



THE UPSIDE DOWN kingdom

Retaliation - 7/28/19

OVERVIEW

There are many things in life that are not fair. Sometimes we respond in a way we later regret. But how do we resist? When we are feeling hurt, angry, frustrated, and left completely out of control, how do we not act on those feelings? Especially if we are completely warranted in those feelings. Jesus has asked us to respond in a very specific way in situations just like this. What would it look like to do things His way?

Scripture (ESV): John 10:10, Matthew 5:38-42, Matthew 5:17, Deuteronomy 19:16-21, Romans 13:1&4, Isaiah 50:6, Isaiah 53:7, 1 Peter 2:21-23, Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 Peter 3:9, Romans 12:19-21

APPLICATION

- 1) Share a time when you have felt that you were treated unfairly.
- 2) This week, we learned that a full life is better than a fair life. What would a “full life” look like for you?
- 3) In Matthew 5:38-42, Jesus commands that we “give to the one who asks.” Is there someone in your life you’ve been withholding something from? Is it forgiveness, respect, or is it something more tangible, like money or a possession?
- 4) In this passage (and others), Jesus uses the Old Testament law as a springboard for something new: “You have heard it said...but I say...” If you followed what Jesus says, how would that change the way you live?
- 5) What are some practical things you can do in your life to resist the urge to make your situation fair, to turn the other cheek?

HOMEWORK: If you’re struggling with something unfair in your life, start praying to God about that situation and how you can surrender it to Jesus.

