Memory Verse

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”
Matthew 6:34 ESV

Lord Help Me Live For You Today!

I Should Not Be Surprised that My World Can Be Brutal!

“Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them.” *Ecclesiastes 4:1 ESV*

“And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive.” *Ecclesiastes 4:2 ESV*

“But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.”
Ecclesiastes 4:3 ESV

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
Matthew 11:28–29 ESV

How Do I Respond To Life's Unfairness?

1. Get Over It! (And Get to Work)

"Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind."
Ecclesiastes 4:4 ESV

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."
1 Timothy 6:10 ESV

2. Give Up and Enjoy Life!

"The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh."
Ecclesiastes 4:5 ESV

"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man."
Proverbs 24:33–34 ESV

"For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."
2 Thessalonians 3:10 ESV

3. I Can Do It Myself!

"Again, I saw vanity under the sun: one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business."
Ecclesiastes 4:7–8 ESV

4. I Work Hard and Enjoy Life!

"Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind."
Ecclesiastes 4:6 ESV

"Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"
Matthew 16:24–26 ESV

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Invest in Relationships

1. We Multiply Our Effectiveness

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil."
Ecclesiastes 4:9 ESV

2. We Divide Our Difficulties

"For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"
Ecclesiastes 4:10 ESV

3. We Ease Our Challenges

"Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?"
Ecclesiastes 4:11 ESV

4. We Increase Our Strength Against Opposition

"And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken."
Ecclesiastes 4:12 ESV

So Which Person Characterizes Me?

"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."
1 Timothy 4:10 ESV

What Is Jesus Asking Me to Surrender?