

# **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.)*

## **MELODY A-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.

**MELODY B-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!

**MELODY A-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!*

**MELODY B-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 TWO.

NO FAIR, AND I'M CANCELING YOU!  
NO FAIR, NO FAIR, NO FAIR!

**MELODY B-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!

**BONUS REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- 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 others might wish for? How do you think that makes those without it feel? How does it make you feel? Might someone look at you and think, "That's not fair?"

- Think of a time you found out someone got something you wanted for yourself...maybe recognition, attention, an award, a new item? Were you feeling better before you found out? How did you deal with any negative feelings that came up after you found out?
- We all naturally compare ourselves to others. Name some habits that you might change or develop to help you focus on how the Lord has blessed you, instead of what others have that you don't.

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