

## When Life Isn't Fair

### 1 Peter 2:18-25

**18** Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. **19** For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. **20** But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. **21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

**22** "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

**23** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. **24** "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." **25** For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

(1 Peter 2:18-25)

Unfairness is part of life — but how we respond defines who we are.

### ***When life isn't fair...***

#### **Stay true – Do what's right, even when it's hard** (verse 18-20)

- Character is who you are when life feels unfair.

#### **Stay calm – Respond, don't react** (verse 21-23)

- Staying calm isn't a weakness. It's power under control.

#### **Stay positive – Turn pain into purpose** (verse 24-25)

- Don't waste pain. Grow through it.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Have you ever been treated unfairly for doing the right thing? How did you respond?
2. Why do you think it's so hard not to fight back or get even?
3. What's one practical way you can "follow in Jesus' steps" this week?

4. How can God use your story to help someone else?

## Welcome to HOME Church!

**Thank you for attending HOME Church.** If you are searching for a church to call HOME, feel free to connect with us. Details are on our website at [www.ourhomechurch.ca](http://www.ourhomechurch.ca).

**HOME Groups** are the primary and ongoing care ministry at HOME Church. HOME groups are opportunities to join like-minded friends and church family members as they journey with Jesus. Details can be found on our website or by contacting one of our pastors.

**Cantonese Alpha Series. Have questions about faith, life, and purpose?** Feel free to join us for a Cantonese-speaking Alpha Series. To attend, contact Christine, Tony, or one of the Pastors. All are welcome!

**Christmas Shoebox has started!** Grab a Christmas Shoebox today. Details are with Pastor Vincent.

**Christmas Choir Sign-Up.** To be in the Christmas Choir on Sundays in December, please contact Annick at [annick@ourhomechurch.ca](mailto:annick@ourhomechurch.ca).

**Night to Shine** is happening on Friday, February 13, 2026. If you know someone who might be interested in attending as a guest or if you would like to volunteer, check out our website at [nighttoshinevancouver.ca](http://nighttoshinevancouver.ca) or talk to Pastor Vincent, Cinda, Janina, or Bee Bee.

### Upcoming + Save the Dates

**Discover Home Church Membership Class (November 9 + 16)** from 10:45am-11:30am in the church basement. Learn how to find community, calling, and purpose at Home Church.

**Legacy at Home (November 19<sup>th</sup>).** A Cantonese hymn and Bible study for 55+ at 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided. Pastor Sterling Lee will be sharing.

**Thank you** for your continued generosity and support towards the mission + vision of HOME Church. Giving details is at [www.ourhomechurch.ca](http://www.ourhomechurch.ca). Please make cheques out to "HOME Church". Thank you!

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