

Why Didn't They See?

What Jesus told them in the grainfields one Sabbath, as his disciples were hungry and plucked grain, met with disapproval. The bystanders' minds refused Jesus' love. Why? They wanted the yoke that is not easy; the burden that is not light pleased them. Why?

Even after He told them that man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath for man, they rejected the way of love. In the next scene they are watching for Him to heal one in the synagogue whose hand was withered. "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" (Matthew 12:10), they asked, ready to condemn. In response, Jesus, intent on the law of doing good on the Sabbath, healed the man.

Why did Love find no reception in their minds?

What of our minds? Are there areas in which I despise the way of love?

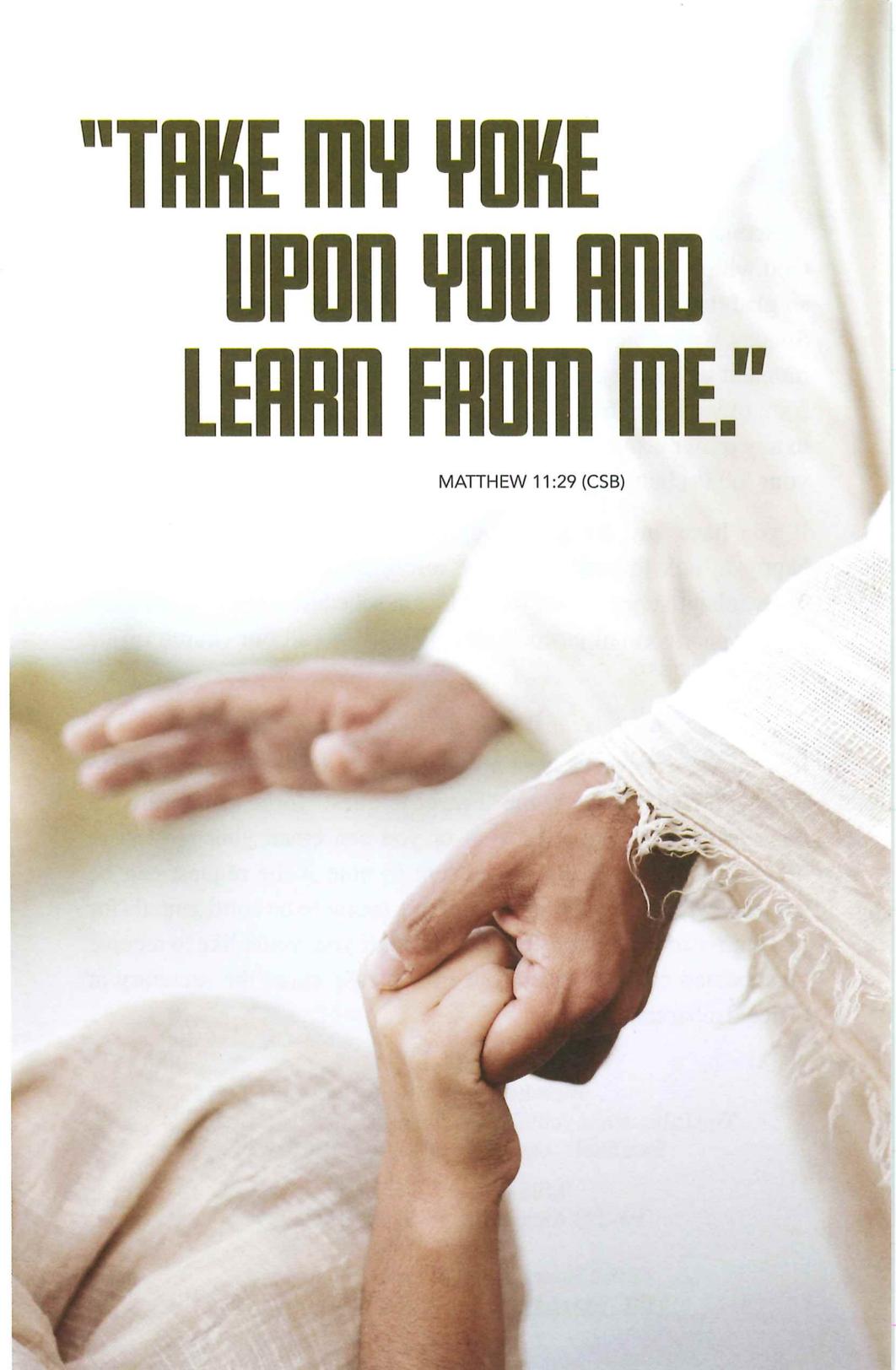
They didn't care if anyone was hungry; they didn't mind a withered hand; they wanted a rule to keep—and to make others keep—that would empower them over others, so they preferred suffering (hunger, paralysis) to "breaking" the Law. As such they were breaking the Law's purpose: love. Law was made for man, in love. God gave laws that bless us. Sabbath is God's love.

But in our wisdom, we have a better idea. Why not quarrel, cry aloud, and break the bruised: exercise pride and control? Why not hurt others so that we can imagine ourselves strong? Their refusal to hear God's love and recognize Jesus is not different from behavior common today. Let us meditate on Jesus' lessons in Matthew 12 and see whether we are for man? Or are we for "sabbath" keeping?

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"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME."

MATTHEW 11:29 (CSB)



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Mililani Baptist Church

March 15, 2026

Welcome home!

Welcome to our 'Ohana. Mililani Baptist Church exists to glorify God with a *Passion* for Him and a *Compassion* for people! We are so glad that you could join us in worship today. If this is your first Sunday with us, or just the first time in a long time, please take a moment to fill out a "Welcome Card" located in the seat pocket in front of you. Feel free to either drop it in the offering plate or give it to any of our ushers. We'd love to connect and get to know you and your 'ohana better!

If you have any questions, our greeters and members would be happy to talk to you! For more information, visit our website at www.mbaptist.org. If you would like to schedule a meeting with our pastor, please email pastor@mbaptist.org or call our church office at 808-623-2559.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or would like a deacon or our pastor to pray with you, please use the "Prayer Request" form, also located in the seat pocket in front of you; or you can email your request to office@mbaptist.org. Please be sure to note if the request can be shared with our church family or if it is meant to be confidential (for just our pastor or deacons as well). Also, if you would like to receive our updated church prayer concerns, please email the secretary at office@mbaptist.org.

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LAST WEEK AT MILILANI

Worship: 8:00 – 73 11:00 – 84

Gifts and Offerings:

General Offering:

\$4,571.66

MBC Designated Offering:

\$908.02

Weekly amount needed for Budgeted Expenses:

\$9,137.82

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Each week we share totals from our General Offering and MBC Only Offering—our two main giving areas. Please note: These amounts reflect general giving and are not absolute totals. From the General Offering, 2% is sent to the SBC/IMB Co-Op, and 8% supports Dub Efurd Mission expenses. For questions, contact Ivy at the church office.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Deacons:

8 am Wendell Au
11 am Tim DeMello

Nursery:

11 am Mao Kondo

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Deacons:

8 am Jack Okimoto
11 am Randy Grant

Nursery:

11 am Hannah Tapp



Today's altar flowers are provided
by: Michi Ogasawara
IHO Roy & Joshua's Birthday

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Dennis Andrews, Dennis@MBaptist.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Extravaganza Interest Meeting: Join us today, March 15th, in Room 209, after the second service for our Easter Extravaganza interest meeting. We'll share details about this year's event and how you can get involved. For more information, please contact John Tapp at john@mbaptist.org

Feeding the Homeless: Please join us on Saturday, March 28th from 10am to 1pm as we feed the homeless at the Institute for Human Services in Honolulu. If you're unable to attend but would like to help, we are accepting donations in the form of cans of chili which can be dropped off at the church office anytime Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm. For more details, please contact Ray Gwin at RayGwin@hotmail.com.

Alaska Mission Trip: Interested in serving on a mission team to Alaska this summer? We will be hosting an interest and planning meeting on March 29th after the second service, in room 209. The tentative dates for this trip are from July 13-22. If you would like more information or think you might want to participate, please sign up in the back of the Sanctuary and/or contact Eric Koyanagi.

Senior Adult Ministry: There will be an event #2 ("Build Succulent Terrarium" make-it/take-it workshop) scheduled for 4-17-2026 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. There is cost involved for this event and we are limiting the number of participants to 15. All supplies will be provided by the presenter. Payment of \$20 cash deadline is 4-5-2026 (Sunday) and payment can be made to any SALT officers. Event flyer and sign-up sheet are in the back of sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Cora at cdemello76@yahoo.com

Interested in Doctrinal Studies? Sound doctrine strengthens our unity and our witness. Pastor Dennis is considering offering a small doctrinal study outside of regular Sunday School and family groups. We would love to know who might be interested. If this is something that would serve you, please sign up at the back of the Sanctuary or speak with Pastor Dennis.

This Week at MBC

Sunday: March 15, 2026

Deacons Prayer	7:00 am
Worship Service	8:00 am
Sunday School Classes	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Ukulele Praise	2:30 pm

Monday:

Tuesday:

Praise Hula Practice	6:30 pm
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Wednesday:

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting (Currently studying Psalm 123)	6:00 pm
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Thursday:

Praise Team Practice	6:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study (Currently studying <i>Anchored: The Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul</i>)	6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study (Currently studying <i>the book of Acts</i>)	6:30 pm

Friday:

Saturday:

Mom's In Prayer	1:30 pm
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