



**How to Respond When the Heat Gets Turned Up**  
**Luke 6:1-16**

**Review**

1. It's foolish to incorporate the gospel piecemeal onto outworn human tradition. (v. 5:36)
2. Cultural expectations are not compatible with the actual Kingdom of God. (vv. 5:37-38)
3. The surprising New Covenant is often rejected in favor of what's familiar. (v. 5:39)

**In the face of mounting pressure, Jesus responds by...**

1. ...holding fast to the truth of Scripture. (vv. 6:1-5)

***Luke 6:1** On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. **2** But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" **3** And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: **4** how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" **5** And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."*

2. ...antagonizing his opposition by his compassionate display of mercy. (vv. 6:6-11)

***Luke 6:6** On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. **7** And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. **8** But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. **9** And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" **10** And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. **11** But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.*

Remember what Jesus was sent to do:

**Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor... **21b** Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

3. ... seeking direction and assurance from his Father. (v. 6:12)

**Luke 6:12** In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

4. ... enlisting the support of his friends/disciples. (vv. 6:13-16)

**Luke 6:13** And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: **14** Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, **15** and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, **16** and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

## Reflection/Discussion

1. Preoccupation with the "rules of religion" causes us to lose sight of our freedom (Gal. 5:1). In what areas of your life are you most likely to take up the "yoke of slavery"? How do the promises of the New Covenant free you to not live this way (Heb. 8:10-12)?
2. How did Jesus deal with the potential anxiety and fear the hostility he faced produced? What patterns can you establish to better follow the example Jesus sets forth in seeking support through prayer and community?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11 this week and think/journal about the similarities between Peter's instruction and Jesus's example in Luke 6:1-16.

## SONGS

"RAISE A HALLELUJAH"

"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

"JESUS TAKE ALL OF ME (JUST AS I AM)"

"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

Crossing Music Pastor: Dan Gillette (dan@vbc.online)

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 28,922.36

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 544,740.20

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 591,760.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND:

(Last Entry – 4/10) \$ 67,085.30

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