



# “THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND”

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**Mark 3:1-5**

*He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered.”  
This man’s hand once had strength. He was not born with a withered hand. Something had happened to this man’s hand. They were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.”  
V.2*

The Pharisees were watching to see if Jesus would heal this man on the Sabbath. To the Jews you could do nothing on the Sabbath. The religion of the Pharisees was that you could not heal on the Sabbath. God said, “Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy.” Ex. 20:8 God said to keep the Sabbath holy, but the Pharisees added 30 more rules on how to keep it holy. The Pharisees wanted to catch Jesus healing this man so that they might accuse Him of breaking their rules.

Today we have Pharisee Christians that are looking to catch us saying or doing something that is not according to their standards. They say, “oh, the Pastor said, “vato”. Instead of rejoicing because God is changing the drug

addicts, convicts, rapists, murderers, and much more, the Pharisees of today get angry because the Pastor said, “vato”. Jesus is our Sabbath!

He said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and come forward!” V.3 And He said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?” But they kept silent. Jesus was saying: To be able to do good and refuse to do it is evil; not to heal this man would have been evil.

Jesus said in Matt. 12:11-12, and He said to them, “What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a man than a sheep? So, then it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

The Pharisee would take out the sheep from the pit because it was worth money to them. Today, when it comes to our pocketbook, we do not mind working on Sunday. But when you are asked to come and pass out tracts on Sunday, you get mad. “It’s Sunday!” Some women say, “I don’t wash clothes on Sunday”

- but they gossip on Sunday. Some men say, “I don’t do nothing on Sunday” - but they lust at the women on Sundays. Which is worse on Sundays! Lusting at the women and gossiping? “After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand”. And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.” V.5 Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand and when he **OBEYED** his hand was restored. The miracle, healing, and restoration took place when the man obeyed Jesus! The man with the withered hand is a picture of the modern-day church. You and I might not have a withered hand but some of us have something else that is withered in our lives.

### **MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE THE “JOY OF THEIR SALVATION” WITHERED**



We used to be happy because we were saved. There was joy, happiness and laughter overflowing from within your inner being. Now, the joy has dried up. We are not happy anymore! Now, you walk around with a frozen face. You do not laugh anymore because you are afraid your face might crack. The reason you lost that joy is because you have a broken relationship with Jesus.

### **MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE THEIR MARRIAGE WITHERED.**



When you first got married you wanted to be with your spouse every day. Everywhere you went you took your wife with you. Before you got married you would spend hours talking to her on the phone. You wanted to talk to her every day. Today, you have lost your love for your spouse. You say, “**I DON’T LOVE MY WIFE**” anymore. Do you know why your love for your wife is dried up? Because you got away from Jesus! When you first got married Jesus was number One in your home. Now your job has taken first place.

You have neglected:

- ❖ Jesus
- ❖ Church
- ❖ Bible Study
- ❖ Prayer - and money is your god now.

This is the reason your marriage is failing. Your marriage is withered or dried up!

### **MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE THEIR ANOINTING WITHERED**

The reason that the anointing has withered is because you have lost that relationship with



Jesus. When you first got saved you talked to Jesus every day. Jesus was number One in your life. You witnessed every day to people about Jesus. You were on fire for God and the anointing was strong upon your life. Now you have become like a dead man with no life and no power. Why? Because your anointing has withered. Your lack of fellowship with Jesus has caused the anointing to dry up in your life.

### [MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE THEIR PRAYER LIFE WITHERED](#)



Your prayer life is dried up and you do not want

to pray anymore. You have lost the desire to seek God in prayer. You have not prayed in a long time. It does not bother you anymore if you do not pray. When you first got saved nothing would stop you from talking to Jesus. You could not wait to go to your prayer closet and to pray at the church with other Christians. The reason you have lost the desire to pray is because you have broken fellowship with Jesus. Your prayer life is withered, and you need Jesus to restore it to normal once again.

### [CONCLUSION](#)

What is the answer for the Christian?

Who has:

-  The Joy of their salvation withered?
-  Their Marriage withered?
-  Their Anointing withered?

### Their Prayer life withered?



Jesus said, **“GET UP AND COME FORWARD!”**

**“STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND.”**  
V.3,5

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Rev. 2:5 - “...Repent and do the things you did at first...”