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**Preamble to a Sermon: What We're About**

At the heart of Trinity's ministry, both now and in the next pastorate, is the continuing development of three relationships:

1. It is our goal to deepen each believer's relationship \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is our goal to follow Christ by deepening our relationships \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is our purpose to develop redemptive relationships with those who \_\_\_\_\_.

Each sermon will touch on at least one of these relationships.

Today, we look at both #1 and #3 above.

**IS GOD FAIR?**

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Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

The story Jesus told in today's text is an odd one. We question the fairness of the landowner in the story. His actions would be very curious and potentially disruptive as an economic policy, and it's hard to explain on that level. So what was his point?

1. God is in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He is always \_\_\_\_\_.  
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2. As followers of Christ, we want to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ His ways.  
 We must allow him to change our \_\_\_\_\_.  
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3. God is not \_\_\_\_\_; He is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 To follow Him we stop focusing on what people \_\_\_\_\_ and imagine what they \_\_\_\_\_.