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When Jesus Meets Sinners

Luke 5:27-32

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Unexpected focus by Jesus...

- heals **man with evil spirit**
- calls **fishermen** as disciples
- heals **man with leprosy**
- heals **a paralyzed man**

*He proved
He can forgive sins*

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²⁷ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

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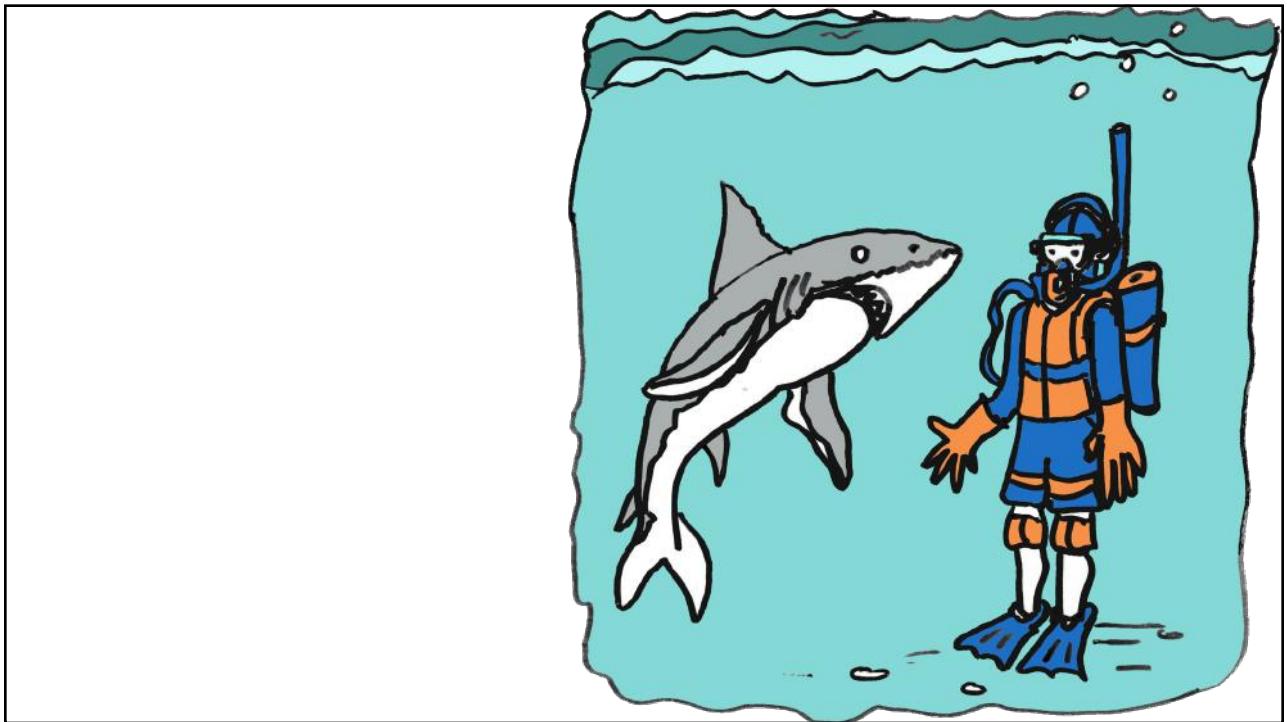
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The Big Idea

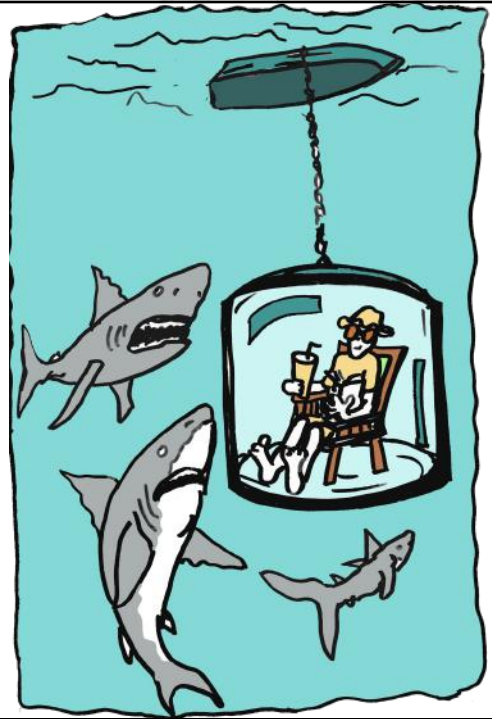
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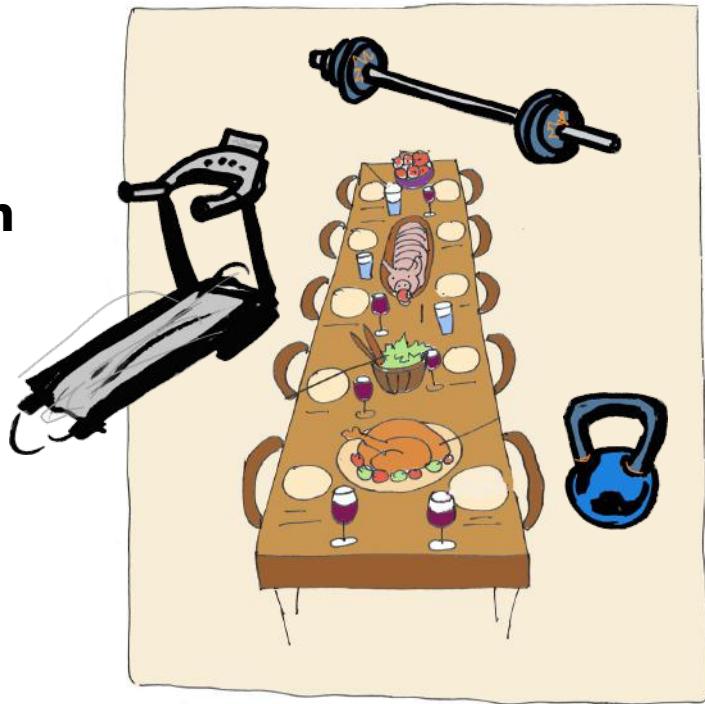
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**Religious leaders
got it very wrong**



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**Jesus had a very
different approach**



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Core Value: Superabounding Grace and Complete Obedience to Christ

We are committed to building a community that practices **superabounding grace** while calling our people to **complete obedience to Christ**.

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In **superabounding grace**, we welcome people to come as **we** are and we will go to people where they are, and **we are committed to building relationships with people as Jesus did**, including with those who are often judged by others, just as Jesus welcomed sinners, prostitutes, and tax collectors (Luke 5:29-32).

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We also **call our people to complete obedience to Jesus** in all parts of our lives, conforming to His call to holiness and to sacrificial service (Luke 5:27-28; 9:23-26). And we recognize that this road to complete obedience is **lifelong and requires grace, patience, perseverance, and mutual encouragement** (Hebrews 10:23-25; 12:7-13).

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Superabounding grace

Jesus calls sinners, to repentance

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. **But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.**"

Romans 5:20

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Complete obedience

"But just as he who called you is holy, so **be holy in all you do**; for it is written: **'Be holy, because I am holy.'**"

1 Peter 1:15-16

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What are we to do?

Embrace superabounding grace
and complete obedience

➤ For us

➤ Toward others

For each of us to consider:

- What makes me hesitant to provide a warm and honoring welcome?
- What does that reveal about my view of people?
- Does this match the teaching & model of Jesus?

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Questions?

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