

NO FAIR

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The PARABLE of the Payment of Workers...in the Burger Joint.

Matthew 20:1-16

(Narrator lines may be divided at Director's discretion.)

LYRICS

NARRATOR

As the sun was coming up, sipping from his coffee cup,
The Burger Boss was hiring for the day.
He started with a faithful crew of burger servers just like you.
Together they agreed upon the pay.

At 10:00 o'clock, in just a snap, he used his trusty hiring app,
and newer burger servers joined the team.
Later on at noon and 4:00, again "Indeed," he hired some more
servers who could join the burger scene.

This went on till closing time,
adding servers to the line
to fry the fries and sling the food for pay.
Some worked since the crack of dawn,
some were barely hired on before the final hour of the day.
At 9:00pm he locked the door, the chairs went up to mop the floor.

BOSS

I'll pay you now.

NARRATOR

He called each one by name.
The last ones in, he paid them first.

WORKERS (Ad lib)

Huh?

What?

Excuse me?

NARRATOR

The early workers grumped and cursed.

WORKERS (Ad lib)

*I don't think so
Are you serious?*

NARRATOR

And then they figured out...they all were paid the same!

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WORKERS ENSEMBLE

No fair, I been here from the start.
No fair, doin' more than my part.
No fair, take a look at your chart.
How dare they get the same as me.
No fair, I been working all day.
No fair, and they got the same pay.
No fair, I got something to say.
No fair, no fair, no fair!

BOSS

Comparing is an endless game.
No two children are the same.
I gave to you exactly as agreed.
I know it's hard to understand the
Method of the Master's hand.
I give to each exactly what they need.

WORKERS (Ad lib)

*I can't believe it!
Are you kidding me! Uhhhh!*

WORKERS

No fair, this is making me mad.
No fair, I've got something to add.
No fair, now I'm calling my dad.
How dare they get the same as me.

No fair, and I'll write a review.
No fair, you're a negative 2.
No fair, and I'm canceling you!
No fair, no fair, no fair!

BOSS

My blessings are not finite,
they are endless so it's alright
that I give them out however I may choose.

If these friends I choose to bless,
it doesn't mean there's any less for you.
What they gain isn't what you lose.

ENSEMBLE

Here' a secret we will share:
Life is not remotely fair.
He is not concerned with keeping score.

BOSS

But He is always there with you.
Trust Him to take care of you
with everything He said He'd do -

ENSEMBLE

all our needs, and more.

REFLECTIONS

Read Matthew 20:1-18

- Does it seem fair that all the workers were paid the same?
- Think of the last time you thought or said, "That's not fair." Was it because you felt cheated?
- Have you ever thought about something you have that makes other people feel cheated?

- Compare what you have to someone much less fortunate. How does that make you feel? Might they say, "That's not fair?"
- Think of a time you found out someone got something you wanted for yourself. Were you feeling better before you found out? What do you do with those feelings?
- We all naturally compare ourselves to others. Name something you can do more or less of to help keep you focused on the Lord, instead of looking around at others.

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