



“We never did it that way before.”

– Ralph Neighbour

These are the very words that
cause many churches to die.

I. The Calling of Levi

- Levi worked for a Roman appointed governor AND he was a tax collector!
- Even though he was a Jew, Levi was an outcast in his community.

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- To leave the position of tax collector meant that you were not one of Herod's hired hands. To follow Jesus, Levi had to permanently leave. This was a huge step of faith.

II. Breaking Bread with Sinners

- The folks Jesus dined with were no more sinful than anyone else in Israel, but they were labeled this way because they were the folks that did not pursue the religion of the time.

III. The Religious Response

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- “I can’t believe who He is eating with!”

IV. The Doctor’s Purpose

- Jesus is there to make well those who are sick.
- A “righteous” person as Jesus saw it was someone who expressed no need for a Savior, because of their religious practice.

- While it is wonderful to worship God together here, there are many around us who are sick.
- Jesus was always concerned of the spiritual condition of those around Him, and we need to be also.