

SERIES: *ROOTS: Facing Times Of Drought*

“Facing Injustice?”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT), Mark 15:21

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I. FACING INJUSTICE

A. The UNFAIRNESS Of Life

B. The Double-Edged Sword Of EMOTIONS

C. Our REACTION Is Our CHOICE

II. SIMON FACING INJUSTICE

A. Unfairness Is Not Within Our CONTROL

Mark 15:21 “And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.”

B. A SURVIVOR Or A VICTIM

2 Corinthians 4:17 “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,”

C. A Cost To FOLLOW Jesus

Mark 8:34 “And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

III. FAITH DURING TIMES OF INJUSTICE

A. Is It Worth The HEART SPACE?

1 Thessalonians 3:4 “For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know.”

B. TRUST In The Lord

Jeremiah 17:7 “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.”

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.” – Serenity Prayer

C. Decide To Live In The PRESENT And Work Towards The FUTURE

John 16:33 “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. When Have You Felt Injustice? Discuss with your family and friends this week some of the injustice or unfairness you have experienced recently? How can unfairness lead to spiritual drought?

2. Growing Deep Roots. Deep roots of faith will help us during times of drought caused by injustice. Understanding what we can control or not leads to a more fulfilling life. Memorize and pray the serenity prayer every day this week.