



Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

“Faith Seeking Understanding”

June 7, 2026—Confirmation Sunday

This meditation centers on the idea that faith seeking understanding is more satisfying, and more faithful, than understanding seeking faith. We often assume we must understand everything before we trust. We think faith should come after certainty. But in Matthew 9, no one understands before moving toward Jesus. Matthew follows immediately. A grieving father kneels in hope. A woman reaches out in quiet trust. They act first, and understanding follows.

The deeper truth is that their faith is not self-generated. Each person is responding to God already at work. Matthew is called. The father is drawn by love and hope. The woman is pulled by trust she cannot explain. God moves first, and faith becomes the response. This keeps the focus on grace rather than on our intellectual achievement. Understanding seeking faith places the burden on us to figure everything out before we begin. Faith seeking understanding trusts that God has already begun something and invites us to follow.

Confirmation reflects this pattern. It is not graduation in understanding, but the beginning of a journey. Confirmands are not claiming certainty. They are saying they trust enough to walk with Christ while continuing to learn. Faith means praying before fully understanding prayer, worshiping before grasping grace, and following Christ before having every answer.

When faith comes first, understanding grows along the way. Questions deepen rather than disappear. Faith becomes more real, not less. Understanding seeking faith often leads to frustration, because certainty always seems just out of reach. Faith seeking understanding leads to discovery, because once we begin walking, we recognize that God was already present.

The promise of the passage is simple. When people reach toward Jesus, Jesus meets them. They did not understand first. They trusted first. Confirmation marks the beginning of that same journey.