

The Father Is *Always* Working

Mark 12:27 He is God not of the dead,
but of the living...

John 5:8-13 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; *the law forbids you to carry your mat.*” But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

Jn 5:16-19. So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, 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.

Matt. 11:19. ‘Look, a glutton
and a drunkard, a friend of
tax collectors and sinners!’

How did we go from being followers of a Lord who gave up his rights in order to die for sinners – among whom we are chief – to people who think we have a right to not look at sinners – as though we were not ourselves the chief of sinners?

How did we go from people who are called to mimic Jesus' example of sacrificial love for sinners (like ourselves) to people who, in the name of Jesus, think we have a right not to look at sinners (like ourselves)?

**Christianity has largely been
transformed from
an invitation to find life
in Christ
into a religion that people
*try to get life from.***

**“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working”
(Jn 5:17).**

The *TIME* to look for the Father working is
NOW.

The *PLACE* to look for the Father working is
HERE.

And *THE PEOPLE* in whom we must look
for the Father to be working is
EVERYONE.

“The steadfast love of God
fills the whole earth (Ps.33:5).

The question is not:
“WHERE is God moving?”

The question is:
“DO YOU HAVE EYES
to see him moving where you are,
***right now?*”**

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his Father doing...”
(Jn 5:19).**

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“What would you have me to do?”

right here and right now.

Brother Lawrence, *Practicing the Presence of God*.

**“How would you have me live in love, as
Christ loved me, right here and right
now?”**

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