

Just another Sabbath Day

Luke 13:10-11 NLT

One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight.

Yes I Believe It

Yes, I believe a physical problem can have a spiritual cause. No one doubts that physical problems can have a psychological cause. And most of us understand that many psychological problems have physical causes. So if we humans have physical, psychological and spiritual ingredients, why shouldn't we expect spiritual problems to cause physical problems as well.

Healing Stirs Up Trouble

Luke 13:12-14 NLT

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God! But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath."

We've got a rule!

God's healing grace liberated a one of his daughters from physical and spiritual oppression and all this leader could say was "We have rules, rights and regulations!"

Times Haven't Changed

Some people feel that rules, rights and regulations put walls around God's grace, determining when, where, how and with whom he can work.

Want to be liberated?

Luke 13:15-17 NLT

But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water? This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?" This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.

Treat Animals Better than People?

Here's the good news. Jesus can set people like you and me free from all kinds of bondage. He will do it even if it bursts through the rules, rights and regulations people set up to control God's grace.

Sermon in a Sentence:

Grace values persons over rules, rights and regulations. Give it freely to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

Give Freely

Some people (both inside and outside the church) feel that rules, rights and regulations put walls around God's grace, determining when, where, how and with whom he can work. But Jesus' actions and teaching expose the Truth that transforming grace is available to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

So now what?

Have you received God's liberating grace? Are you ready to share God's grace with anyone, anytime, anywhere?