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- 4) What stands out to you about Jesus calling Levi, knowing exactly who he was and what he represented?
- 5) Why do you think Levi was willing to leave everything behind so quickly?
- 6) What does Levi hosting a banquet for Jesus reveal about the change in his life?
- 7) Why were the Pharisees offended by Jesus eating with sinners?
- 8) What does Jesus mean by saying sick people need a doctor?
- 9) What is Jesus teaching through the wineskins illustration?
- 10) Why is it tempting to say, “The old is just fine”?
- 11) How do time and focus relate to experiencing God’s peace?
- 12) What might God be inviting you to release to make room for something new?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Is there an old habit, mindset, or pattern God may be asking you to release?
- 2) What new work might Jesus be inviting you into right now?
- 3) When will you intentionally schedule time this week to engage with Jesus?

What COULD be Written About You?

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Thread: What could be written about you when you make room for the new?

“Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector’s booth. ‘Follow me and be my disciple,’ Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.”

Luke 5:27-28 NLT

Following Jesus meant leaving behind Levi’s old life.

- Pursuit of money above all else.

Jesus invited “scum” to follow Him.

- He did NOT invite Levi to remain the same. He invited Levi to be His disciple.
- To follow Jesus is to be transformed as we follow Him.

“Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus’ disciples, ‘Why do you eat and drink with such scum?’”

Luke 5:29-30 NLT

The priests weren’t fires of hope.

Do you know that you are a priest of God?

- What warmth do you radiate?
- How could I radiate the warmth of God throughout my day?

“Jesus answered them, ‘Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.’”

Luke 5:31-32 NLT

Jesus knows.

- His who
- His why

3 Myths Impacting your Faith in Jesus

Myth 1: Christianity is a sinking ship and a dying religion.

Myth 2: Following Jesus doesn’t make any difference in people’s lives.

USA Today Reports:

Myth 3: People do not want to talk about their faith or hear about your faith.

- Three-fourths of people YOU know are willing to attend church, if YOU ask them.

“One day some people said to Jesus, ‘John the Baptist’s disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your disciples always eating and drinking?’ Jesus responded, ‘Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.’ Then Jesus gave them this illustration: ‘No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn’t even match the old garment. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old is just fine,’ they say.’” Luke 5:33-39 NLT

Settling for what is known verses the unknown

This is what Paul is getting at when he writes to the church at Philippi.

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9 ESV

CHAIR-TIME the ONE thing affecting every other thing.

Challenge:

- Is there an OLD you need to move on from?
- What NEW is God placing in front of you?
- When will you carve out time and effort to engage with the NEW Jesus has for you?

Homework

What Could be Written About You?

Winter 2026 | Week 4

Message Date 2/1/2026

MY STORY

- 1) If someone followed you around this week and wrote a short bio about your life, what’s one funny or surprising detail they’d include?
- 2) What’s something “old school” you still love even though everyone else seems to have moved on?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Luke 5:27–39 (NLT)

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