



Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 10  
*Miracles of the King*  
**“Portrait of Faith Over Fear”**

**Matthew 8:18-27 (NIV)**

*When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. <sup>19</sup> Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”*

*<sup>20</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”*

*<sup>21</sup> Another disciple said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”*

*<sup>22</sup> But Jesus told him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”*

*<sup>23</sup> Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”*

*<sup>26</sup> He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.*

*<sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”*

**1. Faith triumphs over fear when you know you are “crossing over.”**

**Matthew 8:18 (NIV)**

*When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake.*

**John 5:24 (NIV)**

*“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*

**Philippians 1:21-23 (NIV)**

*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;*

- Your storm may end in final glory or fruitful growth.
- When faith triumphs over fear you can sleep through your storms.

**2. Faith triumphs over fear when you remember who is in the boat with you.****Isaiah 43:1b-2 (NIV)**

*“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

- God doesn't promise an easy future, but an “accompanied” future.
- Jesus can end your storm... but He may just want to be with you through it.
- Faith triumphs over fear when we live with a constant awareness of the presence of God.

**3. Faith triumphs over fear when you trust God's purpose.**

- God's desire for you may not be to stop the storm, but to harness it.
- It's in the storm that you see the strength of your Father.

**Matthew 14:32-33 (NIV)**

*And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*