



BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

LEAD Class

LGBTQ and the Christian

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Cyrus

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“You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill.

“You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm.
And he who earns wages does so to put
them into a bag with holes.”

Haggai 1:6

The lack of progress was caused by . . .

- persistent opposition
- economic hardship
- spiritual discouragement

“And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep.

“And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ I said, ‘I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.’

lampstand = the Lord's faithfulness to watch
over Israel

“And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.’

“And I said to the angel who talked with me,
‘What are these, my lord?’

“Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’

two olive trees = Joshua - priest

Zerubbabel - governor

“Then he said to me, ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

“Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’

great mountain = insurmountable difficulties

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top stone = finishing the temple

“Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it.

“Then you will know that the LORD of hosts
has sent me to you. For whoever has
despised the day of small things shall rejoice,
and shall see the plumb line in the hand of
Zerubbabel.”

Zechariah 4:1-10

And when they came to the crowd . . .” (14a)

The **anxiety** of the father

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“And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, ‘Lord, have mercy on my son,

The **anxiety** of the father

“for he has seizures and he suffers terribly.

For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.” (14-15)

seizures = lit. “someone controlled by the
moon” or “moon-struck”

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seizures

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deafness and inability to speak

various forms of self-harm

The **inability** of the disciples

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“And I brought him to your disciples,
and they could not heal him.” (16)

The **ability** of the Jesus

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“And Jesus answered, ‘O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you?’

The **ability** of the Jesus

“‘How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.’

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“And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly.” (18)

“Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, ‘Why could we not cast it out?’” (19)

“He said to them, ‘Because of your little faith.
For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a
grain of mustard seed,

““you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”” (20)



“O you of little faith” (6:30) –

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“do not be **anxious**” (31)

“O you of little faith” (8:26) -

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“why are you **afraid**?” (26)

“O you of little faith” (14:31) –

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“why did you **doubt**?” (31)

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doubt = to hesitate, waver, “stand twice”

“O you of little faith” (16:8) –

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“do you not **remember?**” (9)

“Because of your little faith” (17:20) –

“O faithless and **twisted** generation” (17)

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twisted = to pervert, corrupt







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“The power of prayer does not reside in the place it starts, but in the place it reaches.”

Alec Motyer

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“Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”

Zechariah 4:6b

mountain = insurmountable difficulties

“... you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” (20b)

Am I **feeding my faith?**

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“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

“I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.”

Psalm 119:147-148

Am I **cramping my faith?**

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- durable

“In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, ‘So shall your offspring be.’

“He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old),

“or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

“No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

“fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.”

Romans 4:18-21