

## Being a Fanatic

What is a fanatic?

- Someone who cannot change their mind and will not change the subject

What might people be fanatical about?

What might a church be fanatical about?

What might be a problem with being fanatical about a good thing?

The big idea: Jesus alone is God.

Everything we have and care about must be put at His feet

Pray for God's work in our hearts this morning

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## Lord Over All

Luke 6:1-11

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*Last week...*

**God loves first  
to lead us  
to joyful repentance**

**What might  
being led to joyful repentance  
look like?**

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*Sabbath Rest*

- Sabbath: a day of rest and not work
  - For the Jewish people: Saturday
  - For most Christians: Sunday (day of Jesus' resurrection)
- Ongoing question: What is 'rest' and what is 'work'?
  - Is it okay to go shopping on Sundays?
  - Is it okay to go to work in that store on Sundays?
  - Is it okay to cut the grass or clean your room on Sundays?
  - Is it okay to study for school on Sundays?
- Feels to me like “making a mountain out of a molehill”
  - Making a huge deal over something very unimportant

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## 10 Commandments

You shall have **no other gods** before me.

You shall **not** make for yourself an **image [idol]** ... You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall **not misuse the name** of the Lord your God.

Remember the **Sabbath day** by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work

**Honor your father and your mother**, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall **not murder**.

You shall **not commit adultery**.

You shall **not steal**.

You shall **not give false testimony** against your neighbor.

You shall **not covet** your neighbor's house. You shall not **covet** your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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## Punishable by Death!

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.

'Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be **put to death**; those who **do any work** on that day must be **cut off from their people**. For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be **put to death**. The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come **as a lasting covenant**. It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the **Lord made the heavens and the earth**, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.'" *Exodus 31:12-17*

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**Even during days of urgent work:  
planting and harvest**

“Six days you shall labor,  
but on the seventh day you shall rest;  
even during the **plowing season and harvest**  
**you must rest.**”

*Exodus 34:21*

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**Promised Blessing if they “kept the Sabbath”**

“**If** you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath  
and from doing as you please on my holy day,  
**if** you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the Lord’s holy day honorable,  
and **if** you honor it by not going your own way  
and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,  
**then** you will **find your joy in the Lord,**  
and I will cause you to **ride in triumph**  
on the heights of the land  
and to **feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.**”  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

*Isaiah 58:13-14*

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### **Reasoning of the Jewish Leaders about the Sabbath**

1. Resting (not working) on the Sabbath is one of the top 10 requirements of God
  - breaking this law is like murder and adultery
2. It is rooted in creation (It is not because of sin)
3. It is punishable by death
4. God promises country-wide blessing for keeping it

They were right to take it seriously!

So they wrestled with this question:

- What is “work” that we shouldn’t do?
- It is better to do too little than too much

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Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

Then Jesus said to them,  
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**Luke 6:6-9**

On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there.

Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

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**Luke 6:10-11**

He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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### Luke 6:12-16

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### The Consecrated Bread

The consecrated bread:

“It **belongs to Aaron and his sons [priests]**, who are to eat it **in the sanctuary area**, because it is **a most holy part** of their perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the Lord.” *Leviticus 24:9*

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### David and the Consecrated Bread 1 Samuel 21:1-6

David fled from the king who was unjustly trying to kill him

David went to the priest and lied

(“The king sent me on a mission...”)

David asked the priest for food for him and his men

“But the priest answered David, ‘I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some **consecrated bread** here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.’ ”

“...So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.”

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- Legal to eat neighbor's grain, but not harvest it
- "Have you not read..."
  - Perhaps: "Have you not been willing to see this?"
  - Direct attack on their pride: knowing Scriptures
- David broke a religious law to obey a higher law
  - Food when he was fleeing for his life
  - Pharisees knew of this and approved of David
- Jesus' point: Jesus ("Son of Man") has higher authority than Moses or David or priest or Pharisees

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**→ Jesus has the authority of God  
over this most important command**

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- Pharisees: “Hostile observation”
  - Okay to help people on the Sabbath, but only if waiting until the next day would mean their death
- Jesus knew (knows) what was in the heart of people
  - Silent confrontation of each person
- Jesus’ skill: neither He nor the man did any “work”
- Miracle proved Jesus’ authority → He is God!

12-16:
 

- Jesus proved His authority over the Sabbath!
- Jesus led them to repent, in public, & they refused

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**apostles = one who is sent with authority**

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- Whom would the Messiah choose?
  - Certainly the most religious and highly trained
  - Certainly those who had already earned key positions
  - Jesus knew there would be a battle with powerful religious people: who could handle that?
- Prayed...all night!
- 12 “nobodies” in the religious establishment
  - And worse: tax collector, perhaps political zealot
- Those who would not repent lost out

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*The Big Idea*

**Jesus, being God,  
 alone has absolute authority over the Kingdom:  
 right and wrong  
 and priorities  
 and people  
 and life**

**Jesus called the religious leaders to repent: their view  
 of the Sabbath prevented them from seeing God in front of them**

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*What is our highest value?*

- What do we sacrifice the most for?
- What do we get most angry about?
- What do we fear the most?
- What takes up our time when we have a choice?
- What can we not stop doing or thinking about?
- What do we dream and daydream about most?

**Jesus, as God, must be higher still**

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**Jesus calls us to repent:  
to turn FROM other things and turn TO Him**

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**Give up our lives daily while still living**

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but **whoever loses their life for me will save it**. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

*Luke 9:23-25*

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**Only aim: do the task given by the Lord Jesus**

Paul said, “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, **I consider my life worth nothing to me**; my only aim is **to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me**—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

*Acts 20:22-24*

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**I no longer live...Christ lives in me**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*Galatians 2:20*

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**Jesus challenged the people He met at their highest value  
and demanded to be higher than that**

**\* Money \* Pleasures of life \* Approval/welcome from people  
\* Worries of life \* Moral values \* Relationships \* Identity  
Because He alone is God**

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### *Sabbath for Christians Today*

A wide range of views for acceptable practices on which days

Rhythms of life are important

Stopping work is an acceptance that we are limited  
and the value of our work is limited [we are not God!]

It is good to do good on the Sabbath!

Most important → Jesus is our Sabbath rest

- God did the work of creation then stopped that work
  - We don't work to bring creation
  - We live out that creation, with rest
- Jesus did the work of salvation then sat down
  - In Jesus, we don't work to bring salvation
  - We live out our salvation, with rest

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### *Application*

- Worship Jesus as Lord over all
  - “You shall have no other gods before me.” *Exodus 20:3*
  - Jesus leads us to joyful repentance by helping us see what “gods” are coming before God for each of us
    - Values, even super important values
    - People, even super important people
    - Identity, fulfillment, a future, my past, ...
    - The question is not **If** but **Where is this true in me?**
  - Anything that is more important to us than Jesus, has become a god to us in place of Jesus
  - **So why is it “joyful” to face this reality??**

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**What do we put our hope in?**

- **Everything** else will fail us
- **Everyone** else will fail us
- **It is an amazingly good thing to give up a lesser god!**
- The other things may not be bad things, and may be so good, and even godly things
- **But they can never do what only God can do**



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**Jesus is God. He is also entirely good and all powerful!**

- **There is nothing or no one better we could trust!**
- **There is no other purpose or place or person where we could put our time, our money, our hearts, or our lives that would give us a better 'return'**
- **The best thing we could ever do is to entrust to Jesus all that we are!**

**Joyful repentance = To turn to Jesus completely, with all that we have and are,**

**with full confidence in His overwhelming goodness**

**In His love, Jesus leads us to this joyful repentance!**

**So... in joy, put Jesus above everything else in our lives**

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### *Application*

- When called by Jesus, **leave everything** and follow Jesus
  - Leave everything
    - Sometimes: Get rid of what we have
      - “What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the **surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.” *Philippians 3:8*
      - Jesus told a man who was exceptionally good: “You still lack one thing. **Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.** Then come, follow me.” *Luke 18:22*

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    - Always: Changed relationship with what we have
      - “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**” *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
      - Similar to the ideal of marriage: everything you have is shared with someone who fully loves you
      - Yet with God, we were purchased, so **our lives belong to the One who loved us enough to die for us**

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  - Follow Jesus with determination and courage
    - **Head:** make the thoughts of God be our thoughts
      - Listen, watch, read God’s Word and the Holy Spirit
      - With an open, eager, and humble mind

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      - “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is**, seated at the right hand of God.”  
*Colossians 3:1*
      - “...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another”  
*Colossians 3:12-13*
      - What moves the heart of Jesus?
      - What is His purpose in the world?

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    - **Heart:** make the heart of God be our heart
    - **Hands:** make the work of God be our work
      - When defending His actions to His critics, Jesus said:
        - “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does.**” *John 5:19*
      - What did Jesus do? What is God doing?

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Since Jesus is God, He alone is worthy  
of all that we are and have

What is it in your life and my life that does not want to give up  
that place of first importance?

In love, Jesus leads us to joyfully **turn to Him instead**

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