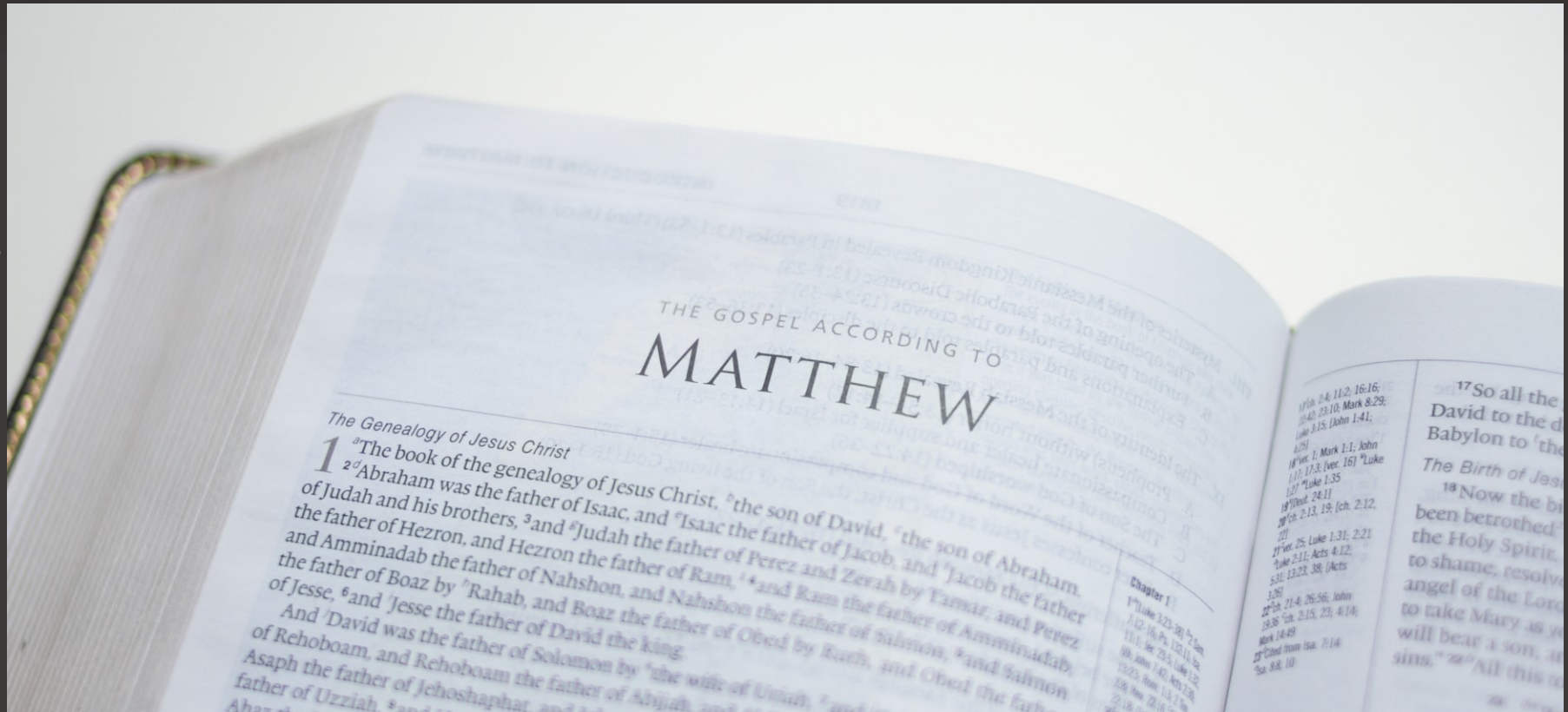


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Tracing a Theme in Matthew



➤ Passages to Notice:

Matthew 8:5-13

⁵ And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him,

⁶ and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented.”

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard Version*

Matthew 8:5-13

⁷ Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

⁸ But the centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Matthew 8:5-13

⁹ For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does *it*."

Matthew 8:5-13

¹⁰ Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

Matthew 8:5-13

¹¹ I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;

¹² but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 8:5-13

¹³ And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed that *very* moment.

Matthew 9:2

² And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”

Matthew 9:27-29

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

²⁸ When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Matthew 9:27-29

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.”

Matthew 13:54-58

⁵⁴ He came to His hometown
and *began* teaching them in their
synagogue, so that they were
astonished, and said, “Where *did* this
man *get* this wisdom
and *these* miraculous powers?”

Matthew 13:54-58

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these things?"

Matthew 13:54-58

⁵⁷ And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his *own* household.”

⁵⁸ And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 14:28-31

²⁸ Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

²⁹ And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

Matthew 14:28-31

³⁰ But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.”

Matthew 15:21-28

²³ But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.”

²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Matthew 15:21-28

²⁵ But she came and *began* to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

²⁶ And He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

Matthew 15:21-28

²⁷ But she said, “Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed at once.

Matthew 17:14-20

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying,

¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

Matthew 17:14-20

¹⁶ I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.”

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.”

Matthew 17:14-20

¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?”

Matthew 17:14-20

²⁰ And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

Matthew 21:18-22

¹⁸ Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry.

¹⁹ Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, “No longer shall there ever be *any* fruit from you.” And at once the fig tree withered.

Matthew 21:18-22

²⁰ Seeing *this*, the disciples were amazed and asked, “How did the fig tree wither *all* at once?”

Matthew 21:18-22

²¹ And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen.

²² And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Some Things We Learn



1) God does great things in response to great faith.

Matthew 7:7-8

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 9:29

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Some Things We Learn



2) Lack of faith limits what God will do in us.

James 1:6-7

⁶ But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

Some Things We Learn



3) Some people impress Jesus
with their faith!

Matthew 15:28

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her,
“O woman, your faith is great; it shall
be done for you as you wish.” And her
daughter was healed at once.

Matthew 8:10

¹⁰ Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

Big Steps Forward



1) Pray for
greater faith!

Luke 17:5

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord,
“Increase our faith!”

Mark 9:23-24

²³ And Jesus said to him, “‘If You can?’ All things are possible to him who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”

Big Steps Forward



2) When we
don't
understand,
commit
ourselves to go
be with Jesus.

John 6:66-68

⁶⁶ As a result of this many of
His disciples withdrew and were not
walking with Him anymore.

John 6:66-68

⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

According to Your Faith

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