

当遇到不公平的对待时

…… “亚伯兰，你不要惧怕！我是你的盾牌，必大大的赏赐你。” —— 创世记 15:1

嗨，孩子们，今天我们先来认识一下路标，考考你对路标了解多少？下图第一个路标，它的意思是——禁止入内；再来看第二个路标，它的意思是——不许掉头；那么第三个路标呢？它的意思是——让路。给什么让路？当然是给他人让路！



当司机看到“让路”标志时，他要停车等待，让其他方向驶过来的车辆先行，而不是自己试图抢先一步。之所以存在这样的标志，是因为司机们并不总是记得共享道路的次序，必须提醒他们，在某些情况下要停车等待对方先行。当每个人都知道在适当的时候选择“让路”时，道路就会成为大家畅通无阻的安全场所。我们的人生路也是如此！



今天的圣经故事讲的是：亚伯拉罕和他的侄子罗得之间如何“让路”的事。它发生在创世记 13 章，当时亚伯拉罕还是用他的旧名——亚伯兰。在那期间，亚伯兰和罗得同住在一个地方，他俩都变得非常富有，俩人所拥有的羊和牛都非常多，以至于他们住的地方变得非常拥挤。很快，他们所有的牲畜都没有足够的草地和水源了。他们的仆人也开始争吵起来：“你们走开！是我们先到达这里的！”“才不是呢！你们走开才对，是我们先到的！”双方的仆人都你不让我我不让你，事情变得非常糟糕。亚伯兰知道他们不能再同住一个地方了，他们将不得不分道扬镳。



在创世记 13 章 8-9 节，亚伯兰就对罗得说：“你我不可相争，你的牧人和我的牧人也不可相争，因为我们是一家人。你举目观看这片土地，选择你想要的。如果你向左走，我就往右走；你向右走，我就往左走。”亚伯兰可是罗得的叔叔，他本可以先挑选他想要的，然后把剩下的留给罗得，但亚伯兰并没有这样做，而是他选择“让路”，让罗得先选。虽然在那个时候还没有任何汽车，更没有任何路标提醒人们要“让路”，但亚伯兰已经知道如何礼让对方先行了！



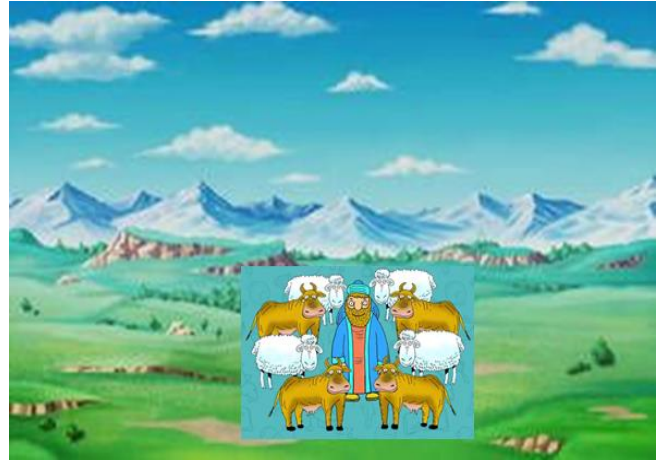
但你猜罗得的反应如何？他会不会说，“不，不，不！叔叔，你太善良了，还是你先选。”或许他会不会这样说，“让我们从中间平分，大家都五十五十，这样才公平！”罗得有没有这样做呢？他并没有。在创世记 13 章 10-11 节告诉我们：“罗得举目看见约旦河的全平原，直到琐珥城的地方，都有充足的水源，如同耶和华的园子，也像埃及地……于是罗得为自己选择了约旦河全平原……”当亚伯兰让罗得优先选择时，罗得不加思索就为自己揽下所有最好的土地，他占领了整个约旦河谷，只留下剩余的山地给亚伯兰。



“噢——这样太不公平了！”听到这里，相信你们都会为亚伯兰抱打不平。我们甚至可能会怀疑，亚伯兰这么慷慨会不会是犯了一个错误？！罗得甚至没有给他的叔叔留下一丁点好土地，他都拿走了。罗得并没有礼让他的叔叔，他甚至连分享和关心一下他叔叔都没放在心上。罗得所做的是跟随这世界的处世方式。这世界告诉人们：想要赢就得自己努力去争取！这世界的方式是：要步步为营，要尽可能多地为自己捞好处。但这不是上帝的方式！上帝的方式绝不是索取，索取，不断地索取；上帝的方式是给予，给予，再给予。而亚伯兰懂得上帝的方式。亚伯兰慷慨的秘诀在于他相信和倚靠这样一位慈爱慷慨的上帝！



看看接下来发生了什么。在创世记 13 章 14-15 节说道：罗得与亚伯兰分开后，耶和华对亚伯兰说：“从你所在的地方，你举目向东西南北观看，凡你所看见的一切地，我都要赐给你和你的子孙后代，直到永远……”哇！当亚伯兰选择给罗得“让路”时，他也是在“让路”给阿爸天父来照顾他；这也是为什么，当罗得为自己抢夺一切好东西时，亚伯兰甚至没有抗议或生气的原因，他相信阿爸天父会恩待他！



你已经知道阿爸天父慷慨的作风，当你信靠祂接受祂的所赐时，祂总是会给你更多，而且总是给你最好的！罗得夺取了上好的，但神却赐给亚伯兰最好的。亚伯兰从来不必去争夺，因为他知道，他只需要从我们良善的神那里白白获得他所需要的一切。再看看我们神慷慨的赏赐：亚伯兰的眼目所到之处，都将是他的，最重要的是，它将永远属于他和他的子孙后代的！当罗得如此不公平地对待亚伯兰时，神却也以如此“不公平的优厚”来恩待亚伯兰！这真是太神奇了！

接下来，我们来分享一个见证，是有一位先生失去了工作的事。事情是这样的，有一天，这位先生的老板告诉他：“现在生意不景气。对不起，你得另谋出路了。”虽然不是这位先生的错，但他失去了工作！他并没有生气或害怕，而是决定信靠主。不久，他在听牧师讲道时，他听到了一位女士的见证，这位女士找到了一份非常好的工作。仅仅几周后，他就收到了一份工作邀请。他简直不敢相信，这是一个经理的职位，且提供的薪水更多。失去第一份工作，非但没有给他带来多大损失，反而主赐予他更多！哇！



孩子们，今天我们学习了，有时事情可能是不公平的，就像罗得自私地从亚伯兰手中夺走了所有好地一样，尽管他的叔叔对他表现出如此慷慨之后，他还是无动于衷。亚伯兰非但没有对罗得的过分行为提出任何抗议，而是他选择“让路”给他的侄子。



是因为亚伯兰软弱害怕罗得吗？并不是的。如果你了解圣经故事的话，你就会知道亚伯兰是一个富有且成功的人；如果你还记得，亚伯兰后来是如何从敌国手中救出罗得的故事的话，你就会知道亚伯兰并不惧怕战斗。那么，面对罗得如此不公平的自私自利行为，为什么亚伯兰能表现出如此慷慨大度呢？答案是：亚伯兰知道真正的祝福总是来自神，他的成功与罗得或其他任何人无关！在创世记 15 章，耶和华告诉亚伯兰说：“亚伯兰，不要惧怕！我是你的盾牌，必无比丰厚地赏赐你。”看看我们神伟大而慷慨的作风：亚伯兰不必担心害怕被利用被欺骗，因为他相信神会保护他——因为“我是你的盾牌”；并供应他——因为“我必无比丰厚地赏赐你”，且不仅仅是“赏赐”，也不只是“大赏赐”，神给亚伯兰的应许是“无比丰厚的赏赐”！哇！

好消息时，阿爸天父对亚伯兰的应许和祝福，今天同样临到你我身上，所以你不必害怕，也不必担心失败，因为祂是你的盾牌，是你无比丰厚的赏赐。当事情变得不公平时，祂必加倍赏赐给你，比任何人从你身上所夺走的还要多得多地赏赐给你！

所以，在生活中当不公平的事情发生在我们身上时，我们的第一反应不应该是反击；我们的第一反应是先祷告主这件事，告诉主到底发生了什么事，让主知道你是多么沮丧和生气。我们可以真诚地来到上帝的面前，并告诉祂我们的真实感受。



一旦你平静下来，先停一停安静一会儿，相信主会告诉你下一步该怎么做。在某种情况下，可能你要做的是为自己挺身而出；也可能是你需要将所发生的事情告诉你信任的成年人；也可能是像亚伯兰一样，你只需要放手“让路”，即使你知道这样做很不公平。



无论下一步你会做出怎样的反应，请记住我们上帝的方式，不必因生气而作出反击，也不必因恐惧而退缩，更不必害怕我们会成为失败者或者我们会一败涂地！当事情变得不公平时，坚守这个强大的真理：**耶和华是我们的盾牌，是我们无比丰厚的赏赐！**我们可以因此变得坚定而不伤害他人，变得立场坚决而更强大，坚信我们的主会向我们表现出“不公平的优待”！所有孩子们说“阿们”！

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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

WHEN THINGS ARE UNFAIR

... **“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” – Genesis 15:1, NKJV**

Hey Rock Kidz, how well do you know your road signs? What does this one mean? That’s right! No entry. What about this one? No U-turn. This sign says “give way”. Give way to what? Give way to the other person.

When drivers see this sign, they are supposed to let the other vehicle go first instead of trying to push ahead themselves. Signs like this exist because motorists do not always remember to share the roads. They have to be reminded that sometimes we have to let the other person go first. When we choose to give way, the roads become a safe place for everyone.

Today’s Bible story is Abraham and his nephew, Lot. It takes place at Genesis 13, when Abraham was still using his old name Abram. During this time, both Abram and Lot had become very rich. Both has so many sheep and cattle that the place they lived was getting very crowded. Soon there was not enough grassland or water for all their animals, and their servants started to fight. You can imagine that there were quite a lot of squabbles that went like this, “Go away! We got here first!” “No! You go away! We got here first!” things got so bad that Abram knew that they could not live in the same place any longer. He and Lot would have to go their separate ways.

“Let’s not fight because we are family”, Abram said. “Let’s go our separate ways. Look at all this land. Choose what you want. If you go to the left, I will go to the right. If you go to the right, I will go to the left. Abram was Lot’s uncle. He could have picked what he wanted first and left Lot have what was left. Abram could have, but he didn’t. He gave way to Lot. Even way back then, long before there were any cars or road signs to remind people to ‘Give way’, Abram already knew how to let the other person go first!

What do you suppose Lot did? Did he say, “No, no, you’re too kind, Uncle. You pick first.” Maybe Lot said, “Let’s split it right down the middle, 50-50. Fair and square!” Lot could have done that, but he didn’t!

In Genesis 13: 10-11 says, “Lot look around. He saw that the whole Jordan River valley toward the town of Zoar had plenty of water. It was like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt...So Lot chose the whole Jordan Riven valley for himself...” When Abram gave Lot first choice, Lot went ahead and swiped all the best land for himself! He took the whole Jordan River valley, leaving Abram with the hill country that was left.

How many of you are now thinking, “Hey, that’s not fair!” When we hear this, we may wonder if Abram made a mistake in being so generous. Lot didn’t even leave his uncle with a tiny piece of good land. He took it all. Lot did not think to give way to his uncle. He did not think about caring or sharing. Lot followed the way of the world. The world’s way of winning is to look out for yourself. The world says, “Push your own way of forward. Grab as much as you can.” This is never God’s way. God’s way is never to grab, grab, grab. God’s way is to give, give, give. Abram understood God’s ways. The secret to Abram’s generosity is that he believed and trusted in a loving and generous God!

Look what happened next. In Genesis 13: 14-15, “And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are – northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever...” Whoa! When Abram chose to give way to Lot, he was also giving way for Daddy God to take care of him. Abram did not even protest or get angry when Lot grabbed everything good for himself. Instead, Abram trusted God to be good to him.

You already know your Daddy God’s style. When you allow Him to give to you, He always gives you the much more. He always gives you the best! Lot grabbed the good, but Daddy God gave Abram the best. Abram never had to grab because he knew he only had to freely receive everything he needed from our good, good God. And look at our God’s big and generous style. Whatever Abram’s eye could see would be his, and best of all, it would belong to him and his family forever! How amazing that when Lot was so unfair to Abram, the Lord took care of Abram by being unfairly good to him!

Let me tell you what happened when a man lost his job. One day, his boss told him, “Business is no good right now. I’m sorry, but you will have to go...” Even though it was not his fault, he lost his job! But instead of getting angry or afraid, he decided to put his trust in the Lord. Not long after that, while he was listening to Paster Prince preach, he heard the testimony of a woman who got a really good job. Just a few weeks later, he got an offer for a job. He couldn’t believe it. It was for a manager’s position and it came with more pay. Instead of losing out when he lost his first job, the Lord blessed him with much more.

Hey Rock Kidz, today we learn that sometimes, things can be unfair. Like the way Lot selfishly grabbed all the good land from Abram, even after his uncle showed such generosity to him. Instead of pushing back, Abram chose to give way to his nephew.

Was it because Abram was weak and afraid of Lot? No. if you know your Bible stories, you know that Abram was a rich and successful man. And if you remember the story of how he later rescued Lot from the enemy kings, we know that Abram was not afraid to fight. So why did Lot treat him so unfairly? The answer is that Abram did not look to Lot or anyone else for his success.

Abram knew that true blessings always come from the Lord. In Genesis 15, the Lord told Abram: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” Look at our God’s great and generous style! Abram did not have to worry or be afraid of being taken advantage of, or being cheated because he trusted the Lord to protect him. “I am your shield”. And to provide for him. “I am your exceedingly great reward.” Not “I am your reward”. Not even “I am your great reward”. The promise God gave to Abram was to be his “exceedingly great reward”. Wow!

Today, Daddy God is blessing you the same thing. Don’ t be afraid. Don’t worry about losing out because He is your shield. And he is your exceedingly great reward. He’s got your back, and when things get unfair, He gives you back much, much more that anything anyone can take away from you!

So when things get unfair, our first response should not be to fight back. Our first response is to tell the Lord about it. Tell the Lord what happened. Tell him how upset or angry it makes you. we can be real with our God and tell Him how we really feel.

Once you calmer, stop and just be quiet for a while. Trust that the Lord will tell you what to do. It could be that for that particular situation, what you have to do is to stand up for yourself and speak up. It could also be that you need to tell an adult that you trust about what happened. It could also be that like Abram, you just have to let go and give way, even if you know that that's not fair.

Whatever the next step is, remember our God's style. He never hits back in angry, and He never responds out of fear. We can be firm without hurting others, and we can be strong simply by standing our ground. Hang on to this powerful truth. The Lord is our shield and our exceedingly great reward. We don't have to be afraid that we will be losers or that we will lose out. When things get unfair, we simply have to believe that the Lord will show Himself unfairly good to us. And all of the Rock Kidz say, "Amen!"

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."