

MSG: STRETCH YOUR HAND 3-26-2023

Scripture: Mark 3:1-6 CSB

SZN 1: Relating Like Jesus

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“Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a shriveled hand. In order to accuse him, they were watching him closely to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath. He told the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand before us.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. After looking around at them with anger, he was grieved at the hardness of their hearts and told the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. Immediately the Pharisees went out and started plotting with the Herodians against him, how they might kill him.”

1. STRETCH YOUR HAND TO BE HEARD

Mark 3:1 CSB

“Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a shriveled hand.”

He Entered the synagogue again- this was routine for him to Work miracles in the place where people are coming to experience a miracle.

Jesus was not out of Place. The religious leaders, who had no power in THE PLACE WHERE THEY SHOULD have power, were out of place.

HIS PREEMINENCE

-He is FIRST!

-He wants to show us a new way based on His power not based on our prowess!

-Relational sickness does not have to be normal.

-We normalize dysfunction because we only know that way!

HIS PRESENCE

GOD IS AT WORK IN HIS HOUSE OR IN YOUR HOUSE, HE IS NOT CONFINED TO GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.

HIS HOUSE

The Sanctuary or The Penitentiary.

His House or Your House!

Wherever two are gathered, He is there!

-Pray every where.... The construct of this being the meeting place...Jesus was inside but JESUS WAS OUTSIDE. So Should you!

If your faith only works here (the church), then it's not real active faith...but rather, simple dead religious tradition.

YOUR PRESENT

-Man with the Shriveled hand - How did Jesus see the hand, if It was Hidden.

-Jesus is completely ok with us having brokenness or lack.

-Stretch your hand and say "HERE" ... Say "HEAR".

HE IS HERE FOR YOU TO BE HEARD

-He's in the house of God & ok with our Brokenness.

-He's in the streets & ok with our sickness!

2. STRETCH YOUR HAND TO BE HEALED

Mark 2:17 CSB

"When Jesus heard this, he told them, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners.""

Anytime God positions you amongst the powerless, Expect The power of God to be present.

-You have to be ok with complexity in relationships! UNHEALED & HEALED. Healthy and those needing health!

-As long as you are consistent, you can deal with inconsistent people.

GIVES INSTRUCTION TO STAND UP IN FRONT OF ERRRRYBODY.

"Jesus can we do this over here in the cut?"

-Ain't really trying to have my business out in these street like that.

Three People We can Be:

THE ACCUSERS

- Distractors.
- The accusers were watching closely. Don't get distracted by the accusers.
- If a physician helped them, it's cool. It was when the Great physician does it, it's blasphemous??!
- Accusers will always adjust the standard to defend their position and stay in power.
- It's less about the work and more about "them".

THE ACCUSTOMED

- Nothing new, saying "will always be like this".
- The accustomed are used to everything remaining as usual.
- This shouldn't be normal, in the House of God.

THE ASSIGNED

- Those God positions in your life to touch and heal.
- The man obeyed him—That's Powerful!

OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIS POWER MAKES WAY FOR OUR HEALING AND HIS GLORY.

- You see, we think embarrassment, humiliation and shame- Jesus is incapable of operating in that way.
- He is gentleness, loving kindness & compassion.