

THE MATTHEW STUDY: WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS
 SERIES: JESUS HEALS
 PART 11 - "PARTNERING WITH GOD"
 Matthew 9:27-38

²⁷After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind Him, shouting, 'Son of David, have mercy on us!' ²⁸They went right into the house where He was staying, and Jesus asked them, 'Do you believe I can make you see?' 'Yes, Lord,' they told him, 'we do.' ²⁹Then He touched their eyes and said, 'Because of your faith, it will happen.' ³⁰And suddenly they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, 'Don't tell anyone about this.' ³¹But instead, they spread His fame all over the region. ³²When they left, some people brought to Him a man who couldn't speak because he was possessed by a demon. ³³So Jesus cast out the demon, and instantly the man could talk. The crowds marveled. 'Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel!' they exclaimed. ³⁴But the Pharisees said, 'He can cast out demons because He is empowered by the prince of demons.' ³⁵Jesus traveled through all the cities and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And wherever He went, He healed people of every sort of disease and illness. ³⁶He felt great pity for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. ³⁸So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send out more workers for His fields.'"

HOW YOU CAN PERSONALLY PARTNER WITH GOD TO
 SEE HIS DREAMS FOR YOU FULFILLED.

- I. **Expect** good **things** from Jesus. Matthew 9:27-31
 - A. **Believe** that Jesus wants to do **good** for you. Matthew 9:28b; 9:32-33
 - B. **Spend** face **time** with Jesus. Matthew 9:28a

C. **Speak** and act in **faith** in Jesus. Matthew 9:29

D. **Count** on **opposition** when you experience Jesus' healing and **restoring** touch. Matthew 9:34

II. **Excel** in **relating** to others with Jesus' **compassion**. Matthew 9:35

Five specific areas to focus our compassion like Jesus:

A. People's **pain**. Matthew 14:14; 20:34

B. People's **grief** and **sorrow**. Luke 7:13

C. People's **hunger**. Matthew 15:32

D. People's **loneliness**. Mark 1:41; Matthew 8:3

E. People's **confusion** and **helplessness**. Matthew 9:36

III. **Encounter** God in **prayer**.

A. **Ask** Him to **thrust** workers into the harvest. Matthew 9:37

B. **Be** a **worker** yourself. Matthew 9:37