

The view is better when you look up

¹⁰ One Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman there had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was hunched over and could not stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your disability." ¹³ Then He placed His hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and began to glorify God.

¹⁴ But the synagogue leader was indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. "There are six days for work," he told the crowd. "So come and be healed on those days and not on the Sabbath."

¹⁵ "You hypocrites!" the Lord replied, "Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it to water? ¹⁶ Then should not this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be released from her bondage on the Sabbath day?"

¹⁷ When Jesus said this, all His adversaries were humiliated. And the whole crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things He was doing. Luke 13:10-17

Are you like the who needed to look up?

Look beyond your unique
 Let us not... but let us... Hebrews 10:25
 The body is... 1 Corinthians 12:12

Look to your relationship with
 Those whom God foreknew... Rom.8:29-31
 We understand... Rom. 8:28

Are you like the who needed to look up?

Look beyond what you think you
 "Some people are troubled..." Mark Twain
 Remember... to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8

Look to what Jesus wants to
 Sabbath was made for... Mark 2:27-28
 Sovereignty AND Free will. John 6:37

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Look to being more
 It is God's will. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

Look to celebrate
 Not... but... 2 Peter 3:17-18

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Look to rejoice in
 Be strong in the Lord... Ephesians 6:10-11

Look to rejoice in things
 ...majestic... awesome... working... Ex.15:11

My prayer priorities for the week beginning 4 July 2021

- S 4 Deirdre. Lyn.
- M 5 Stuart & Kaye
- T 6 Clarence & Irene
- W 7 Sue C & Bill
- T 8 Robert & Dianne
- F 9 Lurline & Terry; Mary P
- S 10 Joy D
- S 11 Rosalie & Jim; Paula & Paul

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Have you ever experienced something so crippling that you could not even stand up straight? Can you empathise with this woman?
2. But this lady was there, in the congregation, on the Sabbath. That can't have been easy for her. Why do you think she was there?
3. What are some of the more common excuses you have heard for not going to church? Which ones are true? Which ones are valid reasons for non-attendance? How do you answer them?
4. List the 4 steps Jesus took before healing this woman (v12-13). Why is each step significant; and why is this order important?
5. The synagogue leader had a less-visible disability (v14). What was it? In what ways did Jesus deal differently with him (v15-16)? How can I know what is the best way to deal with different people?
6. What do you like best about v17; and why?

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