Series: COLLIDE
Part 7: "WHEN YOU GET A RAW DEAL"
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1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. 3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. 5 They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills. 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. 7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. 8 They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression. 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth. 10 Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. 11 They say, "How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?" 12 This is what the wicked are like— always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. 13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. 14 All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.

Psalm 73:1-14 (NIV)

4 Steps to take when you feel like you're getting a raw deal:

1. _____ out your _____ to God

15 If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children.
16 When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply

Psalm 73:15-16 (NIV)

2. _____ your choices _____

"When pondering the mysteries of life, hold on to what you know for sure, and never doubt in the darkness what God has taught you in the light" – Warren Wiersbe

17 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. 18 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. 19 How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! 20 They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. 21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. 23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. 24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:17-26 (NIV)

3. _____ the _____

17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:17 (NIV)

27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. 28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

Psalm 73:27-28 (NIV)

4. _____ your _____ with God

Sermon Notes: