

Message from God’s Life-Giving Word
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The Sabbath...

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*The **time** has come. The **Kingdom of God** has come **near**. **Repent and believe the good news!***
Mark 1:15

Notes on Mark 2:14ff (Jesus at Levi’s House):

What hangs in the balance for you?

*But **new wine** (_____) is for **fresh wineskins** (_____).* Mark 2:22

Notes on Mark 3:1ff (Healing of Man with a Withered Hand):

*And He (Jesus) looked around at them with **anger, grieved at their hardness of heart**, and said to the man, “Stretch out your **hand**.” He stretched it out, and his hand was **restored**.* Mark 3:5

*Take my **yoke** upon you, and **learn** from me, for I am **gentle** and **humble** in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls.* Matthew 11:29

Next Steps

1. Journal the following: What role, if any, did rule-keeping play in your religious experience? Were you left with the impression that the rules were more important than the people expected to keep the rules?
2. Read Mark 2:15–17. What stands out to you? What do you think Jesus meant by “healthy” and “sick?” How about “Righteous” and “sinners”? Now read Matthew 11:28–30. What stands out to you? What does this invitation imply about the outcome of following Jesus? What does the term “yoke” imply?
3. Is there an area of your life where you are emphasizing rules over people? How would your spouse, friends, or kids answer that about you? What is one way you can yield your love of rules and move towards relationship this week?
REMEMBER: *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It’s also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*