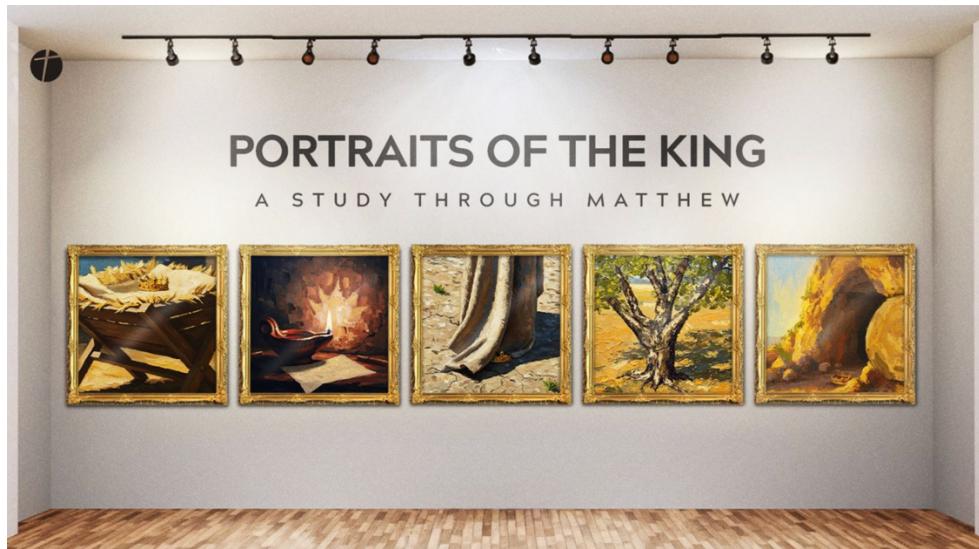


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Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 11  
*Miracles of the King*  
**“Portraits of Desperate Faith”**

**Matthew 9:18-26 (NIV)**

*While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.”<sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.*

*<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”*

*<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.*

*<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.*

**1. Desperate faith is a “Miracle Stealer.”**

- If avoiding embarrassment from the crowd is your aim, pride is your god, and healing will never come.

- We will either live with “desperate” faith or live “drifting” from faith.

## **2. Desperate faith produces the “Great Exchange.”**

- The “Great Exchange” is always costly.

### **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## **3. Desperate faith leaves the crowd and grabs hold of Christ.**

- You can hang out with the crowd and not be changed by the Christ.
- Faith is confidence in the power of Jesus.