IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE

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Midweek Bible Study

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JEREMIAH 29:11

• 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

MATTHEW 9:9

 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

LUKE 9:23

• 23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily,[a] and follow Me.

MATTHEW 9:12-13

 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'[a] For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

MATTHEW 9:16-17

• 16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

MATTHEW 9:20-22 (NKJV)

 20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." 22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

MATTHEW 9:20-22 (NIV)

• 20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. 21 She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." 22 Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

MATTHEW 9:9

 9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, Follow Me. So he arose and followed him.

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- Change is hard
- There's nothing permanent in life but
- Change can make us want to retreat back to our old ways

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- Change can cause CONFLICT
- Change means sacrifice
- Change can be a blessing
- Make the ultimate decision to change- to give your life to Christ