



Leave it in God's Hands

A one-page devotional about following Jesus's example when being mistreated

"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."

1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

Being mistreated can awaken a strong desire to defend ourselves, correct every false statement, or make sure the person who hurt us faces consequences. Yet Jesus responded to injustice differently. Jesus was mocked, falsely accused, and cruelly mistreated. Although He had the power to retaliate, He refused to repay wrongdoing with wrongdoing. Instead, He entrusted Himself and His circumstances to His Father, knowing that God saw the entire situation and would judge fairly.

Following Jesus' example does not mean pretending the hurt did not matter. It does not require us to tolerate abuse, avoid healthy boundaries, or remain silent when something should be addressed. We can speak truthfully, seek help, and make wise decisions without allowing revenge to control our hearts.

God sees what others overlook. He knows when our intentions have been misunderstood and when our character has been misrepresented. We do not have to exhaust ourselves trying to control every person's opinion or force an immediate resolution.

Leaving the situation in God's hands means trusting that He knows the complete truth, cares about what happened, and will handle it with perfect wisdom. We may not see justice immediately, but we can remain faithful while trusting the One who always judges rightly.

REFLECT

Is there a hurt, accusation, or injustice you are struggling to release into God's hands?

PRAY

Tell God honestly what happened and how it affected you. Ask Him to show you whether you need to speak, establish a boundary, seek help, or simply release the outcome to Him.