

JESUS, FRIEND OF SINNERS  
LUKE 5:27-32 (ESV)

**MARK 2:13-14 (ESV)**

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 14 As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth.

**THE CONVERSION OF LEVI**

**LUKE 5:27-31 (ESV)**

27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." 28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CALL OF LEVI:**

1. **RECOGNITION:** LEVI RECOGNIZES HIS NEED FOR A SAVIOR
  2. **RELATIONSHIP:** JESUS PURSUES LEVI WITH LOVE AND GRACE
  3. **REPENTANCE:** LEVI RESPONDS – HE LEFT BEHIND HIS LIFE OF SIN AND FOLLOWED JESUS
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29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others (Mark 2 – "sinners") reclining at table with them.

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**THE CRITICISM OF THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS**

30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

**CHARACTERISTICS OF PHARISEES AND SCRIBES:**

1. **ISOLATION** FROM SINNERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES
2. STRICT **RULE FOLLOWING**
3. **EXTERNAL** PERFECTIONISM



**THE COMMISSION FOR ALL BELIEVERS**

31 *And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”*

- 1. INTERCEDE - pray
- 2. INVEST - serve
- 3. INVITE - bring

**ACTS 26: 17**

*I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'*

**HOMEWORK:**

Write down 3-5 names of individuals or families that you can love this week by interceding, investing, and inviting:

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