

Stories of power

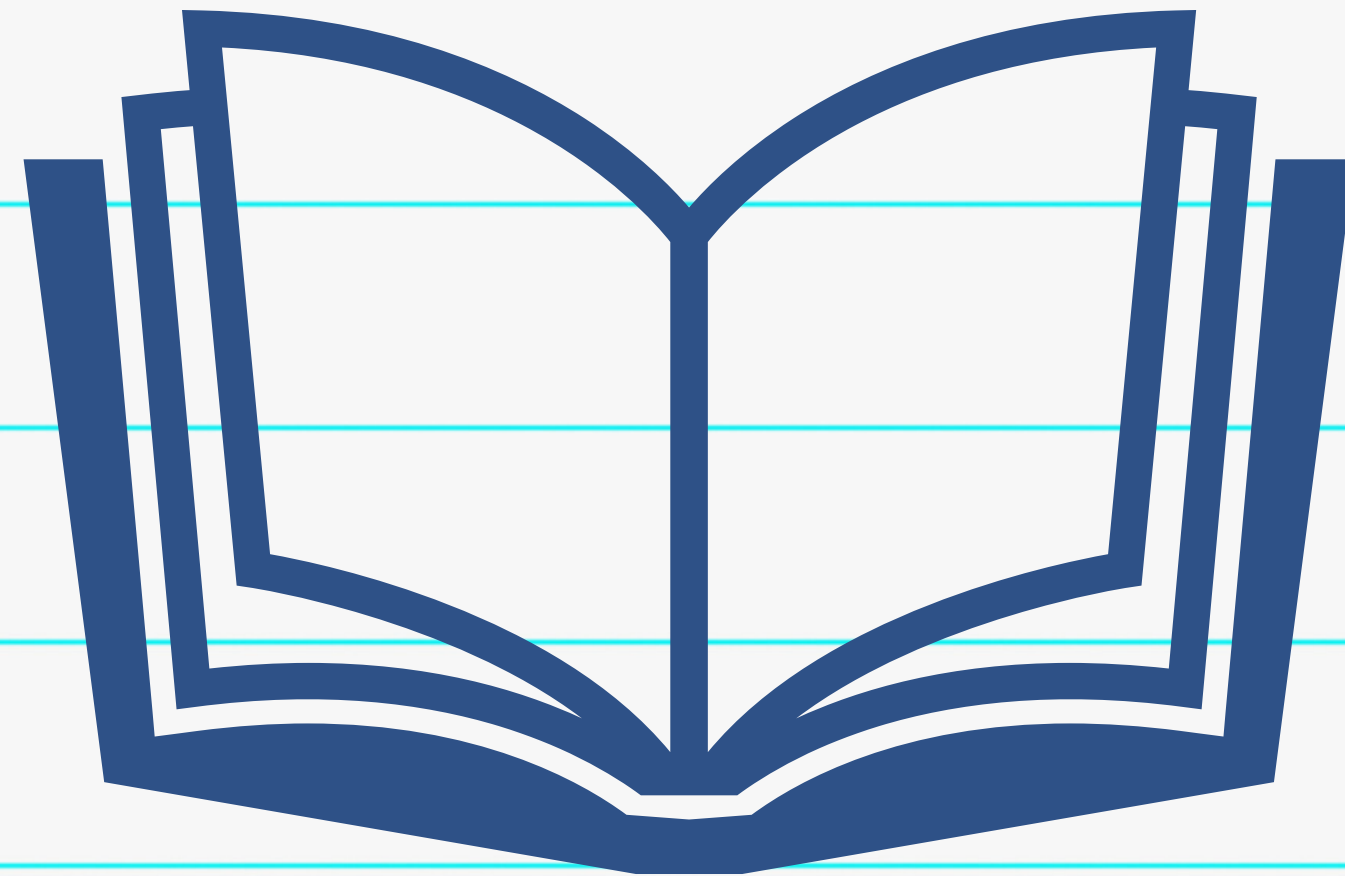
Matthew 8-9:34

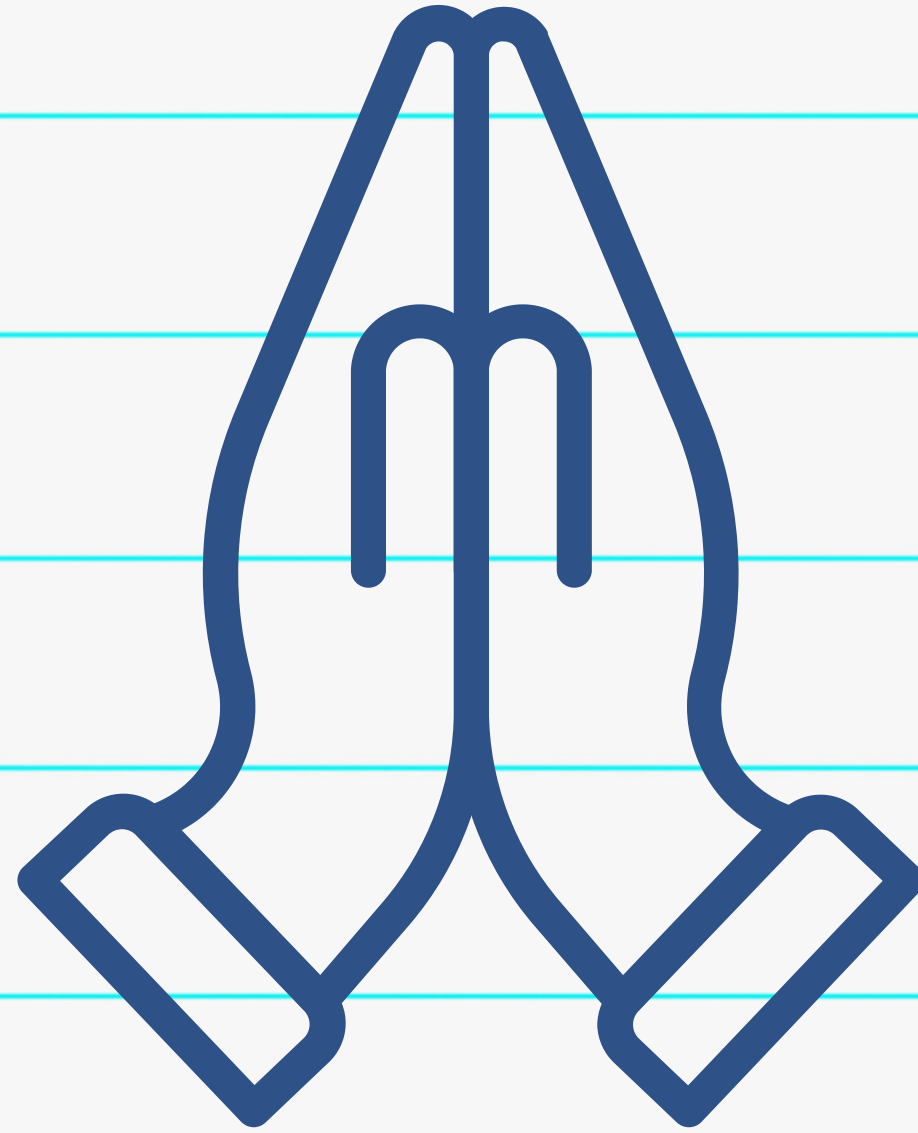
TRANSFORMATION -

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This is Matthew!





let's pray

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-michael kruger-

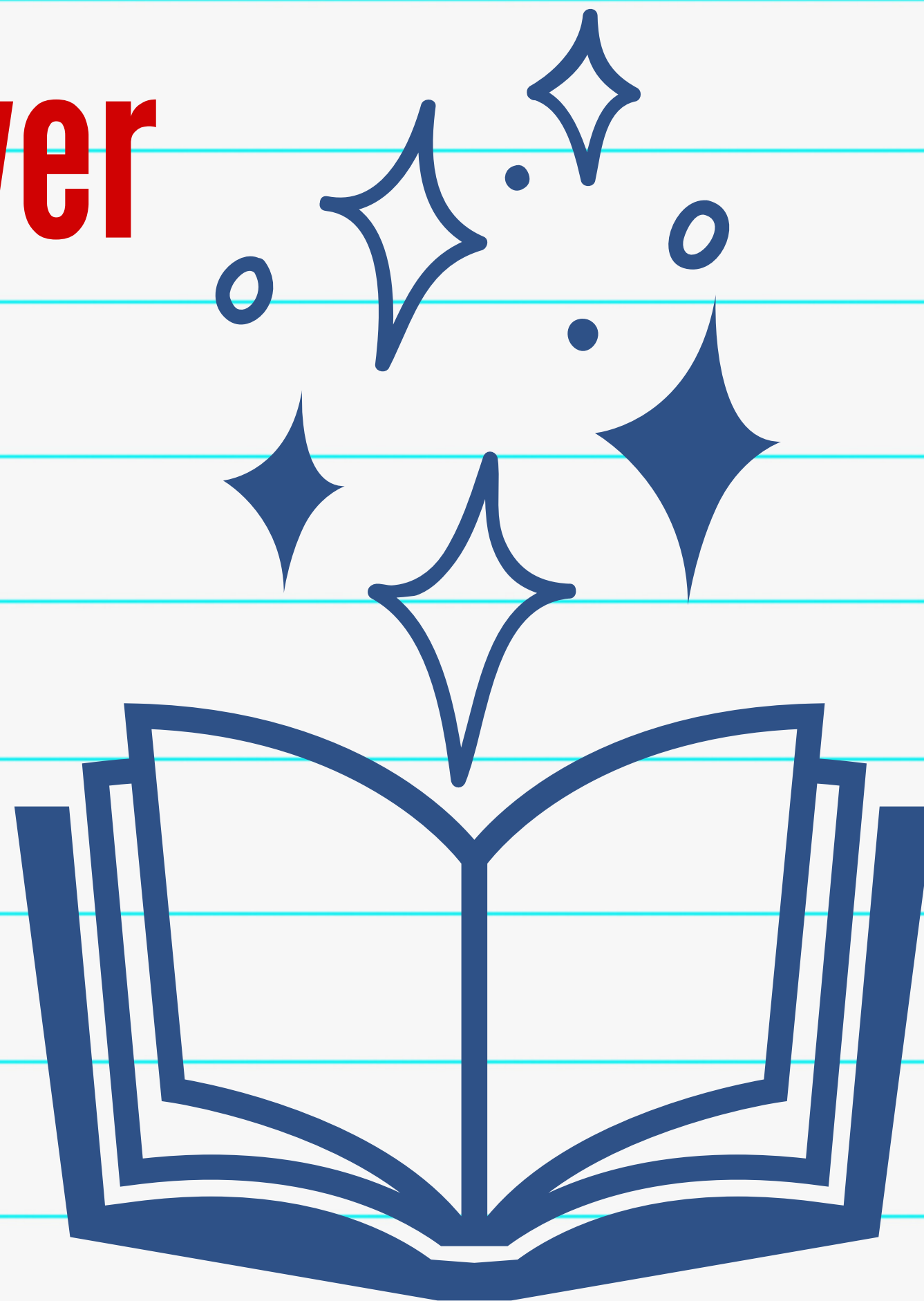
And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were *astonished* at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had *authority*, and not as their scribes. (ESV)

-Matthew 7:28–29



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Matthew 8-9:34



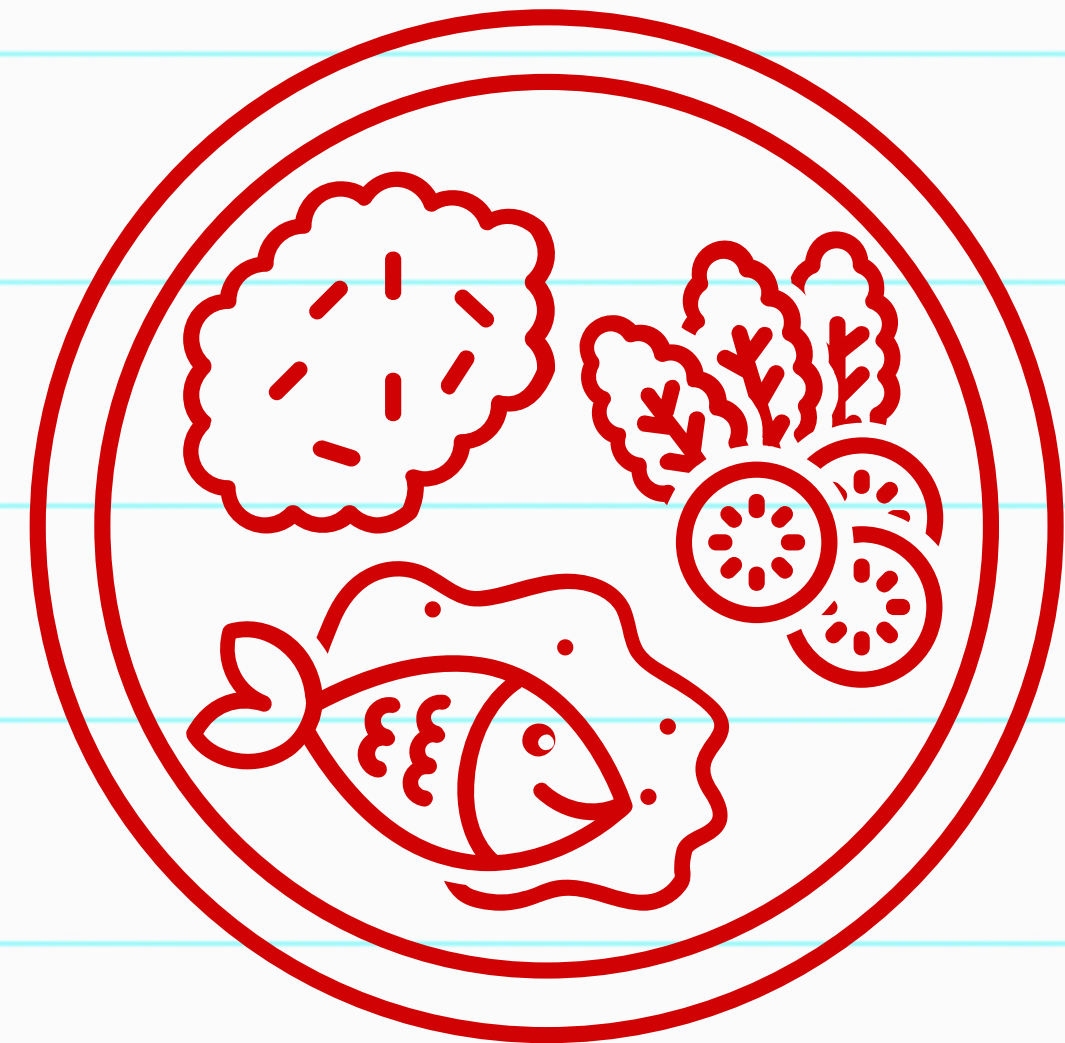
Matthew 8 - 9:34

AUTHORITY & POWER

2 chapters, 9 miracle stories, 10 miracles

bite-sized morsels

YOU GOTTA LOVE MATTHEW'S
ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS! (AND
PLATT'S)



Miracles & Discipleship

3 MIRACLES PART 1

8:1-17

3 MIRACLES PART 2

8:23-9:8

3 MIRACLES PART 3

9:18-34

2 DISCIPLESHIP PICTURES

PART 1

8:18-22

2 DISCIPLESHIP PICTURES

PART 2

9:9-17

Gather, think & share.

Group 1

3 MIRACLES PART 1

8:1-17

Group 2

3 MIRACLES PART 2

8:23-9:8

Group 3

3 MIRACLES PART 3

9:18-34

Group 4

2 DISCIPLESHIP PICS PART 1

8:18-22

Group 5

2 DISCIPLESHIP PICS PART 2

9:9-17

directions

READ & DISCUSS THE PASSAGE

Miracle group: *question*

WHAT DOES EACH MIRACLE TELL US ABOUT JESUS' POWER?

Discipleship group: *question*

WHAT DO THE PICTURES OF DISCIPLESHIP TELL US ABOUT
BEING A DISCIPLE?

(Group 1-Miracles) Matthew 8:1-17

WHAT DO THE MIRACLES TELL US ABOUT JESUS' POWER?

Miracles Part I: Matthew 8:1-17

Jesus' healing power destroys disease, validates the physically, ethnically and culturally canceled.

- (1-4) JESUS HAS THE POWER TO CLEANSE THE PHYSICALLY UNCLEAN.
- (5-13) JESUS IS ABLE TO HEAL AND HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHEN TO HEAL.
- (14-15) JESUS' POWER DEFIES THE TRADITIONS OF MAN.

(Group 2 - Discipleship) Matthew 8:18-22

THE TWO PICTURES OF DISCIPLESHIP?

WHAT DO THE PICTURES TELL US ABOUT BEING A DISCIPLE?

Discipleship Part I: Matthew 8:18-22

Disciples trust Jesus and offer their allegiance to Him only no strings attached.

- **A DISCIPLE TRUSTS JESUS UNCONDITIONALLY**
- **A DISCIPLE GIVES TO JESUS UNDIVIDED ALLEGIANCE AND FEALTY.**

(Group 3-Miracles II) Matthew 8:23-9:8

WHAT DO MIRACLES TELL US ABOUT JESUS' POWER?

Miracles (Part II) Matthew 8:23-9:8

Jesus has absolute authority over natural, super-natural, and sin disasters

- (23-27) POWER OVER THE NATURAL WORLD.
- (28-34) POWER OVER THE SUPER-NATURAL WORLD.
- (9:1-8) POWER OVER SIN.

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- *David Platt*

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(Group 4 - Discipleship) Matthew 9:11-17

THE TWO PICTURES OF DISCIPLESHIP?

WHAT DO THE PICTURES TELL US ABOUT BEING A DISCIPLE?

Discipleship Part II: Matthew 9:11-17

Disciples are merciful & Hopeful.

- (11-13) A DISCIPLE KNOWS HE IS UNRIGHTEOUS, THAT HE HAS BEEN PURSUED BY JESUS WHO IS RIGHTEOUS AND MERCIFUL TOWARDS SINNERS AND SO HE DOES THE SAME.
- (14-17) A DISCIPLE KNOWS THAT JESUS HAS POWER OVER EVERYTHING; IT IS GOOD TO GO WITHOUT FROM TIME TO TIME (FASTING) TO REMEMBER A TIME WITHOUT JESUS TO INTENSIFY ANTICIPATION FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS AND THE WEDDING OF WEDDINGS.

Miracles (Part III) Matthew 9:18-34

Jesus' power brings hope in the midst of despair, life in the midst of death, ability to disability, defeat to Satan.

- **(18-22) THE POWER TO BE BRING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF DESPAIR.**
- **(23-26) THE POWER TO BRING LIFE IN THE MIDST OF DEATH**
- **(27-31) THE POWER OVER DISABILITY.**
- **(32-34) JESUS HAS POWER OVER THE DEVIL HIMSELF.**

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“You are not lost in the crowd before Jesus. He is intimately aware of every single detail of your life. He knows your struggle, and His love for you is extremely personal. In the middle of the crowds, you have His attention, though not in some self-centered way, as if the world revolves around you. But because you are a child.”

- David Platt

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“In our superficial culture, we need to hear that death is real (*because if death isn't real there is no real need for Jesus*), that it's difficult and painful. But with Jesus, death is only temporary.”

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“Notice that even in their blindness, these two men were able to see what all the Pharisees and scribes and teachers of the law around them could not see.”

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JESUS' HEALING POWER DESTROYS DISEASE, VALIDATES THE PHYSICALLY, ETHNICALLY AND CULTURALLY CANCELED.

JESUS HAS ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER NATURAL, SUPER-NATURAL, AND SIN DISASTERS

JESUS' POWER BRINGS HOPE IN THE MIDST OF DESPAIR, LIFE IN THE MIDST OF DEATH, ABILITY TO DISABILITY, DEFEAT TO SATAN.

Disciples trust Jesus and offer their allegiance only to Him.

Disciples are merciful & Hopeful.

“Jesus possesses absolute authority in the world and warrants absolute allegiance from the world.”

**CROWDS REVERE HIM.
THE PROUD REJECT HIM.**

THE FAITHFUL RENOUNCE EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW HIM.

Matthew 8 - 9:34 Stories of Power

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The numbers before the heading correspond to the slides from the slide deck which was shared on November 13th.

2. Transformation stories:

A thesis:

There is a pattern in the stories of the people in the Bible. Other than God in both the OT & NT, In the OT do we see a thread of the prominent hero's of the Bible turning out to be disappointing at best and dastardly at worst, while in the NT we see people whose stories are unsavory, unattractive, and even villainous become valuable, victors and vindicators of God.

I'm not ready to fight for this or write a book, but I say this because of a delectable irony.

3. This is Matthew!

Someone who spent much of his life stealing from his people, someone who his people would say of his life, that his life doesn't matter, his life is of no good count, and in fact they would not only love to be able to ignore him but probably wanted to kill him, was pursued by Jesus, played host to Jesus, his story was changed by Jesus, and the good news story that he wrote which is inspired by the Holy Spirit has been changing lives every since.

4. Let's pray.

Lord, you are writing a gripping and wonderful story in our own lives.

Through your servant, have prepared our time together your people considering your word.

- Jesus, you have changed and are changing our lives to the good,
Yet Lord there might be someone who needs his or her life changed because the story hasn't been good,
- or someone whose life like mine was changed for the good; who finds themselves today in the middle of long part of a hard chapter that seems to have no end; they need to be reminded that every chapter comes to an end, and that with Jesus the end is always good no matter how hard it might be,
- or maybe some of us who see clearly the story the Lord is writing and they love

to share it, and today they just need to be reminded again about how astonishing you are Lord.

Through our time in the gospel of matthew

Continue to change us.

Give us hope.

Keep us focused.

Equip us to share

In Jesus name.

Amen

5. We have seen:

“Matthew quotes scriptural formulas to let his readers know that Jesus is updating Israel’s story. Thus, his life, especially the early events, are a telling of Israel’s exodus story: miraculous birth, rescue from the plot of an evil king, sojourn to and calling out from Egypt, passing through baptismal waters and reception of the Holy Spirit, temptation for forty days (instead of forty years) in the wilderness, obedience when Israel has not obeyed (thus the quotes from Deuteronomy when Jesus confronts the Devil), and the beginning of the conquest of God’s enemies (exorcisms, healings, confrontation with maleficent and confused spiritual authorities).” Michael Kruger

6. Matthew 7 ends with this:

Matthew 7:28–29

[28] And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, [29] for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (ESV)

Matthew tells us that Jesus was a crowd-pleaser because his teaching his words were unlike anything they had ever heard. Jesus was astonishing and authoritative.

Now Matthew seeks to show that Jesus’ is far more than a fabulous teacher. He was astonishing, authoritative and powerful!

7. Jesus’s healings are the powerful fulfillment the suffering servant prophecy (Isa. 53:5).

Isaiah 53:5

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed. (ESV)

Matthew 8:16–17

[16] That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. [17] This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." (ESV)

8. Stories of power. Matthew 8 - 9:34

9. In these two chapters there are 9 miracle stories, which contain 10 miracles.

10. Here's how we will break it down into bite sized delicious morsels. You gotta to love Matthew (and David Platt for his organizational ability)

M-1 Three miracle stories (8:1-17)

D-1 Two pictures of discipleship (8:18-22)

M-2 Three miracle stories (8:23-9:8)

D-2 Two pictures of discipleship (9:9-17)

M-3 Three miracle stories (9:18-34)

11 & 12. Gather in five groups: Each group will look at a passage from Matthew, read the passage. In the case of the miracle stories answer the question, "What does each miracle tell us about Jesus' power?" In the case of the pictures of discipleship, "What do the pictures of discipleship tell us about being a disciple?"

Group 1 [M-1 Three miracle stories (8:1-17)]

Group 2 [D-1 Two pictures of discipleship (8:18-22)]

Group 3 [M-2 Three miracle stories (8:23-9:8)]

Group 4 [D-2 Two pictures of discipleship (9:9-17)]

Group 5 [M-3 Three miracle stories (9:18-34)]

Do this read the passage and answer two questions.

Some one - read the passage

Miracle people -folks

The three miracles summary.

What do they tell us about Jesus' power?

Discipleship people - folks

The two pictures of discipleship summary?

What do the pictures tell us about being a disciple?

13 & 14. Group 1 Miracles Part I - 8:1-17

Read the passage

The three miracles?

What do they tell us about Jesus' power?

(1-4) Jesus has the power to cleanse the physically unclean.

Jesus' cleansing power restores

The leper's question and yours "Is Jesus willing to heal me, because I know he is able?"

(5-13) Jesus is able to heal and he knows exactly when to heal. You have to trust that he will do what is most glorifying and what is best for us when it is best for us. Jesus' power is trust worthy.

The gentile centurion had humble and absolute trust in Jesus' authority and power.

Jesus welcomes all to his table for eternity who humbly acknowledge and trust in his authority to save you from your sins and who allow him to rule over your lives as Lord.

(14-15) Peter's mother-in-law. Jesus' power defies the traditions of man.

10. Jesus' healing power destroys disease, validates the physically, ethnically and culturally canceled.

15 & 16. Group 2 Discipleship Part I 8:18-22

Read the passage

The two pictures of discipleship?

What do the pictures tell us about being a disciple?

A disciple trusts Jesus unconditionally

(19) Following Christ may mean that you lose everything in this world. Basically, Jesus is saying I'm all you need.

A disciple gives to Jesus undivided allegiance and fealty.

(21-22) Jesus demands unconditional trust and undivided affection from those who follow him.

Disciples trust Jesus and offer their allegiance only to Him.

17-20. Group 3 Miracles Part II - 8:23-9:8

Read the passage

The three miracles?

What do they tell us about Jesus' power?

(23-27) Power over the natural world. The point: Jesus is God. The same authority that belongs to the one who parted the Red Sea belongs to Jesus.

The promise: Jesus will be with you through every storm.

"Faith is not confidence that trials won't come your way. Faith is confidence that no matter what wind and waves come your way in this world, the God of the universe will be right there in the boat with you." David Platt

(28-34) Power over the super-natural world. The point: The demons are afraid because of their belief in Jesus, we have fear because of our unbelief in Jesus.

"We are secure simply because we are in the hands of the One who has all

authority in the whole world, and because this One with all authority loves us and cares for us." David Platt

(9:1-8) Power over sin. The paralytic's greatest need was forgiveness. The point: Jesus' power penetrates to the root of all suffering; sin. Our ultimate need is never physical it is spiritual.

Jesus has absolute authority over natural, super-natural, and sin disasters

21 & 22. Group 4 Discipleship Part II - 9:11-17

The two pictures of discipleship?

What do the pictures tell us about being a disciple?

(11-13) **A disciple knows he is unrighteous, that he has been pursued by Jesus who is righteous and merciful towards sinners and so he does the same.**

(14-17) **A disciple knows that Jesus has power over everything; it is good to go without from time to time to remember your time without Jesus and to intensify eager anticipation for the return of Jesus and the wedding of weddings.**

Disciples are merciful and hopeful.

23 - 26. Group 5 Miracles Part III - 9:18-34

The miracles?

What do they tell us about Jesus' power?

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(23-26) The power to bring life in the midst of death. "In our superficial culture, we need to hear that death is real, that it's difficult and painful. But with Jesus, death is only temporary." David Platt

(27-31) The power over disability. "Notice that even in their blindness, these two men were able to see what all the Pharisees and scribes and teachers of the law around them could not see." Platt, David.

(32-34) Jesus has power over the Devil himself.

Summary

27 -28 Jesus' power brings hope in the midst of despair, life in the midst of death, ability to disability, defeat to Satan.

Conclusion:

"Jesus possesses absolute authority in the world and warrants absolute allegiance from the world."

Crowds revere him.
The proud reject him.
The faithful renounce everything to follow him.

Prayer:

Jesus, your healing power destroys disease, validates the physically, ethnically and culturally canceled.

Jesus you have absolute authority over natural, super-natural, and sin disasters
Jesus, your power brings hope in the midst of despair, life in the midst of death, ability to disability, defeat to Satan.

In light of your power and authority Jesus, how should disciples respond? Lord, your disciples are merciful and hopeful, your disciples trust you and offer their allegiance only to you, make us merciful and hopeful disciples who trust you and offer allegiance only to you.