**Why Does Life Appear to Be So Unfair?**

**John 1:10-11**

**Introduction:**

I. Earthly life was not fair to Jesus, why should we expect anything different?

 II. This is a lesson we tried to teach our children early on – life is not always fair.

 III. Let us consider a few reasons why life does not seem fair…

**Discussion:**

 **I. We are Living in a Sin Cursed World**

A. Even though the world exists by the power of God…

 1. God created it (Gen. 1:1-8)

 2. God sustains it (2 Pet. 3:3-7)

 B. The world is cursed by the power of sin (Gen. 3:17-19)

 1. Life has been made harder

 2. We now live a life leading to death

 3. We live a life among sinners

 C. The worlds temporal conditions affect good and bad people alike (Matt. 5:45)

 **II. We Must Live with the Bad Choice of Others**

A. God has given all men the power to choose (Duet. 30:19)

 B. One is not responsible for another’s choice (Ezek. 18:20)

 C. One often reaps the consequences of another’s choice (Exo. 20:5)

 1. Innocent Christians suffer from the hostilities of persecutors (John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12)

 2. Innocent children suffer from parent’s choices

 3. Innocent victims may suffer from another’s choice

 D. Nearly every choice made affects someone else

 1. Illustration: Makers of a lemon automobile

 2. David’s choice to send for Bathsheba

 **III. We Must Live with Our Own Past Bad Choices**

A. We need not live with the guilt of our bad choices

 1. Forgiveness is available to everyone (Mark 16:15-16; 1 John 1:7-9)

 2. We can and should forgive ourselves

B. We may live the rest of our lives with the consequences

 1. The destruction of our reputations

 2. The loss of our goods, etc.

 3. The loss of health due to abuse of the body in sin

 4. The consequences of a bad marriage

 5. The consequences of a criminal activity

**Conclusion:**

I. We must recognize that our finite minds are poor judges of fairness (Ezek. 18:25)

 II. We must also recognize that all injustice will not be rectified until we reach heaven (2 Pet. 3:13)