



# **Luke**

**6:1-11**

**Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath**

# Our Three Questions

**1. What does it say?**

- Authorial intent to intended audience

**2. What does it mean?**

- Timeless theological truth

**3. How does it apply?**

- Landing it in our lives

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And he rose and stood there. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” <sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.”

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And he did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

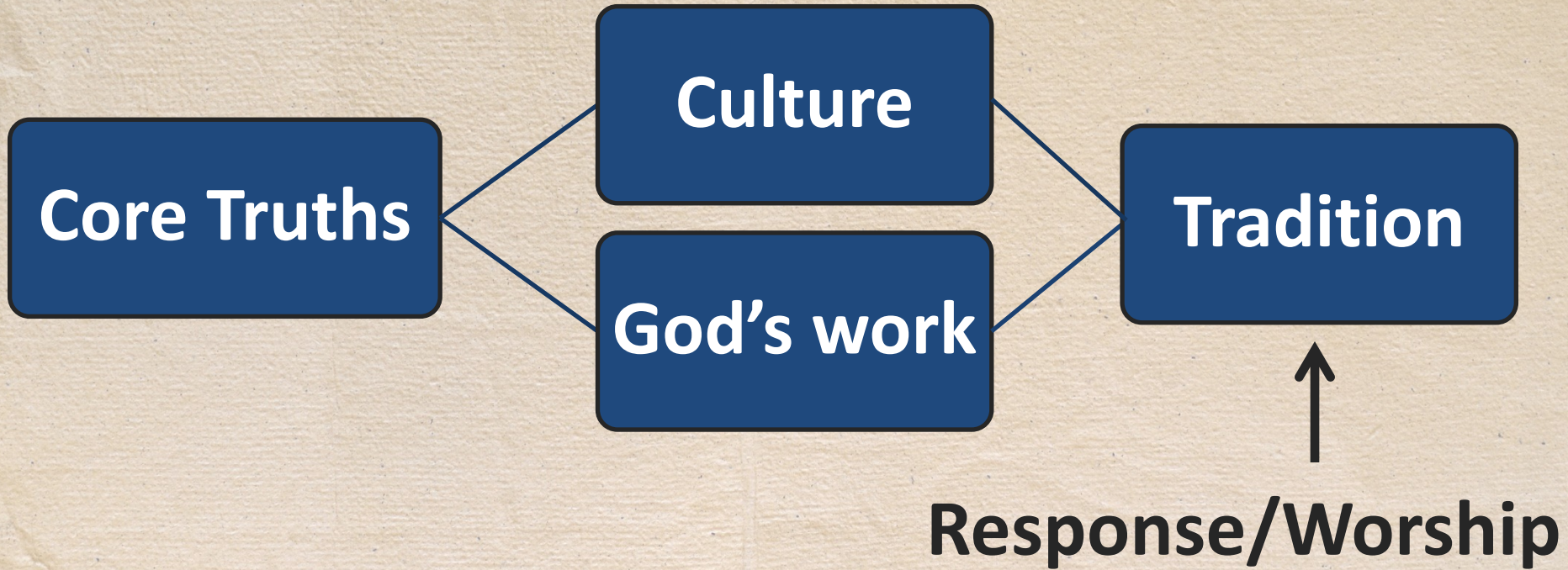
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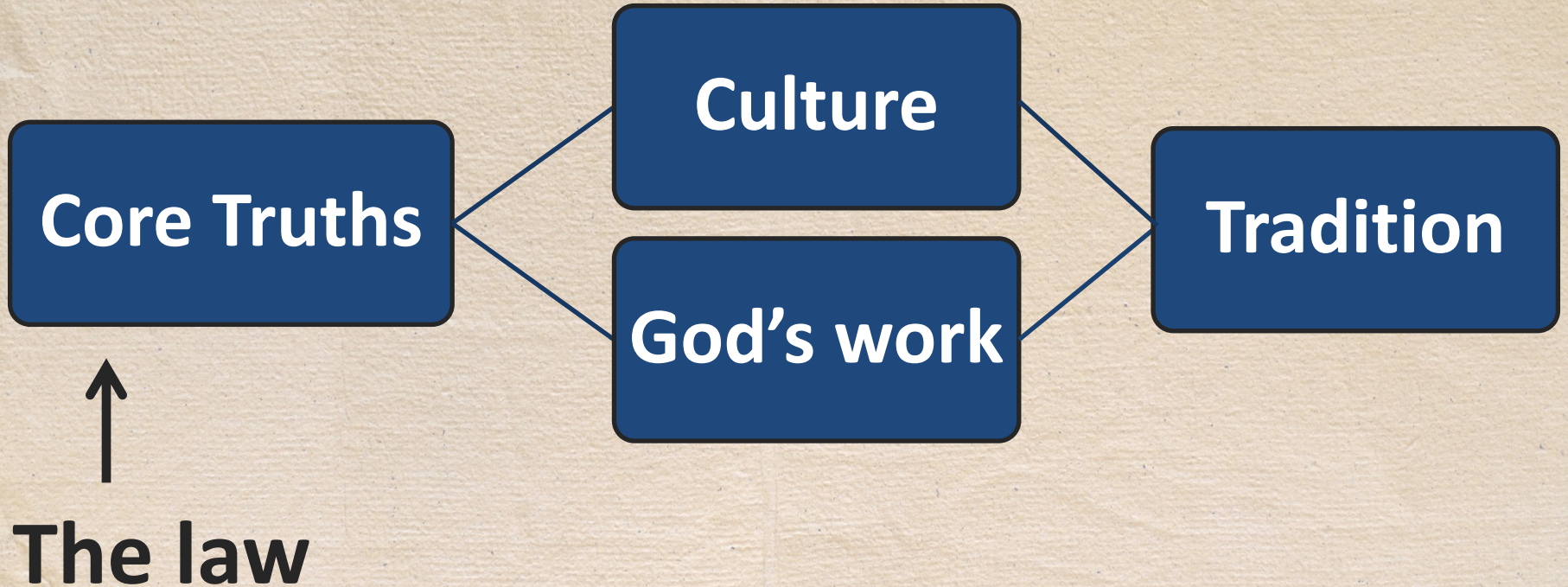
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# Exodus 20:8-10

**<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.**

# Exodus 20:8-10

**On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.**

# God's Top 10

1. No other Gods
2. No idols
3. No misusing God's name
4. Rest on Sabbath
5. Respect parents
6. No murdering
7. No adultery
8. No stealing
9. No lying
10. No coveting

# Sabbath in Scripture

**Exodus 16:13-30 – Gathering Mana**

**Exodus 31:12-17, 35:1-2 – Death penalty**

**Exodus 34:21 – In plowing and harvest**

**Leviticus 23:3 – In every house**

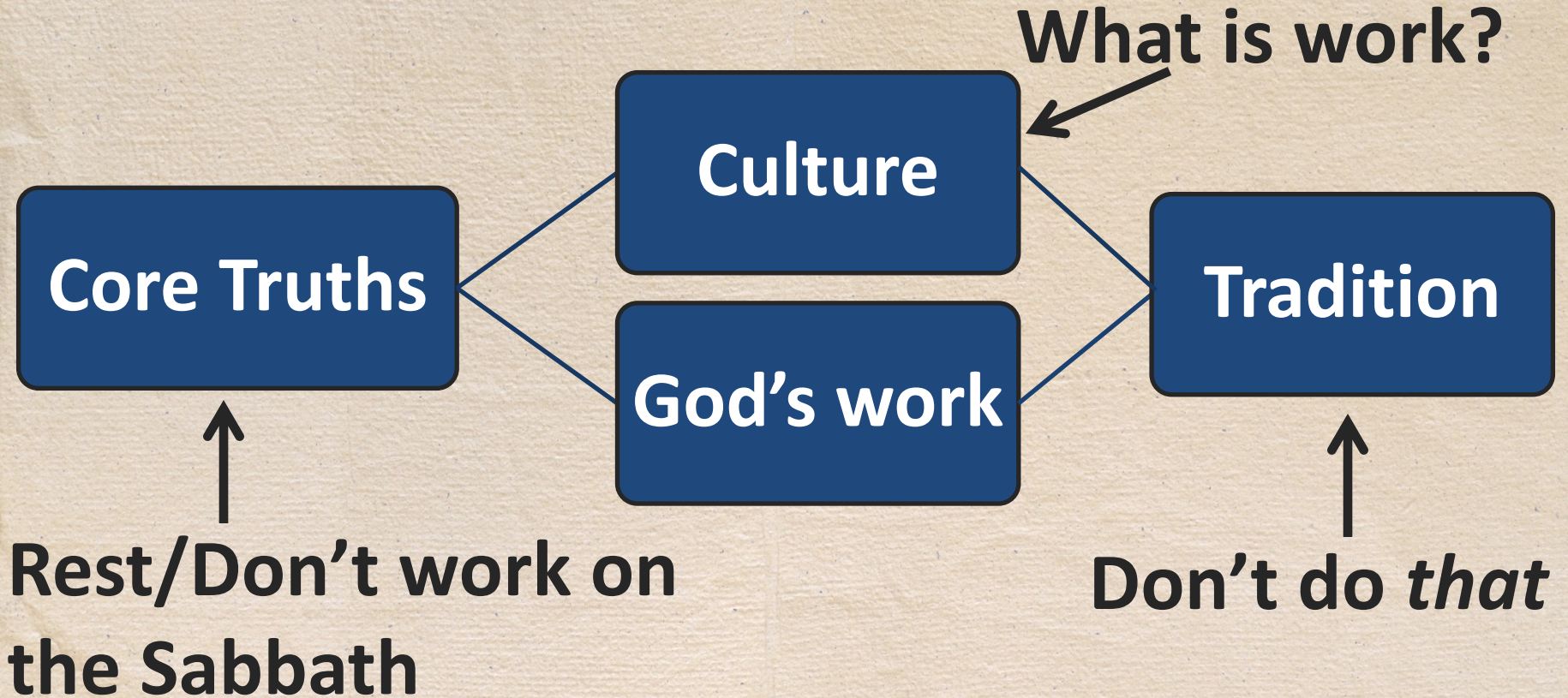
**Deuteronomy 5:14 – Repeat of the top 10**

# Aren't they stealing?

Deuteronomy 23:24 **If you enter your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want, but do not put any in your basket.**

**25 If you enter your neighbor's grainfield, you may pick kernels with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to their standing grain.**

# How do we get there?



# What are the dangers?

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# Mark 2:27-28

**<sup>27</sup> And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.<sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”**

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<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her,

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**“Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. <sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people,**

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“There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?”

# What are the dangers?

**16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"**

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**17 When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.**

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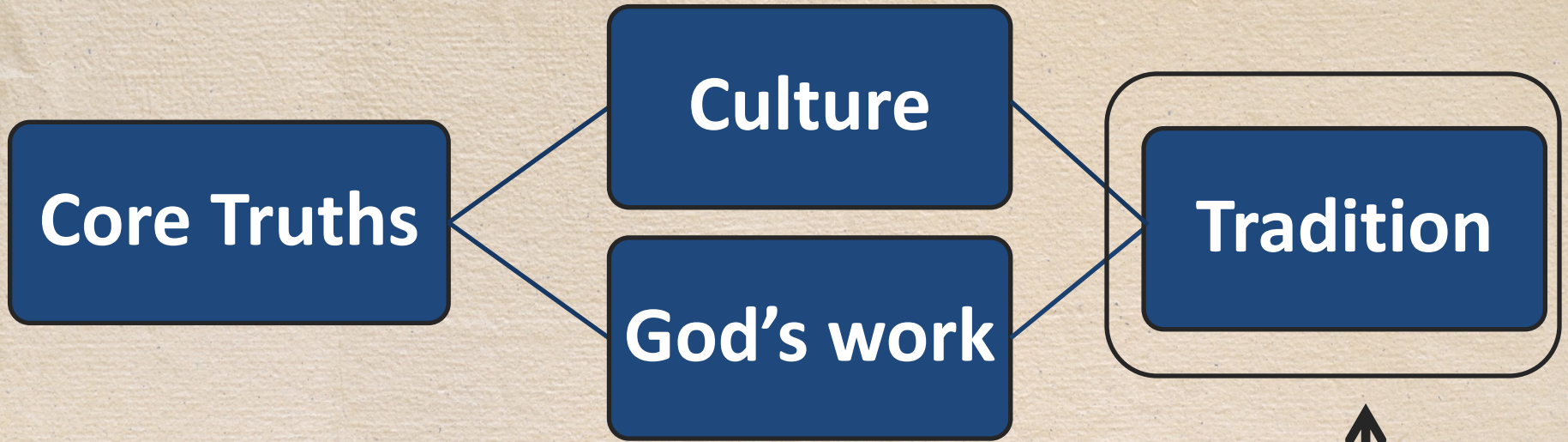
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# What do we learn & do

Rest is commanded *for* us. Mark 2:27

- Good for the body
  - See your doctor ...
- Good for the soul
  - Pride – I'm who holds my world
  - Shame – My production is my value

# What do we learn & do



What about Legalism?

# What do we learn & do

1. Righteousness is gifted, not earned
2. War with your own sin! Matt 5:27-30
  - Know God's Word
  - Know yourself (warts & all)
    - Create *personal* boundaries
3. Help others, from a place of grace
  - Galatians 6:1-6

# Questions

**Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?**

**In our text, the Lord engaged with the Sabbath and people who were overly legalistic about it. In our study of Scripture, we find that Sabbath is indeed good for us. What is your relationship with rest like? Is this a place where you could grow? What would you like to change, if anything?**

**We also bumped into legalism (at least a form of it). Have you placed any additional boundaries in your own life, that are beyond the bounds of Scripture, but you still find helpful in your walk?**

**Are there places where you think everyone should have a boundary, even though it is not explicitly stated in Scripture? For example, maybe you think that nobody should ever have a drink of alcohol. Talk about that. Why do you feel that way?**

**Do you have any history with this topic, maybe from a community you were in. Talk about that. How did that go?**