**Series: Soul Search**

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**Today: It’s Just Not Fair**

**1. The Reality: Life is full of injustice and unfairness.**

***Ecclesiastes 3:16***

*And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there.*

***Ecclesiastes 4:1-4***

*Again I looked and saw all the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed— and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors— and they have no comforter.****2****And I declared that the dead, who had already died,  
are happier than the living, who are still alive.****3****But better than both is the one who has never been born,  
who has not seen the evil that is done under the sun.*

***4****And I saw that all toil and all achievement spring from one person’s envy of another. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.*

**2. Our Response: We have a God perspective.**

**A. God grants choices to all.**

**B. God is patient to all.**

***Romans 2:4***

*Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?*

**C. God calls His people to take the high road.**

***Colossians 3:23-24***

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.*

**D. God calls His people to be His Presence in the world.**

**E. God promises ultimate justice.**

***Ecclesiastes 7:20***

*There is* ***no one*** *on earth who does what is right all the time and never sins.*

***Romans 3:26***

*He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

***John 5:28-29***

***28****“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice****29****and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.*

***Ecclesiastes 3:17***

*I said to myself, “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.”*