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**“One Life 1 Legacy” Part 2**  
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One of the truly remarkable things you discover as you begin to read the Gospels is that people who were very much unlike Jesus LIKE Jesus! And the MORE shocking thing was that Jesus liked people who were NOTHING like him!

**Mathew, a story written about Mathew by:**

- \* If you are a person who would consider yourself disconnected from God possible a “bad person” this is for you!
- \* If you are a person that thinks that connection with God can only happen when you are keeping the rules of the religious system this is for you!

Matt 9:9 *As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named **Matthew** sitting at the **tax collector's booth**.*

**If you were a Jewish person who went to work for a Roman tax collector you were a:**

- \* Traitor
- \* A constant reminder that the Jews could not control their destiny
- \* You were an outcast from the Synagogue
- \* You were ceremonially unclean
- \* You had a category all your own!

Matt 9:9 **“Follow me,”** *he told him*

Listen this is how it is always intended to begin!!

Matt 9:9 **and Matthew got up and followed him.**

If you didn't know the rest of the story and I asked you to make a list of where Jesus may have asked Mathew to follow him:

- \* Peter and John...behind the wood shed
- \* Let's have a small group and convince him....
- \* \_\_\_\_\_

Matt 9:10 *While Jesus was having dinner at **Matthew's house**, many **tax collectors and "sinners"** came and ate with him and his disciples.*

**Not a few, but a big party.** These are NOT accidental sinners! Apparently Jesus is not uncomfortable; possibly the disciples, but not Jesus.

Matt 9:11 *When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "**Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?**"*

This was very confusing to them!

- \* If he's from God he should like us?
- \* If he's from God he should like law abiders?
- \* Why does he like people that are nothing like him?

Matt 9:12-13 *On hearing this, Jesus said, "**It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.** I'm here for people who in their most private moment can admit 'there's something wrong'*

People who have a habit and they have done everything they can to save themselves and they know they need saving!

*But go and learn what this means: {Hosea 6:6} 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'* **For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."**

Jesus extends this invitation to you every single day to sinners!!

- \* Not fix yourself...get better and give me a call
- \* Not change...knock it off

Would you be willing to take a baby step and follow me?  
Sinners are the only people who can be saved!

