

Luke 5:36-39

- 36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.
- 37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
- 38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.
- 39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

- A. We all experience change "The only constant in this world is change"
 - Heraclitus
- B. Change may be forced on us
- C. Change may also be our choice
- Luke 14:31-32
- 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?
- 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

- D. Luke 5 is a chapter of changes brought about by Jesus 1. A change in occupation for fishermen
- **Luke 5:10**

And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

2. A change in physical condition for a leper Luke 5:13

And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

- D. Luke 5 is a chapter of changes brought about by Jesus (continued)
- 3. A change in spiritual condition for a paralyzed man Luke 5:20

And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

4. A change in relationships for a tax collector Luke 5:27

And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

E. Chapter shows need for a change in beliefs by the religious

Luke 5:30-32

- 30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?
- 31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.
- 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
 - 1. They needed a change in perspective
 - 2. They needed a change in practice

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- 2 Corinthians 4:4

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Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

II. They Were Scared Of The Consequences Of Change

A. Of the unknown from their perspective John 11:48

If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

Psalm 107:23-24

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

II. They Were Scared Of The Consequences Of Change

B. Of having to admit they were wrong John 8:39-40

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.
40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Matthew 23:13

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves.

III. They Were Too Stubborn To Change

A. They did not want to change Luke 5:31

And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

B. They "know" better

Matthew 23:15

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

God Calls Us To Change!!