MSG: HE'S A KEEPER
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 9:16–17 NIV
SZN 1: REVIVAL THROUGH LIVING

MATTHEW 9:16–17 NIV
“No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

1. HE KEEPS THE PERSON

Matthew 9:9 NIV
“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.”

JESUS IS NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF BURSTING PEOPLE.

Jude 1 NIV
“Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:”

HE DIDN'T ERASE MATTHEW'S NAME. HE REDEEMED IT.

HE DIDN'T PATCH MATTHEW. HE MADE HIM NEW.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

“The awareness of being a child of God tends to stabilize the ego and results in a new courage, fearlessness, and power.”
— Howard Thurman

WHAT PART OF YOUR STORY ARE YOU STILL HIDING THAT JESUS WANTS TO REDEEM?

2. HE KEEPS THE PROMISE

Matthew 9:13 NIV

“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

PEOPLE MAKE PROMISES, GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV
“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.”

THE PROMISE WASN'T THROWN AWAY. IT WAS FULFILLED.

Matthew 5:17 NIV
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

“The Bible is the book of the Promise, the Promise made by God to human beings…”
— Gustavo Gutiérrez

THE PROMISE WASN'T CANCELED BY OUR FAILURE. IT WAS KEPT.

2 Timothy 2:13 NIV
“if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

WHAT PROMISE HAVE YOU STOPPED BELIEVING BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU BROKE IT?

3. HE KEEPS THE PEOPLE

Matthew 9:36 NIV
“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

NEW WINE WAS NEVER MEANT TO STAY IN THE HOUSE.

Psalm 121:7–8 NIV
“The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

ONE TABLE FOR BOTH SIDES

Ephesians 2:14 NIV

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,”

“We thank thee, that thou art no respecter of persons, and that thou hast made of one blood all nations of men.”
— Absalom Jones

ONE LIFE POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

“…service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time.”
— Marian Wright Edelman

WHO IS KEPT BECAUSE OF WHAT GOD POURED INTO YOU?

Jude 1:24–25 NIV
“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.”