

Sermon Notes

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Date: March 29th 2026

Series: For King and Kingdom

Sermon: "The King's Authority to Command Lives"

Text: Matthew 9:9-17

Introduction: There are many who would agree with the major tenets of Christianity, but whose lives are not commanded by Christ in any practical way. This is about to get very personal. This is Jesus' authority not just over "things" or "circumstances" ... this is Jesus' authority over ME! Because in this text before us in 9:9-17, Jesus is exhibiting his authority over individual lives to bring them to himself and commanding the exercise of their devotion to him. Note two means by which he does this:

- I. Through a _____ to discipleship: Matthew's call and conversion (9:9 -13)
- A. Jesus calls us _____ to take us where _____ to go (v. 9; c.f. 4:18-22)
- B. A call to discipleship is meant to have an _____ effect (v. 9b, 10)
- C. Jesus' conversion of Matthew created a _____ effect (vv. 11-13)
- II. Through a new principle of _____: The _____ that fuels conversion (9:14-17)
- A. _____ of _____ in the midst of Messianic joy (vv. 14- 15)
- B. _____ of the _____ and new by Messianic joy (16-17)

Conclusion:

"The King's Authority to Command Lives"

Matthew 9:9-17

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

March 29, 2026

Services @ 8:30 & 11:00 am • Sunday School @ 10:00 am

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us today at Berean Baptist Church. We would delight in assisting you in any way that we can. Please feel free to stop by the Welcome Center after the 11 AM Worship. Information regarding children's classes and our check-in system are located in the lobby at the child check-in kiosk.

Prayer

Missionary of the Month:

Andrew & Alyssa Smith ~ Avant Ministries

Prayer Families of the Week: Helen Gentry, Jayna Golden, Ray & Susan Rogers, Daniel & Jedidah Springfield

Prayer Ministry of the Month: Women's Ministry

Pastor/Minister of the Week: George & Jackie Moore (emeritus)

Deacon of the Week: Joshua & Shwema Doredla

Calendar

<u>Monday 30th</u> Anchormen 7:30 AM Revel 7 PM	<u>Tuesday 31st</u>	<u>Wednesday 1st</u> No Wednesday Programs
<u>Thursday 2nd</u>	<u>Friday 3rd</u> Good Friday Service 7 PM	<u>Saturday 4th</u>

For a detailed listing of future events, please refer to our website calendar: www.bereanlife.org/calendar/

Stewardship

Tithes/Offerings:	\$10,374	YTD Giving:	\$179,439
Weekly Budget:	\$17,714	YTD Budget:	\$212,569
YTD Missions:	\$25,649	Building Fund:	\$328,698
Local Missions:	\$74,217		

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Announcements

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us for our Good Friday Service, **Friday, April 3rd, at 7 PM**. We will be observing communion.

SON RISE EASTER BREAKFAST

Resurrection Sunday is always a special day in the life of the church. Make it a full and rewarding morning as we begin with our "Son Rise Breakfast" in our Fellowship Chapel/gym area at **9:30 AM**. Bring a breakfast dish to share with 10-12 people (if possible, in a disposable container). Come enjoy the warm fellowship and hearty breakfast that will start our Easter celebration this year. **PLEASE NOTE: We will have only the 11 AM worship service on Easter Sunday, April 5th (no 8:30 AM service or Sunday School).**

BRIDAL SHOWER

Ladies, you're invited to a bridal shower honoring **Leah Sheffield** on **Saturday, April 25th from 11 AM - 1 PM**. Brunch will be served. RSVP to Norene Divens. Leah will be returning soon to East Africa to celebrate her marriage to Tokuma and to continue serving with StoryRunners, a Cru ministry. If you would like to bless Leah and Tokuma, only monetary gifts can be accepted at this time due to travel limitations. Contribution for a group gift can be given to Norene Divens or Patti Lewis. **Please RSVP by April 12th.**

COUPLES SHOWER

You're invited to a Couple's Shower to celebrate **Kate Sechrist and her fiancé, Noam**, on **May 1, 2026, at 7 PM** at 50679 Chesapeake Dr. in Novi. Enjoy coffee, cannoli, and sweet moments as we shower the couple with love before their big day! Coffee and desserts will be provided! Please come prepared with your favorite recipe to share with the couple! There will be recipe cards provided at the shower for you to copy it onto! See the Bits & Bytes for RVSP link and registry.

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower honoring **Lily Favazza** on **May 2nd at 11 AM**. RSVP to Andrea by April 18th (734-751-6851). Lily is registered at Amazon or see Andrea to contribute to a group gift.

MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM HATS & JERSEYS

We're getting ready to place a group order for Berean softball team hats and jerseys!

- Hats: \$20-25 (final price depends on how many we order)
- Jerseys: \$32 (customize the back with a name and/or number at no extra cost)

Please submit your payment upfront to Joe Favazza. Deadline to order and turn in money is **April 15th**.