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Calling Sinners to Repentance (Lk. 5:31-32)

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THE LORD IS MY ROCK.

- PSALM 18:2

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REFLECTION #1 ON (LUKE 5:31-32):

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

By N.M

Jesus Christ was a friend of the outcasts and the individuals looked down upon by society. One day, Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi (known as Matthew) sitting at the tax office and said to him “Follow Me” (Luke 5:27). Right away, Matthew followed Him and gave Him a feast at his house, with many other tax collectors present as well. When the scribes and Pharisees saw this, they ridiculed Jesus and asked Him, **“Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” (Luke 5:30)**. He responded by saying, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Luke 5:31-32)**. Jesus never judged anyone or kept His distance from sinners; rather than condemning them for their sins, He welcomed them with a loving heart. Through this example, Jesus teaches us that we should treat everyone with kindness, regardless of their past. If the most holy Man to ever exist showed the tax collectors and sinners love, kindness, and forgiveness, then as Christians, we should strive to do the same.



Furthermore, God the Father sent down His only begotten Son to save the people of the world from eternal condemnation. Jesus came down to Earth to bring all people to salvation; He did not come to only spend time with spiritual individuals, but rather to reach out to sinners and those who did not know God. His mission was to spread the word of God to those who needed to hear it the most, and in doing so, He could save them and grant them eternity in His kingdom. Just as the healthy do not need the service of a physician, the righteous did not need Jesus to bring them to repentance; instead, the sinners needed the guidance of Jesus the most in order to be brought to repentance and spiritual enlightenment. As Christians, we should aim to model Jesus's example; through simple acts of kindness each day, we demonstrate the way of our Lord and by doing so, we can bring others closer to Him.

REFLECTION #2 ON (LUKE 5:31-32):



By B.K

The Pharisees and scribes complained against Jesus' disciples, and they said, **“Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”** But Jesus answered them, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”**

Just as a healthy person has no need of a doctor, but the sick, so Jesus did not come to be the doctor for the righteous, but for the sinners.

Does a doctor come into a healthy person's house and heal them? Or does the doctor help the sick instead?




Also, Jesus added: **“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”** Jesus did not come to be around sinners and that’s it. He came to call the sinners to repentance. He did not accept their sins, but because of His love for them, He wanted them to turn and be healed.


Jesus, the Good Shepherd, would leave the ninety-nine sheep and look for the one lost sheep, to bring him back.




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