

## UNREASONABLE EXPECTATIONS

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Mark 2:23-3:6

*We have to expect God to be God in our situations not just on Sunday but everyday. Don't wait to come into the house of God on Sunday to ask for healing. He's ready to heal and deliver you right where you are no matter what time of the week so that when you enter His house on Sunday you can come healed and delivered.*

Every one of us knows about unreasonable expectations. For some, our jobs expect us to work from sun up to sun down and go beyond the call of duty but don't want to recognize and/or compensate the extra efforts. Parents are expecting children to perform at levels they are not capable of performing, while sometimes comparing the children with each other. Some of you are in relationships where no matter how hard you try you still can't please the other person. Having unreasonable expectations is taxing to both the person expecting, and to the other person trying to fulfill those expectations. It is disappointing when a person does not do what you expect of them. It is also disappointing when you cannot do what someone expects of you. The problem with unreasonable expectations is, that we assume that others know what we want, and that they have a desire to meet our expectations. Unreasonable expectations are expectations that aren't clearly communicated.

The Sabbath was sacred to the Jews. According to the Jews, Jesus was declaring war against the religious establishment. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath that had been sick. Then, he allowed his disciples to pick grain and eat it on the Sabbath. They were violating the Sabbath tradition. There was an addendum to the law that clarified what was forbidden on the Sabbath. The Jews took a little further the law presented by Moses. All work was classified under thirty-nine headings, which outlined what was forbidden on the Sabbath. When you have an order of worship you tell God what He can do during the service. That is why we don't have an order of worship.

Some of you are waiting for Prince Charming to come and take you away to his castle but you are no Cinderella. You need to wait on the Lord and be of good courage and search for the desires of His heart. Jesus was battling tradition. Jesus had come to set people free. Humans were created before the Sabbath law was created. It wasn't meant for man to be a slave to the Sabbath. It was meant to give us freedom. In six days God completed the process of creating the world. After those six days of work, God rested. We need to be like God. Learn how to rest in the Lord. We stretch our bodies and minds past the limit. Each of us need to pull away sometimes. Every morning you need to go to your secret closet, a place where you can be alone and spend uninterrupted time with God. God set aside the Sabbath for Himself. The Sabbath was set aside for our benefit and our refreshment. Some of us have made the Sabbath day a tradition. **Hebrews 10:25** Being a radical disciple of Christ is not just about how you live on Sunday. It is about how we live everyday. It is giving and serving others who don't seem to appreciate it. It is more about what we do than what we don't do. **Luke 18:11** Being a Christian is more about what we do for God and others.

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. Jesus has authority to do whatever he wants whenever he wants. The Pharisees were looking for a way to accuse Jesus. Jesus gave them a reason because he healed a man on the

Sabbath and told him to stand up. The Pharisees had no concern for human life and misery. They only concerned themselves with what they wanted and what they needed. Everything Jesus did, he did it to build people. He never held anyone in captivity with unreasonable expectations. He allows us to mature at our own rate. Some of you know because you have been taking the scenic route; but that is no surprise to God.

When you love God, you stop expecting of others what God can only do for you. When you love God, you stop expecting others to do what you need to do yourself. When you love God, you will give yourself time to rest in Him. Each of us need to learn in our own way to live and let live. We need to give folks a break. You will expect God to do what none other can do. We need to think out of the box. You need to think radically, believing that anything is possible with God. We are so bound by even unrealistic expectations of God because we lack faith. We are surprised every time God shows up. We don't believe that God is who He says He is. You have heard the word and you have seen the miracles, do you believe?

Peace.

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