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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A King Who Speaks Peace

Matthew 8:23 – 9:8

Why does our faith fail?

Our faith in the power and authority of Jesus will help us to overcome fear and receive forgiveness.

Matthew 8:23–25

As he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

Suddenly, a violent storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves—but Jesus kept sleeping.

So the disciples came and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to die!" obey him!"

Matthew 8:26–27

He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey him!"

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Matthew 8:28–29

When he had come to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him as they came out of the tombs. They were so violent that no one could pass that way.

Suddenly they shouted, "What do you have to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

Matthew 8:30–32

A long way off from them, a large herd of pigs was feeding.

"If you drive us out," the demons begged him, "send us into the

herd of pigs."

"Go!" he told them. So when they had come out, they entered the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water.

Matthew 8:33–34

Then the men who tended them fled. They went into the city and reported everything, especially what had happened to those who were demon-possessed.

At that, the whole town went out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

Matthew 9:1–3

So he got into a boat, crossed over, and came to his own town. Just then some men brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven."

At this, some of the scribes said to themselves, "He's blaspheming!"

Matthew 9:4–6

Perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why are you thinking evil" things in your hearts? For which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—then he told the paralytic, "Get up, take your stretcher, and go home."

Matthew 9:7–8

So he got up and went home. When the crowds saw this, they were awestruck and gave glory to God, who had given such authority to men.

When fear rises, remember Jesus calms storms and brings peace—trust His present power in your life.

Don't just seek relief—come to Jesus for redemption. He sees your heart and paid for your sins, full and free.