"But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath." Luke 13:14 NLT

[lectio] // LUKE 13:10-21
listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Again, an embroiled battle over Sabbath. Just when I think I've figured out the religious leaders obsession with this particular law, I'm thrown off again. I thought the law did not specify that caring for the sick was breaking Sabbath. I think the scribes has determined that one could not heal unless it was life or death (human or animal) - in other words a verified emergency. This woman had been possessed and IN the temple are (no problem for demons) but had been that way for many (18) years. From Jesus perspective healing and kicking out demons was WORK but it was Godly work and his time on earth was short. The religious leader rebuked Jesus and said, "you could have done his in any other day, but NOT the Sabbath." Jesus thought one more day of misery and captivity was not merciful and freed her. Sure, we could wait for more appropriate or favorable times to help or heal people, but with Jesus there's urgency. One more day suffering is one day too many.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,
If I see my time as yours, if I see opportunity to be merciful to give grace, I should take it and watch you free, restore and heal the broken. I have passed by so many hurting people for the sake of schedule or being rushed. I need to see you working in my world and pause to recognize a need and be obedient.

[contemplatio]
rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root