

KINGDOM POWER, KINGDOM CALL

Episode 9: THE CALL OF THE MOMENT...

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¹⁸ "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...." Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

THE SCENE:

¹⁴ "Then the disciples of John came to him..." Matthew 9:14 (ESV)

- **DISCIPLES OF JOHN:**

- **JOHN'S FOLLOWERS WHO FAILED TO "MAKE THE JUMP."**

²⁹ "...John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 (NIV)

³⁰ "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30 (NIV)

¹⁴ "Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?'" Matthew 9:14 (ESV)

- **JESUS IS QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN RELIGIOUS TRADITION.**

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking... ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking..." Matthew 11:18-19 (NIV)

THE MASTER'S RESPONSE:

- **THE CALL OF DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES:**

¹⁵ "And Jesus said to them, 'Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?'" Matthew 9:16 (ESV)

- **A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS' ROLE.**

- **JESUS IS THE MESSIAH WE ARE TO FOLLOW.**

²⁸ "You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' ²⁹ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete." John 3:28-30 (NIV)

¹⁵ "... The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." Matthew 9:16 (ESV)

- **JESUS WILL DIE TO FULFILL ONE COVENANT AND START A NEW ONE.**

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

²⁰ "...he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'" Luke 22:20 (NIV)

- **UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEW COVENANT IS BY FAITH, NOT BY SELF-RIGHTEOUS TRADITIONALISM.**

¹⁶ "No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made." Matthew 9:16 (ESV)

- **THE TWO SYSTEMS ARE INCOMPATIBLE.**

¹⁷ "Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed." Matthew 9:17 (ESV)

- **THE NEW COVENANT REQUIRES NEW PEOPLE.**

¹⁷ "...new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved." Matthew 9:17 (ESV)

³⁹ "And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'" Luke 5:39 (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

TRUE FOLLOWERS ARE FILLED AND FLEXIBLE.

NEXT STEPS

- **BAPTISM CELEBRATION – August 4th**
 - Sign up for a Baptism Interview this week!
- **PRAY FOR ME CAMPAIGN**
 - Sign up to become a prayer partner for one of our Next Generation Students.
- **CONNECT CARD**