

Sermon Notes | August 2, 2026

Matthew 12:1-14

Speaker: Pastor Tim Lee

Question: How can good _____ make us accidental Pharisees?

1. When we lose sight of _____ (vv.1-8).

2. When we lose sight of God's _____ (vv.9-14, 15-21).

Main point: Godly _____ pursues what is right without _____ the person.

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Getting Started

1. From the sermon or your direct reading of Matthew 12:1-14, what surprised, encouraged or challenged you?
2. Think of a time you got frustrated with someone over a small mistake — a wrong food order, a typo, a minor mix-up. What was your first reaction?

Digging Deeper

3. The Pharisees weren't lacking obedience — they were lacking compassion. Pastor Tim described a few different ways our "inner Pharisee" comes out in our lives. What circumstances or people bring out your "inner Pharisee"?
4. Jesus says he "will not break a bruised reed" or "snuff out a smoldering wick," which describes his heart for people who are weak, struggling, or spiritually worn down. Is there anyone you've been treating like a problem to correct rather than a person Jesus wants to restore?

Living It Out

5. The sermon reminds us that we are also the bruised reed that Jesus doesn't discard. How does remembering that about yourself change the way you might extend grace and compassion to someone else this week?