



A SEAT AT THE TABLE

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Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called '**A Seat at the Table**' with '**Part 4**'. What is the table and who gets a seat? If the church is the ultimate table, who is it for?

This week we are looking at a different chair at the table, the chair for the new Christian. What is required for you to move from the new Christian chair to the mature Christian chair?

Questions:

1. If the 1st step of discipleship is tapping out, why is surrender such an unpopular word? What is required to 'offer yourself' as a living sacrifice? What does that look like to completely surrender? How could surrender be everything? **Romans 12:1**
2. What is the Torah & why was it everything to Jews? How did the Torah provide the Jews with insight as to how to please God? Why was a Rabbi's 'Way' important to obtain "Olam Haba" (harmony with God)?
3. Why was it important that children began the 1st stage of their education (Bet Sefer) at the age of 6 until the age of 10? What impact did it have in their understanding of Jesus' 'Way' since they had all memorized the Torah? How could the Torah be 'honey on the tongue'? **John 1:14; John 14:6**
4. What was required for a child to be able to continue their education beyond the age of 10 (the Bait Talmud)? What would they have done by the age of 15 as the best of the best on the path to being a Rabbi? How might that level of education have applied to Jesus? Why was a rabbi's 'yoke' important? **Luke 2:46; Matthew**

22:36; Matthew 11:29

5. What did Jesus say to Peter & Andrew when he called them to be His disciples? What did "Lech Ach Hari" from a Rabbi mean for your entire life? What was their response to the calling from Jesus? Why was their reply surprising? **Matthew 4:18-20**
6. What was the reaction when Jesus, as a rabbi, called the next 2 (James & John, the sons of Zebedee) to be His disciples? Why is it important to know approximately how old these men were when they surrendered everything to follow Jesus? **Matthew 4:21-22**
7. When Jesus says to you "Lech Ach Hari" (come follow me), why does it mean complete surrender? What makes surrender really hard for some? Why does following Jesus require that you change direction vs easy believism Christianity? **Matthew 16:25**

Key takeaway: *One of the hardest things about a relationship with Jesus is learning to Tap Out. Learning to surrender and allowing Jesus to have complete control of everything in your life. Who's calling the shots of your life? Are you ready to Tap Out and live His Way and move to the mature Christian chair?*

Summary:

- Tapping out = complete surrender, offer sacrifice
- Torah (book of Moses, first 5 books of the Bible) the Way - Olam Haba = in harmony with God
- Bet Sefer = 1st stage of education (ages 6-10)
- Bait Talmud = 2nd stage of education (ages 10-15) with a Rabbi for the best students only by taking his 'yoke', have to be called by Rabbi (lech ach hari = Come Follow Me)
- Jesus (30 yrs) calls 1st disciples (Peter & Andrew) = at once they followed him...
- Jesus calls next disciples (James & John @ 15 yrs) = immediately followed him...
- Following Jesus = change direction, requires total surrender to adopt His Way (truth, life)