

2<sup>nd</sup> Mile graphic w/email

Series graphic w/Matthew 5:41 on it

**Matthew 5:41**

And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him **two**.

Hardest area to go the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile ...???

Hardest area to go the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile → **Relationships**

**Luke 13:10**

As he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath ...

**Luke 13:11**

... a **woman** was there who had been disabled by a spirit for **over eighteen years**. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

**Luke 13:12a**

When Jesus **saw** her ...

Image/Picture of Loch Ness monster → **USE WHATEVER image IS CLEAR ...**

<https://nypost.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/02/loch-ness-monster-01.jpg?quality=90&strip=all&w=1756>

Identify our **lens** for relationships.

**Luke 13:12-13**

When Jesus **saw** her, He called out to her, "**Woman**, you are free of your disability." Then He laid His hands on her, and instantly she was **restored** and began **to glorify God**.

*{come up one at a time}*

Jesus notices the person. → "in the **image of God** He created them ..."

Jesus is FOR the person.

### **Luke 12:14**

But the **leader of the synagogue**, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded by telling the crowd, “There are six days when work **should be done**; therefore come on those days and be healed and not on the Sabbath day.”

*{come up one at a time}*

Identify our **mentality** toward relationships.

**Rules?**

**Grace?**

A rules mentality will always give us a **reason** to stay off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile.

### **Luke 12:15-16**

But the Lord answered him and said, “**Hypocrites**! Doesn’t each one of you untie his **ox or donkey** from the feeding trough on the Sabbath and lead it to water? Satan has bound this woman, **a daughter of Abraham**, for eighteen years—shouldn’t she be untied from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

Identify the **promise(s) of God** for people.

Big Question:

Am I a **Christian** in my relationships?

Trying vs. Training → We must **train** to reach the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile in our relationships.

*{one at a time}*

The Nature of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Relationships:

- Jesus went the 2<sup>nd</sup> mile for me.
- As He has been to me, so I will be to others.
  - I will use King Jesus’ methods.
  - I will share King Jesus’ message.
  - I will represent King Jesus’ character.

### **Ephesians 5:1-2**

Live a life **filled with love**, following the example of Christ. He **loved us** and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

