

**If You Love Them Then You Must Debate Them 2019 September**  
**IYLTYYDT – “Venue Driven Environment”**  
**Looking for faith in another way.**  
**A coin from a fish ??**

In this issue I will describe what I mean by a **venue driven environment**. Earlier this year I talked about neutral motives. To have an effective process of communications it will be important to make sure that the environment is safe and free with the **liberty that only Christ can bring**. Romans 12:10 “Have kindly affection one for another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another”  
Affection is a salt that makes our words and actions more sensitive and palatable.

Paying attention to the environment Jesus taught from and created for His disciples is just as important as the agenda and goals He communicated. Jesus knew the message was eternal and would be spoken for a thousand years. His motives were pure and perfect and we need to come to a neutral place so we can hear His motives.

Neutral motives means listening to the different options and waiting on the Holy Spirit to **reveal another way**. Jesus seemed to get His message through because He always saw **another way**.

Mat.9:1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “*Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.*” He could have just healed the man like most of the prophets of the day.

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2. His venue was another way to forgive sinners.

*Matthew 17:27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”*

Here we see Jesus teaching on faith again showing us **how to look for another way to please God and man.**

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Jesus was invited to Matthews house with many tax gatherers and sinners and so the Pharisees were upset.

*Matt.9:12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

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In some ways we live in a very complex and difficult time where too much fleshly influence can take away reason and decency. Bringing a Gospel of Truth without hypocrisy seems to be the biggest challenge.

\* My encouragement to you is always come to a neutral motive and desire the environment to reflect the miracles of Jesus. **He always has another way.**