

**“Life is not measured
by time. It is measured
by moments.”**



In life, we often find common ground in recognizing that situations have a greater purpose beyond what we see at first glance.



Our initial reactions to what we experience can prevent us from responding in helpful ways that address the greater purpose.



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HANDS AND HEARTS

FROM WITHERED TO WHOLE

GATEWAY



MARK 3:1-7

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**so they watched him closely to see if
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Jesus said to the man with the withered
hand, 'Stand up in front of everyone.'**



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.



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.



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MARK 3:1-7 NIV

**“This is the Good News about Jesus the
Messiah, the Son of God.”**

MARK 1:1 NLT

"The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

MARK 1:15 NLT

**I am sharing this message
because we are called to
help others, not hinder them.**



This story teaches us that there are two ways to live. The first is to be one with God, be and act like Him, and show His love and power. The second is acting like we're good and righteous, but in reality, we're stubborn and hard-hearted inside.



TWO ESSENTIAL TRUTHS:

1. **“Withered” literally means “dry” or “parched”; a loss of vitality**
2. **“Right hand” symbolizes:**
 - a. **Power for living**
 - b. **Blessing**
 - c. **Healing**



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WHO ARE THE PHARISEES?

1. Hypocrites
2. Legalists
3. Self-righteous
4. Stubborn-hearted
5. Spiritually blind



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Word from February 4:

...To feel and know my presence. **I am beginning to turn the fire up in this place.** I am beginning to turn up My presence in this place, you will begin to boil as you come near Me. **The boiling will occur, and it will boil up the dross and it will bring My refining fire** and you will know the love of God and **express it to those you see outside these WALLS** —Amen.

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Went from being homeless for 12 years to this 🙏❤️

Here's what's possible when we humble ourselves, trust Jesus, and follow Him wherever He leads.

Eric has been homeless for 12 years trying to ...

Imagine a life where God's presence flows like a river, making the withered and weak strong again. Believe that we are channels of God's love, bringing the gospel of healing, hope, and life to a hurting world because we chose to follow King Jesus instead of the Pharisees.



APPLICATION

- 1. Respond to Jesus' call to follow Him.**
- 2. Receive His healing and rebuke, and be refreshed.**
- 3. Release compassion to others so that they may be made whole.**



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