

# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 9

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## Called Just As You Are

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### I. Introduction

- A. How many DNA combinations are there?
- B. How many of those are perfect?
- C. List of the biblical heroes and their flaws
- D. God calls us precisely at the point of our weakness

How has God used your weakness to reveal His strength?

### II. Matthew 9

- A. The role of the Tax Collector
  - 1. The hatred
  - 2. The built in corruption
- B. **Follow me!**

*While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

*On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. . . For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners*

### II. 2 Corinthians 12

*In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.*

*Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." . . . For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

### IV. How Has God Used Your Weakness to Reveal His Strength?