

**A Season of Transformation  
Sermon Outline  
January 27, 2019**

Text – **Matthew 9: 9-13**

Reading Schedule:

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 1/27 | <i>Proverbs Ch. 27; Matthew 9:1-13</i>                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 1/28 | <i>Proverbs Ch. 28; Matthew 9: 14-26</i>                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 1/29 | <i>Proverbs Ch. 29; Matthew 9: 27-38</i>                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 1/30 | <i>Proverbs Ch. 30; Exodus 1: 1-22</i>                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 1/31 | <i>Proverbs Ch. 31; Exodus 2: 1-25</i>                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 2/1  | <i>Proverbs Ch. 1; Exodus 3: 1-22</i>                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 2/2  | <i>Proverbs Ch. 2; Matthew 16: 24-28; Matthew 4: 18-22</i> |

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**TRANSFORMATION IS THE GRACE OF GOD THAT MEETS ME WHERE I AM TO GIVE ME WHAT I NEED TO BE WHO GOD CREATED ME TO BE!**

**Matthew 9: 9-13** – *As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,”<sup>(L)</sup> he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.*

<sup>10</sup> *While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”<sup>(M)</sup>*

<sup>12</sup> *On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’<sup>[a](N)</sup> For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”<sup>(O)</sup>*

(Begin with soliloquy of person seeking purpose with a lifted left hand and Jesus responding to the interrogative with a raised right hand)

**“PURPOSE?” “FOLLOW ME!”**

**“I’m seeking PURPOSE?” “FOLLOW ME!”**

**“You don’t understand. I’m looking for PURPOSE!” “Jesus says, ‘I understand! FOLLOW ME!’”**

**1. Principle #1 – One’s understanding of purpose is unfolded on the journey with Jesus.**

**a. Purpose is planted within you as a seed is planted in the ground and later yields a harvest. RELAX!**

- i. Alignment with the “Follow Me” of Jesus is what allows purpose to unfold.
- ii. Matthew was a tax collector – a most hated profession among Jewish people in Israel at the time of Christ.
- iii. Jesus says to us, *“Through the intimacy of our relationship, you are being transformed from the inside out. As you keep your focus on Me, I form you into the one I desire you to be. Your part is to yield to My creative work in you...Hold my hand in childlike trust, and the way before you will open up step by step.”* (Jesus Calling; Sarah Young)
- iv. Matthew became the writer of the gospel of Matthew – the book in the Bible written by a Jewish person to Jewish person, proclaiming Jesus is the Messiah who was to come.

**2. Principle #2 – Matthew’s life illustrates, “You are not in your purpose, your purpose is in you!” RELAX!**

**(Do elevator video)**

- a. You do not step out into purpose as if you entered an elevator and got off on the floor of your life call purpose.
- b. Your purpose is seed planted in you!
- c. Your purpose is in you right now. You may not recognize it.
- d. Ex. 3:11-12 - a sign God's purpose is operating in you is, "you will worship God."!

**3. Principle #3 – Purpose influences our actions even before we understand the purpose.**

- a. There is a pull within you toward your purpose.
  - i. Moses going back to his Hebrew people when he was well established in Egyptian society as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
  - ii. Moses' actions in killing the Egyptian who was abusing the Hebrew slave.
- b. It was on his journey when God disclosed Moses' role as redeemer of the Hebrew people.

**4. Principle #4 – Understanding your purpose requires faith.**

- a. Faith is seeing God's grace for my circumstances and acting on the grace of God alone!
- b. In the uncertainty of this newly revealed purpose, Moses followed God, seeing God's grace for a murderer, that he lived his purpose of deliverer of God's chosen people.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS OF PURPOSE