

That's Not Fair

(<https://harvest.org/resources/devotion/thats-not-fair/>)

"This is what the LORD says—the Holy One of Israel and your Creator: 'Do you question what I do for my children? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands?' Isaiah 45:11

With five grandkids, I've found that when I buy them gifts, they must be the same. If I get my granddaughters necklaces, they must be identical. If one necklace varies even a little from the others, then somehow in their minds, that is the better necklace. For my one grandson, I need to choose something that is somehow equal to the gift I've chosen for my granddaughters. And if there's any perceived favoritism, they'll say, "Papa, that's not fair!"

We say the same thing to God: That's not fair! Why don't I have that? Why am I single and all my friends are married? Why can't my wife and I conceive children when others have so many? Why is our child a prodigal and theirs is not? Why do I have this horrible illness when all of my friends are so healthy? The list goes on.

We don't know why things happen to us. Some would suggest that we should never ask God why, because it's a lack of faith.

No, it isn't. Ask away. Ask God why. Don't expect an answer, but ask if you like. Even Jesus cried out from the cross, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" (Matthew 27:46 NLT).

God blessed my wife and me with two sons. One is in Heaven, and one is here serving the Lord. We are very proud of Jonathan, yet we wish that Christopher were with us too. But I don't get to make that decision.

Am I disappointed with God? Absolutely not. I'm not in the explaining business; I'm in the trusting and praying business. I know God is in control. I know His plans for me are better than my plans for myself. And I know that one day, all of my questions will be answered.

News and Notes

- If you would be interested in receiving the Gospel Minutes newsletter, please contact Gary.
- Amy is putting together a care package for Megan Rudy. If you would like to help send some care to Megan, please bring your items to the building by March 17. If you have any question, please visit with Amy.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Donna Dendy March 5

If your birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

3/3/2019

Opening Prayer	Jeremy
Song Leader	Shane
Scripture Reader	Tim
Closing Prayer	Jonathan
Devotion:	Jay

Announcements: Shane

Table:	West	Jay
	Center	Tom
	East	Jim
Preacher:		Cal
Song Leader:		Shane

3/10/2019

Opening Prayer	Jim
Song Leader	Cal
Scripture Reader	Gary
Closing Prayer	Shane
Devotion:	Prayer

Announcements: Chris

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	Center	Chris
	East	Jay
Preacher:		Tom
Song Leader:		Jay