

**Genesis 12:1-3**

The Call of Abram

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.”

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**Matthew 9:9-13**

The Call of Matthew

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at table<sup>[a]</sup> in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Matthew 9:18-26**

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

<sup>18</sup> While he was thus speaking to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> And behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment; <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well.

<sup>23</sup> And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a tumult, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Depart; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this went through all that district.