

Mark Chapter 2

Some rules are meant to
be broken



**RULES
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1. The paralytic was lowered through the roof.
2. Jesus dined at Matthew's house.
3. Why Jesus' disciples don't fast.
4. Gathering food on the Sabbath.
5. Healing a man on the Sabbath.

Leviticus 26:11-12

Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. I will also walk **among** you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

2 Chronicles 7:14

and if My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Matthew 6:17-18

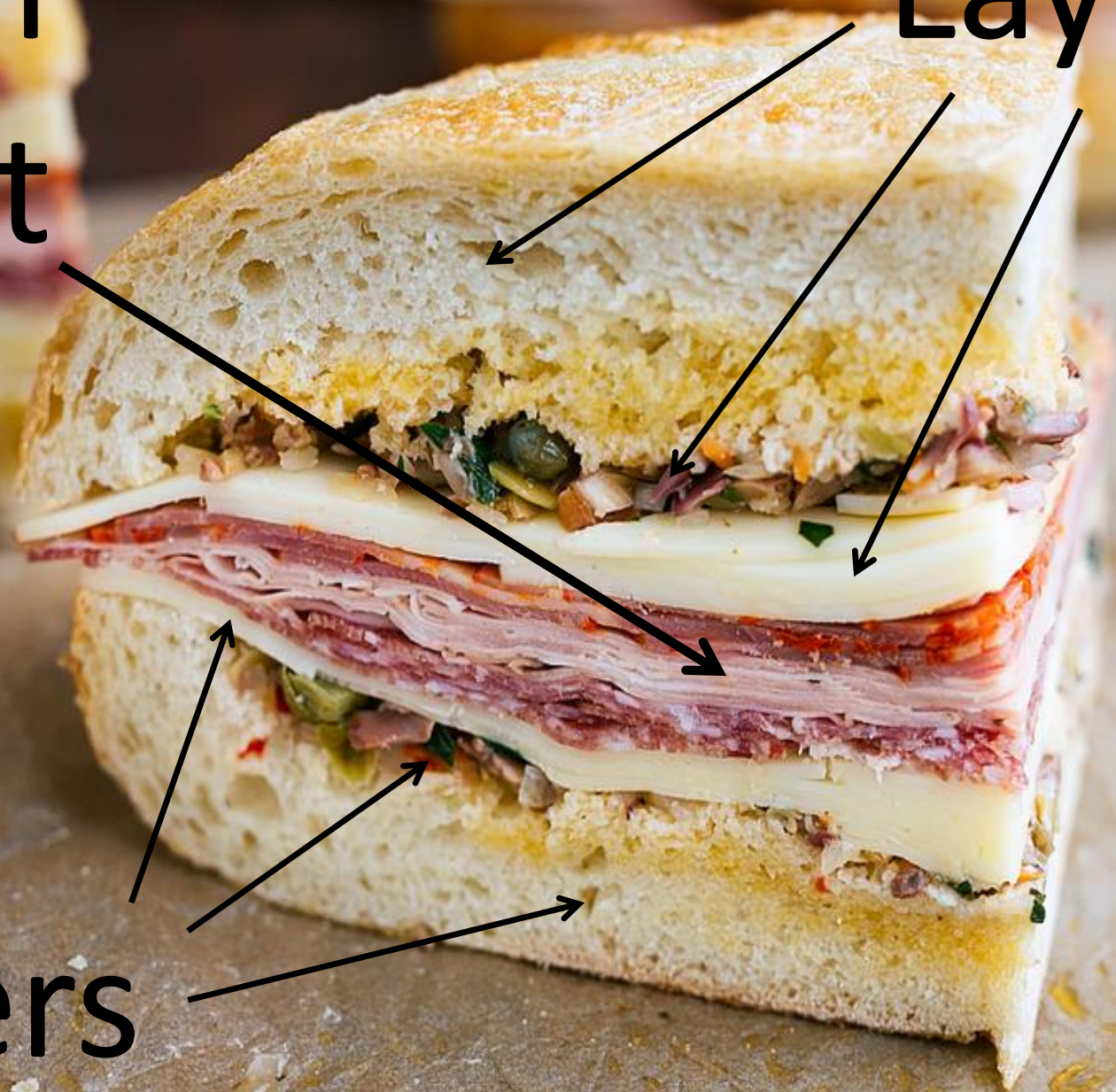
But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Mark 3:4

Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?

Main
Point

Layers



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The Main Point

Religious rule – God in flesh

Religious rule – Communing with outcasts

Religious rule - Fasting

Religious rule – Gathering food on the Sabbath

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Religious rule – God in flesh

Religious rule – Communing with outcasts

Religious rule - Fasting (New/old cloth/wine)

Religious rule – Gathering food on the Sabbath

Religious rule – Healing on the Sabbath

How to live life?

We need to be flexible and have an open mind as to how God may do things.

Bad Characteristics

“...But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts...” *Mark 2:6*

Bad Characteristics

“Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?”

Mark 2:16

Bad Characteristics

“Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”

Mark 2:18

ADVICE

Don't let anyone “should” on you.

Bad Characteristics

“Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

Mark 2:24

Bad Characteristics

“They were watching Him *to see* if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.” *Mark 3:2*

The Problem

“You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.” *Matthew 22:29*

The Truth

I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you. *Hebrew 13:5*

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” *1 Peter 5:6-7*

The Truth

Draw near to God and He will draw
near to you. *James 4:8*

The Truth

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

The Truth

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

Solution

We need to prayerfully ask God's Holy Spirit to lead us in the right application of the truth.

The Truth

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him *be* the glory...

Ephesians 3:20-21

How do you feel?

Conviction is meant to lift you up
while Condemnation is meant to
tear you down.

Quick Summary

Rules should draw our attention to God, not to people's performance.

Don't be a Pharisee

It was the self-righteous religious leaders who opposed Jesus not those who recognized their need for His help.