

## GETTING UNSTUCK

5 Stories/Clashes Jesus had with the Religious Leaders

### Story #1: Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1 (NIV) *A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.*

<sup>2</sup> *They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.* <sup>3</sup> *Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.* <sup>4</sup> *Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.* <sup>5</sup> *When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

<sup>6</sup> *Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,* <sup>7</sup> *"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"* <sup>8</sup> *Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"* <sup>9</sup> *Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?*

<sup>10</sup> *"But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."* *So he said to the man,* <sup>11</sup> *"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."* <sup>12</sup> *He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*

- **Stuck in Religion. Unstuck with Forgiveness**

### Story #2: Jesus Calls Levi and Eats With Sinners

<sup>13</sup> *Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.* <sup>14</sup> *As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.*

<sup>15</sup> *While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.* <sup>16</sup> *When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his*

disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

- **Stuck in Self-Righteousness. Unstuck with Humility**

### **Story #3: Jesus Questioned About Fasting**

<sup>18</sup> Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, “How is it that John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. <sup>20</sup> But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

- **Stuck with Traditions. Unstuck through Transformation**

### **Story #4: Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath**

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

- **Stuck with Rules. Unstuck with Relationship**

<sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

### **Story #5: Jesus Heals on the Sabbath**

<sup>3</sup> Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

<sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

- Stuck with Control. Unstuck with Surrender.

Spiritually Stuck	Getting Unstuck
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self-Righteousness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Humility</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traditions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transformation</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rules</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relationship</li></ul>
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1. Where are you spiritually stuck? (
2. What is your step to getting unstuck?