



MATTHEW

Messiah Has Come



*Principles to guide the Church into her mission of
“storming the gates of Hell”*



Come after me *"reduplicate in the pattern of me"*

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"Storm The Gates"

Matthew 17:14-21

¹⁴ And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, ¹⁵ said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly.



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Matthew 10:1-8

¹ And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. — — ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out — — ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.

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Matthew 14

²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

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Romans 4:18-21

¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

What is “Faith”?

The belief in what God has said.

What is “Strong” Faith?

*Maintaining belief in what God has said in all circumstances;
even when they invoke doubt and unbelief.*

“Storming The Gates” requires continuous faith in what Jesus has said in the midst of increasing difficulty.

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Matthew 18:1-35

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰⁻¹⁴ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. — — it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

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cf. Titus 3:10-11

“ ¹⁰ As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. ”

cf. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

“...there is sexual immorality among you — — And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. — — Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. — — For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

cf. 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

“⁵ Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you.⁶ For such a one, this *punishment by the majority* is enough,⁷ so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.⁸ So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.”

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

- *A king who wished to settle accounts with his servants...*
- *One owed him ten thousand talents...*
- *Since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold...*
- *“Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”*
- *Tables turned? He refused and went and put his own servant in prison...*
- *Then his master said to him, “You wicked servant...*
- *In anger his master delivered him to the jailers...*

35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

“Storming The Gates” requires the fostering of a humble and teachable culture in the Church, and pointedly confronting self, others or anything that works against this culture.

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Principle

In the mission of “storming the gates”, the church will be faced with increasingly difficult circumstances within and without; these will require a serious commitment to preserve a culture of humility and consistent faith in what God has said

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Matthew 19:1-20:28