Notes of YF message on 12 Sep 2026 – "Life of Christ: Response to the Power of Christ"
Text: Matthew 9:27-34 Memory Verse: Matthew 9:28 Speaker: Pr David Chew
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Do we response rightly or wrongly to situations around us? Our response reveals our heart.

1. Right Response (Matt 9:27-31)

The two blind men could not see Jesus. They could only hear about His power and His person. Being blind, they could not verify that what they heard about Jesus was true. Yet, they responded to what they heard by seeking Him. They did not let that lack of verification, or the fact that they were blind, hinder them from doing their utmost to seek after Jesus.

When they met with Jesus, they called Him the *"Son of David"* (Matt 9:27), a Messianic title that originated from the prophecy given by God to David. They also called Jesus *"Lord"* (Matt 9:28), showing that they understood that Jesus was God and was to be worshipped. Their belief that Jesus, as God, had the power to heal (if it was His will) was revealed in what they said and did. They were fully submissive to Him and, even though they did not ask to be healed, Jesus healed them because of their genuine faith.

After healing the two blind men, Jesus sternly commanded them not tell anyone. Jesus did not want people to spread His works because God has a divine plan as to when Jesus would be open to the public, arrested, tried, etc. This miracle of healing the blind men was private in nature. However, the blind men failed to recognise that and spread the message to everyone (Matt 9:31).

When we are truly grateful for what Jesus has done for us, we must express our gratitude by completely obeying Him.

2. Wrong Response (Matt 9:32-34)

A dumb man, possessed by a devil, was healed by Jesus (Matt 9:32-33). The Pharisees (unlike the two blind men) had every means of verifying that the miracles Christ had done were true. They saw clearly how the man, previously possessed and dumb, could speak after Jesus cast the devil out from him. Instead of believing what Jesus clearly said and did, the Pharisees chose not to believe in Jesus, and thus exposed their foolishness. The multitudes, who witnessed the miracle, testified that it had never been seen before in Israel (Matt 9:33). However, the Pharisees refused to believe because their unbelief was rooted in how they viewed Jesus. God the Father had sent Jesus (God the Son) to earth to work His Work. To say that Jesus' source of power was the devil, they were effectively saying God the Father was the devil. They rejected God Himself in their rejection of Jesus.

Will you choose to harden your heart and reject God no matter what God reveals to you? Will you choose instead to believe who Jesus is and accept Him as God who has total control over your life? We will not be sinlessly perfect, but we must have our heart towards God. With a heart totally surrendered to God, our obedience will be seen in our actions. Search the scriptures and pray that God will reveal Himself to you through His Word. And believe and submit to Him.

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