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### Luke 5:27-32

*<sup>27</sup>After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>28</sup>And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. <sup>29</sup>And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup>And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

Did Jesus come to bring PEACE or CONTROVERSY?

### 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

Instead of trying to be "FAULTLESS," try to be "FAITHFUL."

1. REASSESS your stance.
2. Consider others BETTER than yourself.
3. Decide IF and WHEN to speak.
4. Don't ESCALATE the conversation.
5. Let GO.