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Faith That Brings Controversy: Part 2

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Matthew 9:14-38

1. **Do not _____ the old life with the new life (v. 14-17, Mark 2:18-22, Luke 5:33-39)**
 - ✓ Jesus did not come to abolish the law but fulfill it (Matt 5:17)
 - ✓ Jesus came to introduce something new, not to patch up something old
2. **Jesus is always _____ (v. 18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56)**
 - ✓ Our worship should precede our requests
 - ✓ We are to come boldly before God (Hebrews 4:16), but not without humility
 - ✓ The most honored title we can receive from Jesus is "son" or "daughter" (John 1:12)
3. **Faith in Jesus _____ our eyes to see and our mouths to speak (v. 27-34)**
 - ✓ Jesus emphasizes the importance of faith that leads to sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)
 - ✓ Jesus has all authority including authority over the demonic realm and the weakness of traditions
 - ✓ Jesus showed His authority in both word and deed
4. **The Lord of the harvest is _____ us (v. 35-38)**
 - ✓ We are called to be the Lord's hands and feet (Acts 1:8)

"Winners of souls must first be weepers for souls." ~ Charles Spurgeon

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. When we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, we receive something new, the gift of salvation. We are new (Ezekiel 36:26, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Since receiving Jesus' salvation, do you find yourself trying to hold onto things from your old life? If so, what?
 - Read Ephesians 4:22-23. What do these verses say we are to do with our former way of life?
3. In verses 18-26, we see another example of the fact that Jesus is always accessible.
 - Do you ever feel that God is too busy for your request?
 - Jesus wants an intimate relationship with us. To what lengths will you go to grow closer to Jesus?
4. Jesus is always ready to help someone in need. Are you equally ready to help someone, even if it may seem like an inconvenience to you?
5. What can we learn from the blind men about God's requirement or obligation to heal the sick? Why is understanding God's mercy so important in this story? How does this all apply to us?
6. Jesus ends this chapter explaining to His disciples the need for people to share the Gospel message to people that need to hear it.
 - Where is your harvest field?
 - Who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus?
 - Pray that God would not only put lost people around you but give you a burden for them and give you confidence to share the love of Jesus with them.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 9:14-38) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?