Who Told You That? **You're Not Good Enough**

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THE TRUTH IS…Nobody is "good enough". We all need Jesus.

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1. Jesus <u>SEES</u> and <u>KNOWS</u> you. (v.14)

2. You don't have to get <u>RIGHT</u> first. (v.15)

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3. Get up and <u>FOLLOW</u> Jesus now. (v.14)

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Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

1. Have you ever been around someone whose position, reputation, or status made you feel like you needed to be on your best behavior? What happened?

2. Why do you think people sometimes feel like they need to "clean themselves up" before coming to church or getting serious about following Jesus?

Quick Review:

1. Read **Mark 2:13–17** together.

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What stands out to you most from this passage?

2. This week we looked at three things we see in Jesus' interaction with Levi:
Jesus SEES you.
Jesus wants a RELATIONSHIP with sinners.
Realize that it is YOU He came for.

Which of these is easiest for you to believe? Which is hardest?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read **Mark 2:14**. Levi wasn't looking for Jesus—Jesus saw Levi and approached him. What does that tell us about the way Jesus sees people others might overlook or write off?

2. In **Mark 2:15**, Jesus is eating with "tax collectors and sinners." Why do you think simply eating with them bothered the Pharisees so much? What does Jesus' willingness to sit at their table tell us about the kind of relationship He wants with people?

3. There are really two ways we can get this wrong: "I'm not good enough for Jesus" and "They're not good enough for Jesus." Which attitude do you think Christians are more likely to struggle with? How can either one keep someone from experiencing Jesus?

4. Read **Mark 2:17** again. Jesus compares Himself to a doctor and sinners to people who are sick. What do you think Jesus is communicating with that picture? How does it challenge the idea that we have to get ourselves "good enough" before coming to Him?

Putting It Into Practice:

1. Is there something from your past, a current struggle, or an area of your life that sometimes makes you feel "not good enough" for God? How does this passage challenge that belief?

2. Is there a type of person you are tempted to think is too far gone, too messed up, or too different to follow Jesus? What would it look like for you to see that person the way Jesus does?

3. Jesus didn't tell Levi, "Get your life together and then follow Me." He simply said, "Follow me." What is one step toward Jesus you know you need to take right now?