When Life Isn't Fair

Greg Kline · John 21:15–23

INTRODUCTION

- Peter's problem wasn't that Jesus gave him a mission. Peter's problem was that Jesus didn't give everybody else the same mission.
- The Bible never claims that everything will be equal. We will all stand before the judgment seat of God. God knows the hearts of all. But we are all called to different priorities.
- If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me.

1 Embrace Your Unique Path

John 21:18; 2 Corinthians 1:3–7

- When life isn't fair, try to realize what is Jesus' mission for you.
- The Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.
- When you've been comforted, what does Paul say you must do? You share how you've been comforted with others.
- So when life is unfair, don't look at it as some sort of, oh, poor me. Look at it as an opportunity to say, who else is hurting the way I'm hurting?
- I have to stop and analyze not what I don't have, but what have I been given.
- God has promised comfort for those who are in trial and reach out to Him.

2 Don't Be Preoccupied With Others

John 21:20–22; Matthew 14; Ephesians 4:31–5:2

- What other people face doesn't affect my service to Jesus.
- Jesus incorporated a love for others into his mission. He did not incorporate jealousy, bitterness, and comparison.
- Other people are a distraction when I allow them to cause me feelings of jealousy, bitterness, and general comparison.
- Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God and Christ forgave you.
- If you're going to be preoccupied with others, make it making them better.
- It doesn't matter if life's not fair. You worry about your walk with Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE

When life isn't fair, Jesus said, What is it to you? You follow me.

MY NOTES