

# My Way Or The Highway

## Canceled Culture (Week 1)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

**"My way or the highway", must become Jesus' way or no way.**

### Key Scriptures

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath." He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. Matthew 12:1-14

... while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much. But the person who loves God is one whom God recognizes. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

**Love, not law, is the highest value.**

### We let Jesus lead the way when we:

1. Lead from love, with love.

But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Luke 6:27

2. Know our role.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

### Start talking.

- Share some examples of Cancel Culture.
- Joel suggested that current Cancel Culture can find its roots in the prideful attitudes of religious elites. How has that been true?
- What impact has that attitude had on Christians ability to impact culture?

### Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 12:1-14. What were the Pharisees so upset about?
- Why were their rules so important to them?
- Why was the response of Jesus so threatening?
- Joel said, "My way or the highway will always lead to greater anger, greater division, and if left unchecked, violence." How have you seen that pattern repeated in the last couple years?
- Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3. How does this verse challenge "my way or the highway" attitudes?

### Start sharing.

- What are some ways you have been the victim and been guilty of "my way or the highway thinking"?
- What is the difference between "knowledge" and "love"?
- Why is it important to both lead FROM love WITH love?
- How have you seen things go wrong when we try to play the role of the Holy Spirit?

### Start doing.

- Confess: Take time this week to evaluate yourself, and your responses to others. Invite the Holy Spirit to convict you of ways you have been guilty of a "my way or the highway" attitude. Then confess it fully.
- Repent: Pray to God that He would give you the courage and determination to walk away from prideful attitudes toward others.

### Closing prayer.

Jesus thank you for loving me! Help me to live your way. A way of loving others. Give me the courage to be a light bringing, grace dispenser, and prayer partner for other. Amen