

Mark 3:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent.



God's compassion overrides any doctrine, Law, or theology. The Law was given to keep people from destroying themselves through sin and wickedness, but Jews used it to justify their lack of compassion and love for others.

In Mark 3, Jesus wants to heal a sick man on a Sabbath and is astonished at the level of hardness of Pharisees. Are we allowing the Word to reveal the Father's heart of compassion and love for people throughout history, or are we using it to justify our wicked and selfish hearts? If we see the Bible as a list of 'do's and don't's' of moral principles, our vision of God is distorted and it's reflected in how we treat those around us with harshness and condemnation.

God's goodness and compassion overrides doctrinal limitations, restrictions, or ceremonial laws and His Word is permeated with His heart even in giving the Law.