

ReStoried by _____ Part 4: Justice

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John 13:34

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Romans 8:26

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Micah 3:2 NLT

but you are the very ones who hate good and love evil.

Micah 6:8 NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Justice and the Festival of Pentecost

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

Joel 2:28-29 (NIV)
The Day of the Lord
28 "And afterward,
 I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
 your old men will dream dreams,
 your young men will see visions.
29 Even on my servants, both men and women,
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Walk Humbly

James 4:6 NLT

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,
"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

Love Mercy

Luke 6:36 NLT Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do Justice

A very basic definition of justice is a person getting what they deserve.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 NLT

17 "For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed. 18 He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing.

To do justice is becoming concerned about the most vulnerable, poor, and marginalized members of our society, and then making long-term personal sacrifices in order to serve their interest, needs, and cause. Tim Keller

Luke 10:25 NLT

"Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:30-37

30 Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

- 31 "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.
- 33 "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'
- 36 "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.
 - 37 The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."