



Sermon Growth Guide

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Walking With Jesus - Life Interrupted

Matthew 9:18-26

Key Verse: Matthew 9:22 “Jesus turned and saw her. ‘Take heart, daughter,’ he said, ‘your faith has healed you.’ And the woman was healed at that moment.”

Big Idea: Jesus desires to enter every area of our lives and interrupt things for good.

Foundations

Walking with Jesus is a radical departure from the mundane, the typical, and “things simply as they are.” It is a whole new way of being-in-the-world, as we are filled with the Holy Spirit—God’s triune presence always with us. It is a whole new way of being-with-ourselves as we are forgiven in Christ—no longer condemned in shame and guilt. It is a whole new way of seeing the world—by faith, we see God at work in our hearts, our families, our city, the whole world. We see the new wine He is pouring out, the Kingdom coming in the name of Jesus.

Walking with the King is a whole new way of understanding our Creator. God is no frustrated man far off in heaven, barking down orders at His people in contempt as they never manage to appease His anger.

Jesus dispelled such a myth, saying, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). Anyone who has seen me heal, knows my Father as healer. Anyone who has seen me forgive, knows my Father as the forgiver. Anyone who has seen me confronting this religious system that distances the lost from God, you have seen the heart of the Father.

Jesus invites our whole selves into communion with Him. And by His grace, as we receive Him in every part of our lives, we begin to see the new wine, a new way of viewing and being with ourselves, our world, and our God; our lives interrupted for good.

Understanding God’s Word

Recall, what is the context prior to 9:18-26? How does this inform what Matthew is communicating in verses 9:18-26? Now, together, read Matthew 9:18-26. What is the gospel writer communicating about Jesus through capturing these healings?

Applying God’s Word

Verse 19 says, “Jesus got up and went with him, so did his disciples.” Three things occur here: 1) A synagogue leader has made a plea before Jesus, 2) Jesus responds to the plea and goes with him to his home where the daughter is, and 3) Jesus’ disciples join Him.

Sometimes walking with Jesus looks like being the synagogue leader, receiving the presence of Christ in our suffering. Other times it means responding like Jesus, going to the suffering in His name. And similarly, it can mean following Jesus, expecting to see Him move, to learn from Him and others who know Him. How is God inviting you to participate in the lives of the suffering? Who do you identify with in this story?

Witnessing God’s Word

Jesus saw every area of life as an opportunity to reveal His Kingdom, to disciple, and to demonstrate the love and mercy of God. What relationships might you consider opportunities for Jesus to use you to reveal His Kingdom, to disciple the lost, for you to be discipled, or for you to demonstrate the love and mercy of God in a broken world? Jesus is still on mission through His Holy Spirit, and He is inviting us, His church, to join Him.