

Blessing & dedication message

God's heart for us

Matthew 9 -10 pt 5

1. God values you more than you realise

"Not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. ³⁰ And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows." Matthew 10 29-31

2. God cares about you more than you realise

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

¹⁸ As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. 'My daughter has just died,' he said, 'but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her.'" Matthew 9:18

"Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, ²¹ for she thought, 'If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.'" Matthew 9:20-21

"After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, 'Son of David, have mercy on us!'" Matthew 9:27

3. God's invitation extends to you

"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. 'Follow me and be my disciple,' Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him." Matthew 9:9

"Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹ But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with such scum?'"

¹² When Jesus heard this, he said, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do.'...For I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough." Matthew 9:10-13

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:10-12

"If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it." Matthew 10:39