

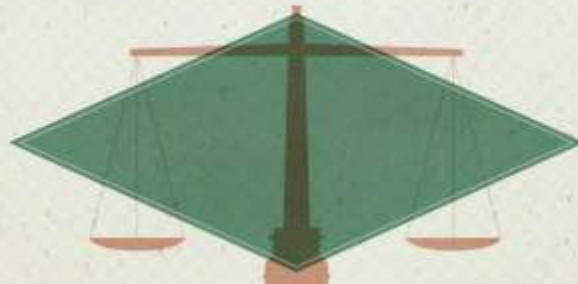


WHAT IS THAT TO  
YOU?

John 21:21-22

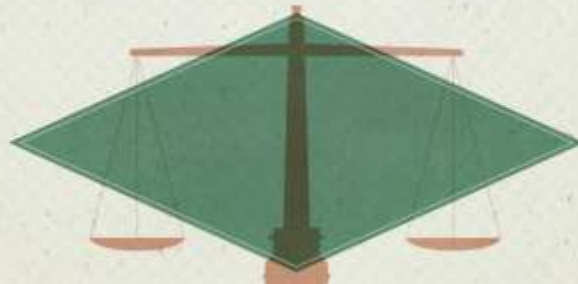
# LIFE'S NOT FAIR

- Peter wanted to make sure that everyone was being treated the same (Jn. 21:21-22).
- God goes so far as to demand our willing submission to physical inequalities (1 Tim. 6:1-2).
- Focusing on the inequalities can often be a symptom of ingratitude and envy (Matt. 20:1-15; 1 Tim. 6:3-8).
- It is a path toward bitterness toward God (Job 12:6).



# TOTAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- Accountable even when the task is near impossible (Jas. 3:2-8; Matt. 12:36)
- Accountable even when being mistreated (1 Pet. 2:18-23).
- Accountable even when led by others (Gen. 3:11-19; Matt. 18:6-7).
- Accountable even when led by culture (Tit. 1:12).
- Accountable even when we meant no harm (Num. 35).
- Accountable even when ignorant (Lev. 4:2).
- Accountable even under enormous strain (Jer. 12:5).



# BALANCING ACT

- Accountability is not a zero-sum game (Deut. 22:23; Matt. 10:16).
- Our sphere of responsibility is limited (Matt. 7:1-5; 1 Cor. 5:9-13).
- We can note evil and still leave it to God (Rom. 12:19).
- Time, chance, and Proverbs (Prov. 13:21; Ecc. 9:11).
- We can show sympathy without approval (Heb. 4:15).

