

STILL Chosen!

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.""

Matthew 9:9-13 NLT

Premise:

- You are not too dirty, too late, or too far gone to be chosen by God.

Spiritual Definition –

Still Chosen means being handpicked by God even while being hated by people.

It means that divine calling overrides social disqualification.

It's what happens when Jesus calls someone into destiny while they're still sitting in dysfunction.

It's when heaven's mercy interrupts hell's accusations.

It's knowing you're not perfect but you're still purposed.

Self-righteousness vs. Sincere surrender

1. **We think: "I'm not as bad as them."

God thinks: "You're all in need of mercy."**

Scripture: "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." – Romans 3:23 (NLT)

2. **We think: "I've done enough."

God thinks: "You still need Me."**

Scripture: "I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices." – Matthew 9:13 (NLT)

3. **We think: "God only uses the holy."

God thinks: "I use the hungry."**

Scripture: “For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” – Matthew 9:13 (NLT)

4. **We think: “I’m disqualified.”

God thinks: “You’re the reason I came.”**

Scripture: “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” – Matthew 9:12 (NLT)

5. **We think: “If people knew who I was…”

God thinks: “I already do—and I still chose you.”**

Scripture: “So Matthew got up and followed him.” – Matthew 9:9 (NLT)

6. **We think: “God helps those who help themselves.”

God thinks: “I help those who admit they can’t.”**

Scripture: “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” – 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

7. **We think: “They don’t deserve grace.”

God thinks: “Neither do you—and I gave it anyway.”**

Scripture: “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?” – Matthew 9:11 (NLT)

8. **We think: “If I admit I’m weak, I’ll look foolish.”

God thinks: “If you admit you’re weak, I’ll fill you with power.”**

Scripture: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” – James 4:6 (NLT)

Fundamental Truths

1. You don’t have to be perfect to be called, you just have to follow when He says come.

Scripture: “So Matthew got up and followed him.” – Matthew 9:9 (NLT)

2. Jesus isn’t calling the cleaned-up version of you. He’s calling the real you, the broken, jacked up, trying to make it you.

Scripture: “For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” – Matthew 9:13 (NLT)

3. This isn’t for those who act like they have it all together, it’s for the real.

Scripture: “Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.” – Matthew 9:10 (NLT)

4. God didn’t come for those who think they’re holy. He came for those who know they’re human.

Scripture: “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” – Matthew 9:12 (NLT)

5. Mercy doesn’t ask for your résumé it just asks if you’re hungry enough to come closer.

Scripture: “I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.” – Matthew 9:13 (NLT)

Key Points:

1. Jesus Will Call You While You’re Still in it.

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector’s booth...”

2. Flawed but worth it.

“Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners...”

3. Religious People Will Always Question Real Grace

“Why does your teacher eat with such scum?”

4. Mercy Is Greater Than Performance

“Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’”

5. God Doesn’t Call the Righteous, He Calls the Real.

“I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”