

- We are no match for demons, but they are **no match** for Jesus.

Apart from Christ, every person is enslaved—not necessarily by demon possession, but by their own sinful nature, the godless values of our society, and the influence of Satan (Eph.2:1-3).

Everyone who repents and believes in Him is transferred “from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of His beloved Son” (Col.1:13).

Christians cannot be possessed...but they can be tempted, oppressed, accused, attacked and give the devil a foothold or a stronghold (Eph.4:26-27, 6:10-18; 2Cor.10:3-5; Rev.12:10-11).

- Your greatest defense is to **treasure** Christ above worldly comfort and control. Col.2:15; 1John 4:4

Growing Notes

Icebreaker: Describe a time when something felt completely out of your control. How did you respond?

The King Deserves Our Full Devotion (vv18–22) Why do you think Jesus emphasized the cost of following Him instead of making discipleship seem easier? Which is harder for you to surrender—comfort or control? Why? What have you gained by following Christ that far outweighs what you’ve left behind?

The King Rules Every Storm (vv23–27) What storms are you currently facing? How have difficult seasons exposed or strengthened your faith? What does it mean practically to “fear God more than anything else”?

The King Conquers All Darkness (vv28–34) What do these verses teach us about the reality of spiritual warfare? Why do you think the townspeople valued their losses more than Jesus’ presence? How does treasuring Christ protect us from Satan’s schemes?

Application Challenge: This week, identify one area where you’re holding on to comfort or control. Pray each day, “Lord Jesus, You are my greatest treasure. Help me surrender this area to You,” and take one practical step of obedience that demonstrates your trust in the King who rules over every storm and every power of darkness.



Coming Up

JULY 1-23	BACKPACK DRIVE Please bring in backpacks to the office	JULY AUG.	No WINGS for the months of July – August We will resume in September
JULY 25 - AUG. 1	YOUNG ADULTS MISSIONS TRIP Register online	AUG. 1	STARTING POINT 8 Week Class Saturdays @ 4pm Register online
AUG. 14	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT Register online 5:30-9:30pm Theme: Nerf Night	AUG. 22	Men's Breakfast Register online Childcare Available 9am Community Hall
AUG. 31	Faith Family Freedom Town Square 6pm Anomaly Room	SEPT. 2	Women's Bible Studies (am & pm) Resume Childcare provided Register online

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KINGDOM CULTURE
“Calming The Storm” (Matthew 8:18-34)

Ray Davis

The gospel is not merely about getting us through life's difficulties; it is about transforming us into people who reveal Christ. We are not defined by what we have been through but by who we've been with. God's purpose for His people is to shine as the light of this world (Matt.5:14-16).

Jesus is a blessing everywhere He goes (Ps.45:7; Luke 4:22). People loved being around Jesus. Which makes Matthew 8:34 even more shocking.

The King Deserves our Full Devotion! vv18-22
It will cost you...

- ✓ **Comfort** – What defines your ID/Well-being? Circumstances or Christ?
- ✓ **Control** – Who calls the shots for your life?

Whatever you give up to follow Christ is **nothing** compared to what you will gain! Matt.16:24-26, 19:27-30

He Deserves our Full Devotion Because...

He Rules Every Storm vv23-27
(Storms are a threat to our comfort)

- **Obedience** can lead into storms.
- Storms **expose** and can **strengthen** our faith. Heb.12:2
- To fear Jesus is to fear **nothing else**. Pro.19:23

He Conquers All Darkness vv28-34
(Darkness is a threat to our control)

- Demons are real and seek our **destruction**. Rev.12:7-9; John 10:10