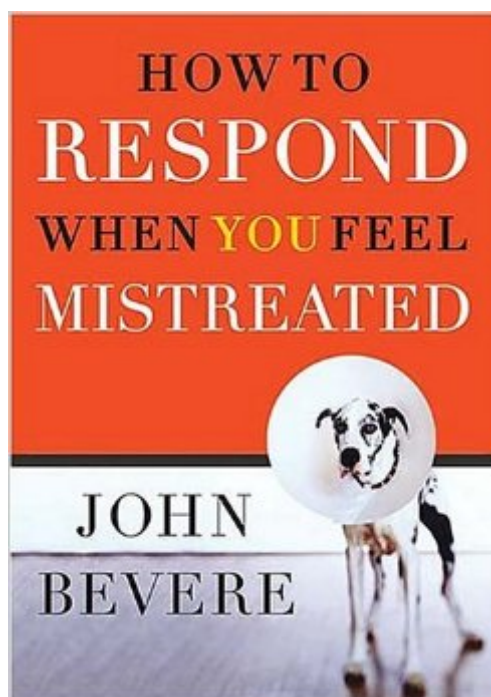


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# How To Respond When You Feel Mistreated



## Synopsis

"Repay no one evil for evil" (Romans 12:17 NKJV). Easier said than done, right? But that's exactly what John Bevere recommends in *How to Respond When You Feel Mistreated*. We are all subject to some authority, and those in leadership often misuse their power and hurt others. But we as Christians are called to honor and submit to authority, even if it means accepting unfair treatment. "'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19 NKJV). God's justice often takes longer than we want to wait, but it does come. And our obedience in accepting suffering increases His work in the lives of others. Ultimately, our model for responding to unfair treatment is Jesus. And by enduring suffering as He did, we are made more like Him.

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I needed to hear this. Bevere writes about how we respond when we are mistreated. Actually, that's not right. It's when we *feel* we are mistreated. That's a key distinction. Because this is all about the responses we can control, not the ones of others that we can not. Bevere sticks very closely to the Bible, generally, and gives great wisdom about leaving vengeance up to God, while loving not just others, but your enemies. I've started to put some of his ideas into practice after reading this book, inviting some of my enemies over for dinner- for after all, you eat with your friends, but not your enemies. Particularly striking for me was Bevere's thoughts on how, when we are offended, we step out of the grace of God, and remove the possibility of being blessed by God. There were however some drawbacks to the book. The writing style is like someone is speaking- too informal for pen on

paper. I was surprised at some of his asides, that would be great when he is giving his speeches, but were completely inappropriate for good writing. An editor should have caught that. In a couple of his later chapters, he goes on a conservative tangent, actually more like a diatribe, which I found deeply unhelpful. How he feels about supporting Bush, or being against evolution, or the wrongness of Vietnam protestors, however those ideas may be true or not, is really off-topic. As is his ideas about obedience to authorities and to husbands. He believes his ideas are Biblical; many do not. Whether or not they are, the book would be better without this tangent. It frankly detracts, and does not help in making his point on the needs for forgiveness and wholeness in Christ. Yes, we need to forgive authorities.

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