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Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

- Was it fair that Cain killed Abel just because Abel did things God's way?
- Therefore, if you evaluate how far you go with God based on family members, friends, and others having negative reactions, are you God's committed Christian or the world's?

Genesis 7:1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

- Was it fair that Noah lost all of his unconverted friends and family?
- If anyone evaluates their relationship based upon who they will lose, then we too shall be lost.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee

- Was it fair for Abram to cut ties with his living relatives and friends?
- When we try to stay close with friends, the best they can offer is toleration, and we either will be pulled back into their world, or we will feel more and more alienated over time.
- When we get together with family, do you join in as usual in an unconverted manner in the conversations, the partying, the drinking and eating of wrong things and wrong amounts, or do your family members find it difficult to make allowances? One should feel uncomfortable with unconverted family members.

Genesis 24:4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

- Was it fair that Isaac did not have a choice of just any woman to marry?
- Do we get upset when the picking is slim for matrimony in our own denomination and want to choose outside the denomination?
- Do we get upset when children are kept away from interaction with worldly children and want to just hand them over to the world so they have friends?

Genesis 31:7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

- Was it fair that Jacob was deceived to marrying Leah?
- Was it fair that Jacob's wages were lowered 10 times?
- Do we retaliate when we are deceived?
- Do we find other compensation when we are cheated out of what rightfully belongs to us, like stealing, like not giving out all? [Some employees would cut back on their efforts.]

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Genesis 37:28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty [pieces] of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

- Was it fair that Joseph was thrown in a pit, sold as slave, and ended up in jail while doing the right, moral thing?
- Do we think it unfair to disobey a law that goes against God's commandments and may face jail time, and because of that, back down from obeying God?

Hebrews 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

- Was it fair that Moses could not have the position of Pharaoh and be true to God but had to make a choice between the great here and now and the future great?
- Do we think it too much to give up the things of this world through music, TV, movies, dress, food, habits, as being too much for the future life walking the streets of gold with Jesus?

Jeremiah 2:4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel

- Was it fair how Jeremiah was treated who simply had a love for his people and wished them not to perish?
- Do you think it is not fair to be given the Three Angels' Messages that no one wants to listen to so you might as well give up or do you persist in giving it?

Daniel 5:13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. [And] the king spake and said unto Daniel, [Art] thou that Daniel, which [art] of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?

- Do you think it was fair for Daniel and his friends to have been drug off captive?
- Do you think it is fair children, that there is a bed time? Homework time? Chore time?
- Do you think adults that you didn't sign up for such a drudgery life being an adult?

Daniel 3:19-20 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: [therefore] he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that [were] in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, [and] to cast [them] into the burning fiery furnace.

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- Do you think it was fair that Daniel's friends were thrown into the fire for not bowing down to an idol?
- Do you think it is not fair that our plans are interfered with despite that we think those plans are of God?
- Do we think our lives greater to serve God being alive and so will compromise when facing death?

Daniel 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast [him] into the den of lions. [Now] the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

- Do you think it was fair for Daniel to have been thrown to the lions for simply praying?
- Will we do the same when no other day but Sunday is allowed?
- How much do we compromise on the Sabbath now allowing those that are not Sabbath keepers to control our lives thinking we have to break the Sabbath to accommodate them and their demands?

Matthew 14:10-11 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought [it] to her mother.

- Was it fair for John to have lost his head for preaching the truth, direct truth?
- Do we evaluate the consequences of our actions and words if we speak the right thing according to God?
- Do we evaluate if it will be believed or not as to determine if we shall speak?

Isaiah 53:5 But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

- Was it fair what Jesus went through when He did nothing wrong?
- Are we willing to walk as He walked – living and teaching the truth no matter what.

Acts 26:14-15 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

- Was it fair that Paul lost his position as Pharisees of Pharisees, even being part of the counsel?
- Are you willing to risk your job, your position for the right?

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for

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me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- Do you think it was fair that Paul lost his head for the ministry?
- What are you willing to give up?

John 21:18-19 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry [thee] whither thou wouldst not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

- Was it fair for Peter to be crucified as Jesus predicted?
- Again, how far are you willing to go for God?