



Luke 17:5 NLT The apostles said to the Lord,
"Show us HOW TO INCREASE OUR FAITH."

Enlarging our ability to confidently trust in God and in His power
IN Favor Resources video teaching series

#18 HOLDING ON TO OUR FAITH: WHEN IT'S UNFAIR

Proverbs 20:22

- Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the LORD, and he will avenge you. (NIV)
- Don't ever say, "I'll get you for that!" Wait for God; he'll settle the score. (Msg)
- Don't say, "I will get even for this wrong." Wait for the LORD to handle the matter. (NLT)
- Don't ever say, "I'm going to get even with them if it's the last thing I do!" Wrap God's grace around your heart and he will be the one to vindicate you. (TPT)

Example: Joseph, Genesis 37 – 50

Although he is repeatedly wronged, Joseph patiently served the Lord and God rewarded him.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Because Joseph _____ God's _____ for his life, he was able to withstand the _____, and forgive those who had _____ him.

This passage could have been Joseph's testimony:

Psalms 37:1 Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. ³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity ...

Pressing in:

Cindi McMenamin asks: Where is God when life seems unfair? ... You may feel you are living simply, skimping and barely getting by. While someone else—who seems to have no regard for God—is living high on the hog! But God sees your heart. And if you are truly bent on being obedient to him, even during tough times when things don't seem fair, he will raise you up at the right time: 1 Peter 5:6 tells us "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Joyce Meyer has this verse framed and hanging on her office wall:

1 Peter 2:23 *When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly* (ESV).

Trust God to be your vindicator; He can pay us back for things others have stolen from us.



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