



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Mark 2:23-28**

As Jesus was passing through a field of grain on the sabbath, his disciples began to make a path while picking the heads of grain. At this the Pharisees said to him,

"Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?"

He said to them,

"Have you never read what David did

when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?

How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of offering that only the priests could lawfully eat, and shared it with his companions?"

Then he said to them,

"The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.

That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Those know it all, legalistic minded Pharisees failed not only to recognize who Jesus was and the authority He had, but they also failed to grasp a principle that Jesus lived by: Mercy trumps legalism at all times. For Jesus, there is never an inappropriate time to show compassion towards those who are in need.

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## **Food for your Journey**

A drying well will often lead the spirit to the river that flows from the throne of God.

--Madeleine L'Engle

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please help me to become an instrument of Your mercy. May I never miss an opportunity to share the blessings You have abundantly given me with those who are in need. Amen.