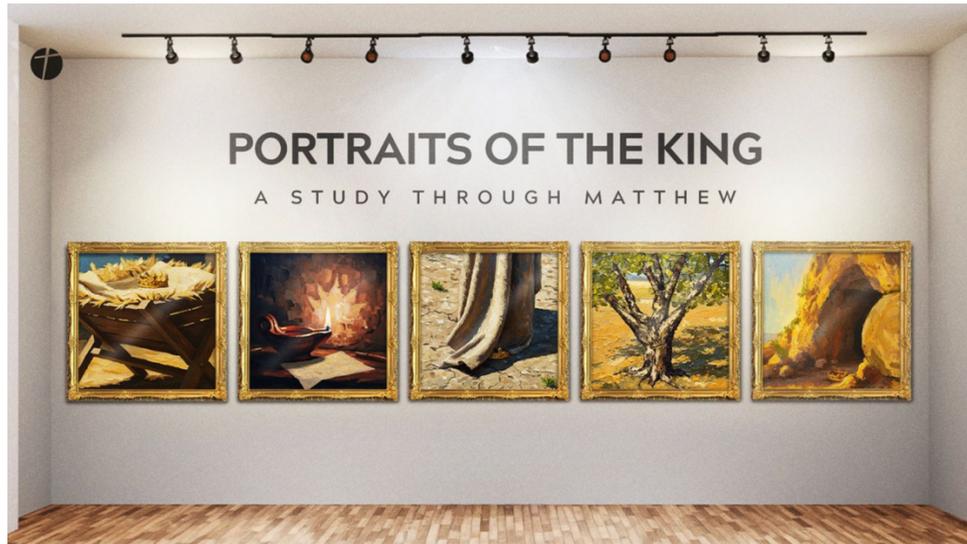


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Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 11  
*Miracles of the King*  
**“Portraits of Desperate Faith”**

**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 not afraid to break line.**
- 2. Desperate faith has died to pride.**

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

**3. Desperate faith realizes until Jesus is your only hope, you don't have any hope.**

**Mark 5:24-26 (NIV)**

*So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.*

**4. Desperate faith realizes change is found in the exchange.**

**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.*

**5. Desperate faith leaves the crowd and clasps hold of the King.**

- You can hang out with the crowd and not be changed by the Christ.

**6. Desperate faith will always testify when touched.**

**Mark 5:30-33 (NIV)**

*At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"*

*<sup>31</sup> "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "*

*<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.*