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**Original: Do Good Anyway**

**Mark 3:1** Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. [2] Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. [3] Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

[4] Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

[5] He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. [6] Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

[7] Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. [8] When they heard all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. [9] Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. [10] For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. [11] Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." [12] But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was.

[13] Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. [14] He appointed twelve--designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach [15] and to have authority to drive out demons.

**A. See the conflict without being controlled by it.**

1. The first and FIFTH controversy set up the conflict between Jesus and community leaders.
  - a. Controversy 1- "He BLASPHEMES" by forgiving sins.
  - b. Controversy 2- He heals (does good) on the Sabbath.
  - c. Mark knows the readers struggled with a "crucified messiah," but he wants them to understand WHY he was crucified.
2. But Jesus is not controlled by the conflict. EMOTIONS will pass, but the consequences of what you do will last a long time.

**B. So, during a problem, hurt, or conflict, do good anyway.**

1. What do you do when people are trying to find FAULT? Do good anyway.
2. What do you do when you are ANGRY? Do good anyway.
3. What do you do when you are DISTRESSED? Do good anyway.
4. What do you do when you are FALSELY accused? Do good anyway.
5. My personal favorite- "They don't deserve it." Do good anyway.
6. Five ways to do good that don't require money or supernatural power.
  - a. TALK. People are lonely.
  - b. LISTEN. Hurts have to come out.
  - c. Praise a SUCCESS.
  - d. Encourage someone after a failure.
  - e. Show COMPASSION for a hurt.
7. Do you have a feeling that is interfering?