

The Gospel in Action (5) Breaking Old Wineskins

Mark 2:18-3:6

Intro: When Conflict Is Imminent

I. A New Situation (v. 18-22)

II. An Old Response (v. 23-28)

III. Bursting Wineskins (3:1-6)

Conclusion: The New Wineskin of Faith

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your natural response to conflict? What do you learn from Jesus' approach to the Pharisees when conflict was imminent?
2. Can you think of any ways the modern Church has added tradition to the plain truth of the Gospel? What is the potential danger of following tradition rather than the Holy Spirit?
3. Jesus reminded the Pharisees that God gave the Sabbath as a BLESSING to His People. While we don't want to overburden ourselves with legalistic requirements, we also don't want to miss the blessing of rest and accomplishing good. What do you sense God revealing to you regarding your personal observance of the Sabbath?
4. When was the last time you intentionally chose to "do the right thing", even though you knew it would be unpopular and/or lead to conflict? How did God use your faithfulness in that moment?