

**Feb. 25 - Scripture:** Luke 5: 17-39

*A verse that speaks to you:* Luke 5:31 - Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

*Observation:* In this passage, Jesus was being criticized by the Pharisees for eating and drinking with those at the lowest levels of society. Jesus was quick to point out that just as a doctor addresses the needs of the sick not the healthy, He has not come for the needs of the righteous, but for the sinners.

*Application:* Sometimes when I compare myself to the Billy Grahams and Mother Therasas of the world, I feel like such a novice in my Christian walk. This passage is so encouraging because it reminds me that Jesus came most especially for those 'infected' with the sins of this world, no matter what they are. He is always there for anyone, whether they are weak or strong in their faith walk. No matter where we are in life's journey, be it in the valley of doubt and fear or on a joyous mountaintop of a close encounter with God's love and grace, He is with us. What a wonderful promise of His unconditional love for us!

*Prayer:* Our Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you that we do not have to come to you healthy and whole, but just as we are. You love us despite our diseases of the heart and through your Son's sacrifice, see and love us as your whole and perfect children. Help us to always remember to seek your perfect prescription for all our ills. In His Precious Name, Amen.

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