

"Living in a World of Chaos & Confusion"

Matthew 9:35-38 October 4, 2020

1 Peter 4:4,12; 1 John 3:13; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-5 Matthew 9:35-38; 4:23-24

Chaos – A situation in which everything is confused and in a mess (Macmillan Dictionary)

In the Chaos of life – Jesus brings compassion

- Physical Chaos
- Spiritual Chaos

In the Conflict of life - Jesus brings calm & care

- Political Chaos
- Racial Chaos

In the Confusion of life – Jesus brings clarity & certainty
He was connected to & desperate for the Father

In the Call of life – Jesus brings a <u>commission</u>
Jesus called His followers to a radical way of life

Action Steps:

- ✓ We admit we are not in control
- ✓ We confess we don't have all the <u>answers</u>
- ✓ We find <u>confidence</u> not in our circumstances but in the Lord's <u>control</u> Isaiah 36:4; 37:6; 14-20; Psalm 71:5
- √ We choose to pursue Jesus we set our compass on Him Luke 9:23
- ✓ We count the cost Luke 12:48

✓ We have the <u>courage</u> to act <u>Joshua 1:9</u>

Our Response:

- 1. What are some of the areas of chaos and confusion that you are struggling with the most in your life? Why?
- 2. Is it hard for you to admit that you aren't in control or that you have all the answers? Why or why not?
- 3. How have you seen Jesus bring compassion, calm, and care into your life? How has it made a difference?
- 4. Why do you think it's hard to not find our confidence in Christ sometimes but more in our circumstances?
- 5. How have you seen Jesus bring clarity and certainty to the confusion in your life? Why is it so important to seek the Lord instead of our culture? Why must He be the compass above all else?
- 6. Have you come to a place in your life where you are willing to count the cost and follow Jesus no matter what? What is keeping you from having that courage to act and follow through?