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Sermon Outline

Inside Out: Exploring the Psalms

Not Fair!

Psalm 26

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When life is unfair, respond faithfully...

with unguarded vulnerability.

out of unflinching fidelity.

by unflinching discipline.

in unfeigned worship.

through unshakable grace.

Looking Back

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Mistreatment and unfairness is part of life. Sometimes we are wounded by unfairness while at other times we wound others. Psalm 26 details the faithful response of David in lament over his experience of the injustice of life. From his example, we can learn how to respond when life isn't fair or right.

Thinking It Through (agree/disagree/consider/contemplate)

In many ways we live in a pain-denying culture, and so an important part of ministry is the public claiming and expressing of pain in ways which facilitate the gospel's speaking to it so that people and communities are helped in dealing with it constructively. ~ William Bellinger, Jr.

The Psalter shows us that the dominant world given us [by] our culture is not the real world, and we need not inhabit it. Instead, we may indeed lift our hearts in joy and enter into another realm—one of weeping and laughing, even if that weeping is now and the laughing only later. ~ Walter Brueggemann

When we patiently wait on the Lord's deliverance, we are able to stay calm and wise in the midst of mistreatment. We can count on Him to be gracious and to deliver us at the right time. ~ Chuck Swindoll

Working It Out

1. Recall the last time or perhaps the most significant time that you were wounded by the injustice of life or mistreatment from others. Are you waiting for an opportunity to experience revenge or harboring a secret grudge? How has this injustice affected your relationship with Jesus?
2. Read Psalm 26 and identify each verb by underlining or highlighting. What are the actions that David as the Psalmist takes and what does he ask or expect God to do?
3. Now connect your experience of unfairness with your findings from Psalm 26. What practices could you make part of your life? How will you address this injustice in your relationship with the Lord?