

Matthew 9:1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town.

2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home."

7 And the man got up and went home.

8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

9 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."

14 Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

15 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

16 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.

17 Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

The Paradigm Shift of Jesus (or, back to basics!)

Intro: a foundation in Hosea
(and the rest of the Hebrew Scriptures!)

Hosea 5:4 "Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God.
A spirit of prostitution is in their heart; they do not acknowledge
the LORD.

5 Israel's arrogance testifies against them; the Israelites, even
Ephraim, stumble in their sin; Judah also stumbles with them.

6 When they go with their flocks and herds to seek the LORD,
they will not find him; he has withdrawn himself from them.

7 They are unfaithful to the LORD; they give birth to illegitimate
children. Now their New Moon festivals will devour them and their
fields....

12 I am like a moth to Ephraim, like rot to the people of Judah.

13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sores, then
Ephraim turned to Assyria, and sent to the great king for help. But
he is not able to cure you, not able to heal your sores....

15 Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And
they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

6: 1 "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

4 "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears.

5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you.

6 For I desire mercy (HESED), not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

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9:12-13 - Mercy (*hesed*) ministry

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