



Coaching Tool:

Following God When It's Not Fair

You shouldn't have to do the right thing if others didn't. That wouldn't be fair.	Vs.	God holds each of us accountable to follow Him regardless of whether or not it is fair or expected by others.
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Examples Of What The Enemy Wants You To Think:

- He didn't do what he should, so I don't have to do what I should.
- That wasn't fair, so I'm not going to _____.
- They didn't repent, so I don't have to forgive.
- No one does that because it's not fair.
- Everyone is a hypocrite, so I'm not going to pretend by doing the "godly" thing.
- It's not fair that I'm supposed to obey God when no one around me is.
- It's not fair because this is tough, painful, or hard.
- Why me?

God's Truth Says:

1. Love God.

- Loving God means obeying Him. It's not just a feeling, it's an action that will result in a deeper relationship with more feelings of love
- John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands."
- Jesus paid the ultimate unfair price by dying for us when we were still sinners. Who are we to demand "fair" circumstances in order to be obedient?
- 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. (Matthew 22:37-40)



2. Love your enemies.

- a. The second most important command is to love our neighbor as ourselves—this includes our enemies.
- b. Even when God tells us to love our enemies, it's for our own good. Hate is destructive.
- c. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (Luke 6:27-28)
- d. We can be in deeper, loving relationships with God and others when we're loving everyone

3. Forgive others.

- a. You can't love someone if you're bitter against them. Forgiving God, yourself, and others for all perceived wrongs will open the door to love.
- b. Forgiveness also sets you free. It's not about the other person getting away with what they've done, it's about you not paying the price for their sins in your own prison of bitterness and anger.
- c. For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matt 6:14-15)
- d. God offers forgiveness for our sins, but He absolutely requires that we forgive others. It's not optional. (It also doesn't mean that you need to be in fellowship if that person is doing you harm. You can forgive and love without being in fellowship.)

Watch This Video:

Forgiveness – Matthew West

Questions To Help You Process This Concept:

- 1. Have you ever directly disobeyed God because you thought what He was asking something unfair? When?



2. Have you chosen to obey God despite unfairness and then felt closer to Him?
When?

3. Have you ever felt closer to God after forgiving someone? Was it fair that you had to forgive in that situation?

4. Ultimately, what is more important to you: being right with God or life being fair? Why?

5. Has obeying God and putting Him first brought good fruit in your life through added freedom, love or joy? Are there areas where you want more freedom, love or joy? (Reaping these fruits in one area of obedience to God will bear fruit in other areas as well.)



Exercises:

1. What has God asked you to do in obedience that you haven't wanted to do because it wasn't fair? Make a list.
2. Repent for not obeying in each area.
3. Choose to obey God as a sacrifice of love to Him, regardless of anyone else's choices or the unfairness of the situation.
4. Make a plan for actually following through in each situation. (God honors each baby step in the right direction.)
5. Ask a trusted friend to help you and hold you accountable.