

Text: Matthew 8:1-34

Topics: Authority, Demons, Discipleship, Power

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Demonstrations of Jesus

I. Requests of Desperation (1-17)

Jesus demonstrated His power and compassion to heal people.

II. Requests of Discipleship (18-22)

Jesus demonstrated the priority in being His follower.

III. Requests of Distress (23-34)

Jesus demonstrated His power and authority over nature and demons.

I can trust Jesus enough to fully follow Him!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. On a scale of 1-10, rate your trust in Jesus right now? Explain why.

2. Read Matthew 8:1-10. What similarities and what differences do you see in those who sought a miracle from Jesus? What does Jesus' response to their requests tell us about Jesus?

3. We know from experience that not everyone who asks for help or healing from the Lord receives it. What conditions are revealed in Mark 11:22-25 and 1 John 5:14-15?

What would you say to a person who sincerely believes they've met the conditions for God's help but haven't received it, and are losing their faith?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What does Paul's example of not receiving what he asked for teach us?

5. In Matthew 8:18-22 Jesus confronted the importance of material comfort and family in two men who expressed desire to follow Him. What did He tell them?

What most competes for first place with Jesus in your life? How are you dealing with this "competition"?

6. In Matthew 8:23-32 we see the disciples, then passersby, fearful. In both cases the threat is subjected to the power and authority of Jesus. What is your biggest fear right now? (Health, loved one, being a disciple, circumstance?)

What are you trusting Jesus for right now?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?