

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## **Restoring Love**

**Matthew 9:27-38 (18-38)**

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What is He doing here?

- Healing? Yes
- But far more than healing
- If we only see healing we'll miss the main purpose

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**Matthew 5:1-7:29** Jesus teaches us how to live

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**Matthew 8:1-9:38** He demonstrates God **by restoring people**

- **8:1-4**, He restores the leper to health, freedom & acceptance
- **8:5-13**, He restores the Centurion to the One true God
- **8:19-22**, He restores men to true discipleship
- **8:23-27**, He restores His disciples to true faith
- **9:1-7**, He restores the paralytic to eternal freedom & health
- **9:9**, He restores Matthew to Abraham's true family
- **9:10-13**, He restores many lost sinners to true fellowship
- **9:14-17**, He restores the purpose new & old have together
- **9:18-26**, He restores the religious ruler to true worship
  - He restores a sick outcast to health & her true family
  - He restores life to the ruler's daughter

- **9:27-31**, He restores sight to two blind men
- **9:32-34**, He restores speech & freedom to a demonized mute
- **9:35**, He restores the message of the good news of the kingdom
- **9:36**, He calls us to be restored to the safety of His shepherd authority
- **9:37-38**, He restores Abraham's calling to His followers

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**What did Christ come to do?**

- His main purpose

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He came to **restore** lost humanity to **The Father!**

- All **lesser** restorations are meant to serve **the greater one**
- Every healed body still died
- What then? **Matthew 16:26**

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Like God's purpose is to bless...

- **Psalms 1:1-3 & Matthew 5:3-10**
- God's purpose is also to restore.

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Jesus healed & delivered... **not to prove that He could**

- But to prove He is **The One** who could
- To prove that **He is Messiah...**
- **God come in the flesh** (Matthew 13:58)

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Why did He tell some to tell no one?

- So it would not be about a celebrity who could heal
- But about healing **only God could do**

God was preparing the restoration since the separation

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What did God say after delivering them from Egypt?

- **Exodus 19:4**, 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.'

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What is the good news of the kingdom He is restoring to us?

- **John 20:21**, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- **I John 3:23**, Now this is His command: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us.
- **John 13:34**, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
- **Be restored to the love of the Father in Christ Jesus**, just as we have been.

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**I John 4:10-11**, In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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**Jesus lived to restore people to the Father**

- He convinced them by offering His restoring love...
- Loving them first, right where they were

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He calls us to **be restored to each other** in Him

- He restores us to loving freely...
- Unconditioned by how anyone else may respond
- It's our main purpose, that all lesser purposes serve

**John 17:20-23**, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

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In a world of rejection & defensive protection...

- Be someone offering **restoration relationship** to any who will