



Normal Isn't
Normal

We are probably kidding ourselves into believing that life is ever “normal”...

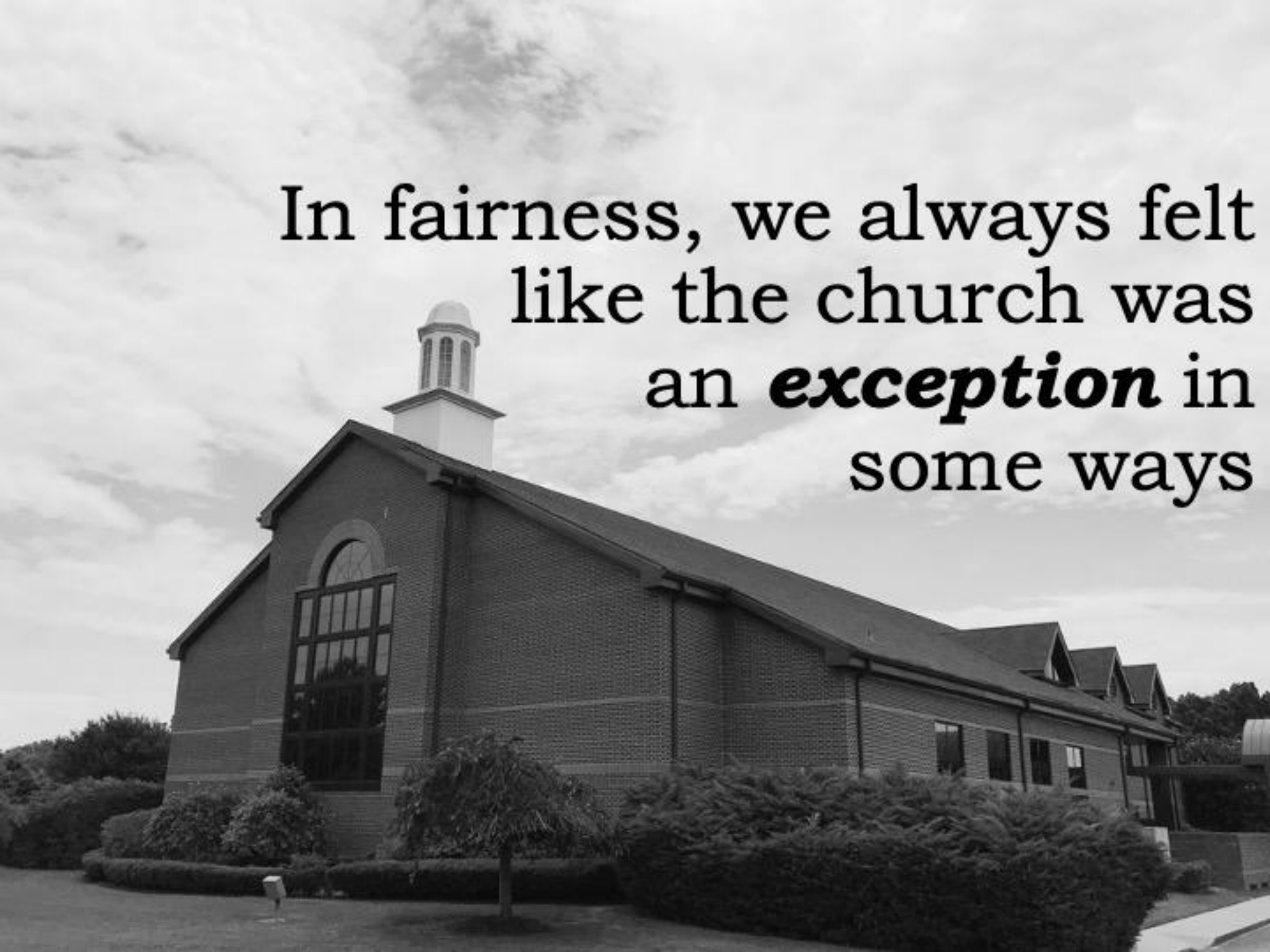
The Bible frequently presents life as in flux and chaotic. The world is wearing out and perishing (Ps. 102:26). Generations come and go with constant turnover (Ecc. 1:4). “Time and chance” and crazy results overtake us all (Ecc. 9:11-12). Kings rise and fall, and so do the kingdoms they rule over (Dan. 2:20-21). War, famine, and upheaval are not the exception (Matt. 24:6-8).

As the Hebrew writer puts it, “Here we do not have a lasting city” (Heb. 13:14).

When, exactly, was life



normal?



In fairness, we always felt
like the church was
an ***exception*** in
some ways



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- As God's people we enjoy the benefits of the Spirit, a pledge or foretaste of glory (Rom. 8:23, 2 Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:14).

But we exist in a
corrupted world



for now

A black and white photograph of a field of flowers, possibly daisies, with a central black banner containing white text. The background is a soft-focus field of flowers, with some stems and flower heads visible in the foreground and middle ground. The lighting is natural, creating a serene and slightly melancholic atmosphere.

2 Corinthians 5



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- All of existence will be overhauled in the resurrection (Phil. 3:20-21, John 14:1-4, 1 Cor. 15). Then, and only then, will we realize what it means to *feel normal*.