

RUNNING WITH AN UGLY CROWD

The Good the Bad The Ugly

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“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:9-13

I. Jesus cares more about people than positions.

*“But now, this is what the LORD says—He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine”
Isaiah 43:1*

II. Jesus bypasses prestige to get to pain.

*Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”
Matthew 9:12*

III. Jesus forgets your past and remembers your potential.

“God is love.” 1 John 4:8

“Love keeps no record of wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:5

“For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” Isaiah 1:18