Dear Lexie,

I remember once having a long conversation with my parents after getting in trouble at school. Yes, those conversations were never pleasant for me. My parents were quite disappointed with me and as they were "letting me have it" I interrupted them. I told them that I had never asked them to bring me into this world in the first place. I am sure I am not the first person to have ever said something like that. As a matter of fact, my dad told me that he had said that very same thing to his parents growing up. But I guess I caught them off guard, because the conversation ended there.

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"Unfair?"

Have you ever felt that maybe God is not all that fair? Why would He bring us to a world full of sin and pain? I often struggled with this thought in my teenage years. Jeremiah 1:5 says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart” Even before we were born God knew us and chose us. And though we are brought to a world of sin, God has a plan for each of us. Still, sometimes it seems that God is not all that fair. You see, in Romans 5:19 Paul...
tells us that: "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous." Yes, the truth is that by human standards God is not fair. As sin entered this Earth through one man, that righteousness of the One man is also made available as substitute to ALL men, so that whoever believes in Him will not die but have eternal life. Paul ends that chapter saying: "But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

As unfair as it may seem to some, we all receive God's precious gift of salvation at no cost, through Jesus Christ. But here is the catch; this gift comes with one string attached. In Matthew 10 we read of how Jesus sends the twelve disciples out on a mission. Later he sends seventy more in a similar mission (Luke 10). But notice what Jesus tells the disciples in verse 8: "Freely you have received; freely give." God's free gift of salvation makes us debtors to share the good news of Salvation and of His soon return with others. As you ponder on Jesus' sacrifice as atonement for our salvation, never forget that it is that very same gift that makes us debtors to others to share His love and Salvation to a world that is in desperate need of a Savior.

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