

## WHEN INJUSTICE REIGNS

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Luke 22:63 – 23:25

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Genesis 4:1-16/ 1 Peter 4:12-19
- (2) It's not a sign of **God's disapproval**.  
Job 1-2/ 1 Peter 4:1/ John 15:18-20/ Hebrews 11:35-40
- (3) It's an opportunity for **growth** – even when **self-inflicted!**  
James 1:2-4/ 1 Peter 1:6-9

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH

- (1) Faith is trusting God enough to **do what he says**.  
Hebrews 11:6/ James 2:17
- (2) Faith doesn't **keep us from** suffering.  
Faith **guides us through** suffering.  
Hebrews 11:1-40

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- (1) Never repay **evil** for **evil**.  
1 Peter 2:21-23/ Romans 12:17, 19, 21
- (2) As far as **possible**, do what is right in the eyes of **everybody**.  
Romans 12:17-18
- (3) Let God **even the score** in his **perfect timing**.  
1 Peter 2:23-24/ Romans 12:19-21

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## Food for Thought

For the week of December 11, 2011

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. This week we heard about how to deal with injustice. In 1 Samuel 24:10-15, we see the story of King Saul being jealous of his subject David's popularity and trying to kill him. When David has the opportunity and perhaps the justification to kill Saul, he doesn't. How does David's example of dealing with injustice reinforce what we learned from this weekend's teaching?

2. While it can be hard to remember in the moment, God has a plan for dealing with injustice that supersedes our own. What hope do the following verses give us in how God deals with those who are unjust?

Deuteronomy 32:35

Proverbs 11:8

Proverbs 22:22-23

Ephesians 5:6

3. In addition to the knowledge that God will deal with those who are unjust, we also have the assurance that God sees and rewards the actions of those who work to promote his glory. What incentives do the following verses give us to continue to follow God's plan in the midst of injustice?

Proverbs 19:17

Matthew 25:40

Hebrews 6:10