

A Man with a Withered Hand

Luk 6:6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.

Luk 6:7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation (fault) against Him.

(offended people do not see the fruitfulness but rather seek to find fault to justify the offence)

Luk 6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

Luk 6:9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?"

Luk 6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

Luk 6:11 But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

HE WENT TO THE HOUSE OF GOD TO GIVE THANKS

HE WAS THANKFUL HIS LEGS HADN'T WITHERED – STRONG LEGS

THANKFUL HE STILL HAD ONE GOOD HAND – STRONG HAND

THANKFUL THAT HE COULD STILL SPEAK - COULD STILL COMMUNICATE

THANKFUL HE COULD STILL SEE AND HEAR – GOOD EYES GOOD EARS

HE HAD CHOSEN NOT TO ALLOW HIS AREA OF WEAKNESS OR THE OPINION OF
OTHERS STOP HIM FROM COMING TO THE PLACE TO MEET HIS GOD

BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT CAUSED HIS STRENGTH TO
WITHER -

AN ACICIDENT? ,

MAYBE SOMEONE HAD DONE SOMETHING TO HIM?

MAYBE HE JUST WOKE UP LIKE IT?

MAYBE THAT'S ALL HE HAS KNOWN?

THE BIBLE NEVER TELLS ME THE HOW - THE WHY - OR THE MAYBE'S!

ALL I KNOW IS HE USED WHAT WAS STRONG TO CARRY HIM TO A
PLACE TO WORSHIP HIS GOD!!!

BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT CAUSED STRENGTH TO WITHER -
AN ACCIDENT? ,
MAYBE SOMEONE HAD DONE SOMETHING TO HIM?
MAYBE HE JUST WOKE UP LIKE IT?
MAYBE HE'S HAD IT FROM YOUNG?

THE BIBLE NEVER TELLS ME THE HOW - THE WHY - OR THE COULD
OF!

ALL I KNOW IS IN THE AREA OF STRENGTH HE HAD HE REFUSED NOT
TO WORSHIP HIS GOD!!!

THE SCRIBES USED HIM AS AN EXAMPLE, POINTING OUT HIS WEAKNESS - JESUS WAS ANGRY (Mk3v5) BECAUSE OF THE SCRIBES ATTITUDE—THAT THEIR HEARTS WERE SO HARD THAT THEY COULD JUSTIFY RESCUING A SHEEP FROM THE PIT(MATH12V10) BUT NOT SEE A MAN HEALED AND DRAGGED FROM HIS PIT

THEY CAST JUDGEMENT ON THE MAN THAT THEIR SHEEP WAS WORTHY TO BE RESCUED, BUT HE WASN'T BECAUSE HE NEVER FILLED THEIR CRITERIA - AFTER ALL IT'S THE SABBATH!

**THE MAN MIGHT HAVE A WITHERED HAND
BUT THEY HAD A WITHERED HEART....(LK6V37-42)**

WHEN BEING RIGHT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN A PERSON BEING RESTORED I HAVE A HEART ISSUE – I HAVE ELEVATED THE PROCESS ABOVE THE PERSON

MY SHEEP HAS BECOME MORE VALUABLE TO ME THEN THE PERSON

WHAT CAUSES A WITHERING, A LOSS OF STRENGTH, OF TOUCH, OF FEELING, OR THE ABILITY TO EMBRACE?

Lk6v37-42

Luk 6:37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luk 6:38 Give **(forgiveness)**, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom **(your heart)**. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luk 6:39 And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind **(unforgiving christian)** lead the blind **(unforgiven soul)**? Will they not both fall into the ditch?

Luk 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained **(to love and forgive)** will be like his teacher.

Luk 6:41 And why do you look at the speck **(the little thing)** in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank **(large obstacle that hinders vision – unforgiveness v26-36)** in your own eye?

Luk 6:42 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself **do not see the plank that is in your own eye**? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

JESUS CALLS HIM OUT - (LUKE 6V8) ARISE AND STAND HERE!

HE WAS GIVEN A WORD **ARISE - OVER PEOPLES PERCEPTIONS AND GOSSIP AND INUENDO AND REJECTION**

**ARISE ABOVE YOUR FRUSTRATIONS AND COMPLAINTS
ARISE OVER THE “WHYS THE COULD OF’S THE MAYBE’S”**

(THE FRUSTRATIONS AND DISSAPOINTMENTS PAIN AND HURT OF A WITHERED HAND - THAT WHICH HAS ROBBED YOU OF STRENGTH AND THE ABILTY TO FUNCTION AND DO ACCORDING TO HOW GOD DESTINED YOU TO DO)

NOW **STAND HERE** .

- STAND WHERE I'VE TOLD YOU – IN FAITH
- STAND ON WHAT I'VE SAID STAND ON MY PLAN AND PURPOSE
- STAND ON WHAT I THINK OF YOU
- STAND IN HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE TO ME

V10 STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND (*JESUS DOES NOT SAY YOUR WITHERED HAND SEES YOU HEALED*) -

- STRETCH OUT TOWARDS ME THAT WHICH IS WEAK AND I'LL MAKE IT STRONG
- STRETCH OUT TOWARDS ME THAT WHICH IS TWISTED AND DYSFUNCTIONAL AND SO HE CAN MAKE IT WHOLE -

JESUS WENT TO THE HOUSE TO MEET A MAN JESUS SOUGHT HIM OUT - JESUS IS IN THIS HOUSE THIS MORNING TO MEET THAT PERSON WHO HAS A WITHERED HAND.... ROBBED OF STRENGTH; ROBBED FROM THE ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS DESIGNED; ROBBED FROM THE ABILITY TO EMBRACE; KEEPS COMING TO THE HOUSE TO WORSHIP THE KING; THE KING HAS COME TO HIS HOUSE TO FIND YOU OUT HE'S COME TO RESTORE THAT AREA THAT HAS WITHERED, WILL YOU STRETCH TOWARDS HIM THIS MORNING SO AS TO RESTORE THAT AREA OF BROKENNESS IN YOUR LIFE

*AND IF YOU FIND YOURSELF WITH A CRITICAL EYE, AN EYE THAT IS FULL OF COMPLAINT, ANGER, UNFORGIVENESS, A JUDGEMENTAL SPIRIT LET HIM REMOVE THE PLANK IN YOUR EYE THIS MORNING SO YOU GET FRESH PERSPECTIVE & **LET THE HEALER RESTORE THE WITHERED HEART** - SO ITS STRENGTH IS RESTORED TO BE ABLE TO TOUCH AND EMBRACE AND THAT IT BEATS STRONG AGAIN FOR HIM*