

Our Weekly Action Plan is designed to help you recapture and build on what God is teaching from Sunday's message.

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Pastor Dan Wilvers Parts 2 & 3 of Meals with Jesus

June 25th- "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Meals with Tesus

life lessons that will nowish your soul

Gospel of Matthew-Chapter 9:1-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ...10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Gospel of Matthew Chapter 9

July 2nd- How Overcoming Personal Denial Makes Us Powerful

Gospel of John Chapter 22:4-22

19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

Gospel of John Chapter 22

The past two weekends we looked at two very different chapters about what it means to follow Christ.

June 25th-Matthew's story starts with Jesus finding Matthew while he was an outcast in his Jewish culture. In answer to his critics for selecting Matthew to follow him, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

The Point? Everyone is invited to God's meal of forgiveness and mercy, because in reality all of humankind is sick with sin. But as Matthew understood as he walked away from his former life, following Jesus came at a cost. Forgiveness isn't cheap, it cost Jesus a lot of suffering and following isn't easy, it cost Matthew his former life and control.

July 2nd Peter's story ends with Jesus bringing Peter to account for his earlier betrayal, yet Jesus affirms Peter's role as the leader of His church going forward. Jesus let's Peter know that one day he will die as a martyr just as Jesus did, but he won't fail Jesus this time, but he must continue to follow Jesus no matter the cost.

The Point? Accepting our failure and still moving forward with Christ is something every follower of Christ must come to grips with if they are to serve the LORD. Just make sure, like Peter, you keep moving with Jesus and never stop following Him.

Action Step: Pray for the strength and courage to trust and obey Christ as you surrender your life in following Him.

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