

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Jesus always finds a better way. Forget what you think you know about him. Let's get to know the real Jesus.
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What does it look like when a human being doesn't run but allows the Holy Spirit to fill them?

Mark 2:19-27 NIV

19</small> Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. 20</small> But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast. 21</small> "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. 22</small> And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins." 23</small> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. 24</small> The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" 25</small> He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? 26</small> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." 27</small> Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."
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Mark 3:1-6 NIV

1</small> Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2</small> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. 3</small> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." 4</small> Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. 5</small> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. 6</small> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.3.1-6.NIV>

Sermon in 2 Sentences:

The Hound of Heaven hunts not for perfect people. The Hound of Heaven hunts for broken people whom he can perfect in love.

The wrong question: What if he wants all of me?

Jesus asks: What if I give you all of me?

The wrong question: How can I keep my life the way I want it?

Jesus asks: What if the Source of all Life starts living in you?

The wrong question: How can I perfect the execution of my religious practices?

Jesus asks: What if the Holy Spirit can perfect your practice of loving others by loving them through you?

The wrong question: Who's in and who's out?

Jesus asks: Who can we bring in?

The wrong question: Who will love me?

Jesus asks: Who will you love with me?

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