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HUMAN-CENTRIC RULES ABOUT AI

The growth of generative AI continues to drive changes in many industries. In response, the Golden Globes recently announced a policy shift regarding how they will handle awards in January 2027. Since it is now possible to de-age an actor's appearance, to dub the performance for a different language, or to substitute a computer-generated representation of an actor in place of a real performance, producers must disclose any use of AI. Some uses of AI will still be considered for awards—those uses that do not “replace the core creative contributions of human talent.” The decision is meant to protect human creativity and human performance.

HUMAN-CENTRIC RULES ABOUT SABBATH

A group of Pharisees and disciples of John the Baptist question Jesus about Sabbath practices. Jesus says that fasting is for a later time, when he is taken away. He uses two illustrations to show that his ministry is something new and different. Later, the Pharisees see Jesus' disciples picking grain and accuse them of not keeping the Sabbath. Jesus counters by reminding them that David and his men ate consecrated bread when they were starving. God intended the Sabbath for the good of people; God didn't create people to rigidly observe the Sabbath. And Jesus claims the authority to know best!

1. How do you react to the prospect of AI-generated performances in movies or shows?
2. When has the rigid application of rules harmed you or someone around you?
3. How does Jesus show that rules around the Sabbath take human needs into account?

Additional Resources

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Playlists

[Contemporary Worship Weekly](#)
[Echoes Worship Weekly](#) (featuring African-American music artists)
[Traditional Worship Weekly](#)

Study Resources

Commentary: [Rodney Caruthers II's "Commentary on Mark 2:1–22"](#)
Video: [BibleProject on "Passage Insight: Purpose of Fasting"](#)
Devotion: [Theology of Work on "The Lord of the Sabbath \(Mark 2:23–3:6\)"](#)