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QUESTIONS FOR GOING DEEPER

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Justice

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INTRODUCTION

We live among countless injustices and crises that are too often repeated in the news and other mass outlets. Lois Mitchell takes the enormous topic of justice and brings us into a reflection of what it means to act justly. She challenges us to go beyond the sentiment, and even action of what justice looks like, to really examine what it is to love mercy and walk humbly with our God. We can do this by seeking a deeper understanding of God and His justice by basing all on our relationship to God before popular opinion or religiosity.

EXCERPT

... Jesus did not take on political systems that were clearly oppressive. He saw the humanity of every person, especially the downtrodden and marginalized. He SAW them – the overlooked and undervalued - through the haze of social and political scapegoating and human depravity and illness. He met them on the margins of society and stopped to see, listen, heal, forgive. He could have challenged injustice in the political arena, but He didn't, at least not directly. Rather he proclaimed that "my kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Are there certain issues that you feel passionate about? How have you gone to God to seek His will first in this/these issue(s)?
2. Even if there seems to be an obvious stance for us as Christians on particular issues, how can we build His kingdom with a posture of humility before God?
3. Are there any biases and blind spots you'd like to offer up to God to help you see His will?
4. Have you ever felt tempted to "shelter in place and watch and wait for our Lord's return"? The issues of the world can appear overwhelming. What can we do to "be about [our] Father's business" (Luke 2:49) instead?
5. Being human means we make mistakes, missteps, and let emotions get in the way. How can we support each other as we seek to build God's Kingdom, especially when we disagree?



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