

Luke 5:27-39

Today's Outline

- Jesus's selection process (Least likely)
- The Biblical Gospel (Leave all)
- Jesus puts relationship over traditions (fasting vs feasting with Jesus)

Jesus Calls Levi and Eats With Sinners

²⁷ After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." ²⁸ So he **left all**, rose up, and followed Him.

- **Jesus selects the least likely (Tax collectors are hated by all)**

ABOUT Levi (Matthew)

- Levi, son of Alpheus *Mark 2:14*,
- Named as one of the 12 disciples of Jesus *Matthew 9:9*
- Gospel of Matthew is attributed to him

- **The Gospel (Biblically) Is free but will cost you everything.**
 - **Luke 18:23 Rich Young Ruler (Opposite Example)**
- **Are we ready to give up ALL? (House, Car, Career, Friends, Family, Status, Identity)**

²⁹ Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

- **Levi's response is to give back. (He throws a party for Jesus in thanksgiving)**
- **Opposite example (What can I get by becoming a Christian)**

³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to

repentance.”

- **It is the religious elite that have a problem with Jesus**
- **You have to realize your need for a Savior**
- **The worst possible answer to a challenge that would move you toward Jesus is “No, I’m good”**

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

³³They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? ³⁵But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.”

- **Jesus place relationship over traditions**

³⁶He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, ‘The old is better.’”

- **He directly associates the religious elite to “Old Cloth” and “Old Wine”**
- **Attributes of the Religious Ruling Class**
 - **They are set in their ways (inflexible)**
 - **Not open to what God wants to do**
 - **Will not move from their comfort zones**
 - **When you put them into a new situation they make a mess (ruin situation)**

Are you willing to be challenged? Are you willing to be stretched? Are you willing to be uncomfortable? Are you willing to leave all?