



Empowering People to Change the World

## **Sanctified Dissatisfaction**

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### Matthew 9:18-36

- We are literally “on the road” with Jesus.
- We see what concerns Him and what He responds to.
- Jesus is modeling a whole new way of living and responding to people.
- **Read Matthew 9:16-17**  
***<sup>16</sup> No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. <sup>17</sup> Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.” When He pours out new wine into our lives, we will need new wineskins.***
  - Jesus is longing to pour out His Spirit in greater and greater measure in our lives!
  - I’m referencing our passage to people who have “sanctified dissatisfaction.”
  - They have not settled for the status quo of Jewish Religion and neither should we settle for our Christianity as we have known it up to this point.
  - I want more! I want to grow more in love with Jesus!
  - I want sanctified dissatisfaction.
  - I want a fresh testimony! I want to testify of healing, joy, freedom and new love.

### Matthew 9:18-19

***<sup>18</sup> While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.***

- The Ruler mentioned in Matthew is Jairus in Luke. Undoubtedly, he has seen Jesus heal people. He may have seen the miracles in the Synagogue. But his religion is powerless against death.
- Listen, any religion that cannot work in real life is just superstition! Jairus has no answer to his dilemma. Death is death. It is over.
- But this man believes Jesus can heal his daughter—no one else believes—but he does.

### **Sanctified dissatisfaction always results in Action Faith**

- Jesus follows this man's faith!
  - Remember last week when Jesus "saw their faith"; the men with the paralytic.
  - The crowd follows this man's faith. They all heard that his daughter is dead and they are wondering "What's Jesus going to do about this one...she's dead??"
- Jesus is willing; always ready to help us!!

### **Matthew 9:20**

***<sup>20</sup> And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.***

- The contrast could not be more stark! A ruler and now a woman who, according to Leviticus 15 is considered "unclean"; a ruler, whose daughter just died and a woman who has struggled for a long time.
  - Luke describes in more detail, ***"Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any," (Luke 8:43)***
  - She has been bleeding internally for 12 years.
  - She cannot touch anyone; she cannot touch anything considered clean for 12 years!

- She has tried everything that money can purchase to get healed.
- Some of you are bleeding internally too and you have tried to medicate the pain, the illness, the addiction with alcohol, with drugs, with sex, and you HAVE NOT BEEN HEALED.

### **Matthew 9:21-22**

***<sup>21</sup> For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.***

- This woman never settled! Even after 12 years of seeing one physician after another, she never gave up. I love this!!
  - Physician after physician,
  - Pill after pill,
  - Therapist after therapist,
  - Counselor after counselor.
  - It might be an addiction! It might be a lingering struggle that just will not go away.
  - She is not satisfied and she will not quit believing God for a healing!!
  - Do not settle for status quo religion; go hard after Jesus!

### **Beloved, Chase after Jesus!**

- Beloved! Do not settle in your relationship with God—keep pressing in for more.
- I WANT MORE! **Sanctified Dissatisfaction!!**
- Here is what Jesus came to do: **Luke 4:18-19**

***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,***

***To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”***

- “Beloved Daughter, be happy, be joyful, your faith has made this happen!”
- Luke describes in more detail:

***And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?”***

***When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”***

***<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” (Luke 8:45-46)***

- Now don't miss this. A huge crowd is following Jesus and but there is one touch He feels and it is the touch of faith! Power is released through faith.
- It was her faith!! Jesus said to her, ***“your faith as made you well.”***

**God's Power is Released through Our Faith**

- Jesus sees faith, notices faith; He is attracted to faith every time!
- In this story, He says her faith is the conduit for a miracle.

**Matthew 9:23-26**

***<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, <sup>24</sup> He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this went out into all that land.***

- The crowd does not have faith!

## Be Careful who you Hang out with

- But this father has faith. He said, “come and lay your hand on her and she will live.”
- This father will not settle for the status quo! Everyone around him will not believe, but he will!

### Matthew 9:27

***27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”***

- Blindness! If these guys can get around, they must have been blind for a long time.
- Again, they won’t settle! They are not satisfied.
- I WANT MORE! **Sanctified Dissatisfaction!!**
- They want mercy.

### Matthew 9:28-29

***28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”***

- I find it fascinating that Jesus does not ask them:
  - “Do you keep the law perfectly?” or
  - “When was the last time you came to synagogue?”
- Jesus looks past the religious qualifications and wants to see faith!

## Declare Yes to Jesus

- Jesus makes them say it! It is the power of the tongue. The power of saying “Yes, Lord, we believe you can heal us!”

- If you believe it, say it!
- Life and death are in the power of the tongue.
- God spoke the worlds into existence.
- “Then God said: let there be light; let there be firmament; bring forth grass; light; waters; living creatures; make man in Our image”
- Declare it!

**The Road Declaration. We have changed our declaration some. Everyone stand, hold up your Bible, and shout it out:**

***I am growing to love Jesus with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength,  
I am growing to love people the way Jesus loves them,  
I am building up my faith with God’s Holy Word,  
I am coming alive in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
With Jesus, all things are possible.***

**Matthew 9:30-31**

***<sup>30</sup> And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” <sup>31</sup> But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.***

- What is that about? Do not tell anyone when you know they will tell everyone?
- Jesus knows it is not His time yet. It is not His time to be revealed to all of Israel.
- But when you get a miracle from God, can you contain your joy?

**Listen for Present Tense Testimonies**

- The power of a present tense testimony!
  - Keep getting new testimonies folks.
  - If you keep seeking the Kingdom first, you will keep getting amazing things, amazing experiences with God.

### **Matthew 9:32-34**

***<sup>32</sup> As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!”<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”***

### **Religion Always Stands in the Way of an Authentic Relationship with Jesus**

- The religious will always stand in the way of a move of God—because it is a direct assault on their power.
- Jesus is challenging the position and authority of the religious leaders in Israel.

### **Matthew 9:35-36**

***<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.***

### **“Jesus Ministry” is Motivated by Compassion**

- The ministry of Jesus is based in and motivated by compassion and so should ours.
  - We minister to our children and youth from compassion.
  - We minister in Shine and AIM out of compassion.

### **Matthew 9:37-38**

***<sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”***

- Colorado Springs, the Rocky Mountain Region is ready for a harvest! God is moving and He’s looking for laborers!



- We are doing “Jesus ministry!” The harvest is right here in our church! Who is more important than our kids! Right?
  - Building foundations of the Word and Spirit in their lives.
  - They are praying for healing for each other.
  - They are learning the Bible at a tender age.
- Pray for laborers! We are commanded to pray for workers, leaders, laborers.
- The Lord of the harvest has provided a harvest but He wants to use us!

### **Ministry Time:**

- How do we increase our faith? In an age of naturalism, how do we believe God for the supernatural? While living in a Western Worldview that denies signs and wonders, how do we start believing that the signs and wonders of God are an everyday occurrence?

### **Sanctified dissatisfaction always results in Action Faith**

- 1) **Seek God; Chase after Jesus.**
- 2) **Hang out with Faith People, “present tense testimony” people.**
- 3) **Ask God for what you need and want (cry out like Jairus, the woman, the blind men.)**
- 4) **Read and study God’s Word daily.**

**Many of you need the Lord to touch you for a healing...**