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SUNDAY SERVICE

THE GROWING FAITH; PART 2.

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Growing faith requires intentional, consistent action in Scriptural order: study the word, hearing the word, prayer, and trust during trials and temptation.

Topic: Christian Home And Responding to Mistreatment Like Jesus

Text: 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

"He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly."

How do you respond to mistreatment from your spouse and children?

It's one of the greatest challenges in marriage and in life. Whether it comes from people we know - and thought were friends - or from strangers, mistreatment is hard to take.

As human beings, everything inside us wants to fight back.

I don't deserve this! This isn't fair! I will not take that!

The world says, "Don't get mad. Get even!" "Revenge is sweet!"

That sweet taste of revenge soon turns bitter, spoiling our whole outlook on life!

Injustice is the product of a fallen world. So, how can you do right when you've been done wrong?

There are really three ways to take mistreatment:

1. You can take it personally, play the victim or accept

mistreatment as though it was deserved.

It's been said,

"If you've been kicked by a mule, consider the source."

2. You can take it out on others. This way just continues the cycle of hurt and perpetuates the pain. Hurting people hurt people.

3. You can take it to the Lord.

Peter tells us what Jesus did and did not do when He suffered mistreatment in

1 Peter 2:22, 23 (NLT) "He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly."

Let's break it down to see how Jesus handled mistreatment:

1. He didn't sin. "He committed no sin...." (1 Peter 2:22a, NIV)

2. He didn't retaliate. "He did not retaliate when He was insulted...." (1 Peter 2:23a, NLT)

3. He didn't even threaten revenge. "He made no threats." (1 Peter 2:23b, NIV)

So, what did Jesus do? This part is crucial in understanding how to respond to mistreatment in marriage and our lives as large.

He set a practical and effective example for us to follow.

Jesus took it to His Father.

1 Peter 2:23b, NLT "He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly."

You can do something when you've been treated unfairly! You can take it to God and entrust yourself to Him, trusting that He will make it right one day!

There is a payday someday! God will judge with justice.

Keep on doing what is right to your spouse, children and parents.

Peter goes on to say,

1 Peter 4:19, NLT "So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases