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Lesson Eight • Matthew 9:18-34

Reason for Hope

Great Hope for Desperate People:

When you've got nothing left but faith in Jesus, you've got everything because nothing is IMPOSSIBLE for Jesus.

*Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26 NIV*

Reason for Hope: Nothing Is Impossible for Jesus!

1. Reason for Hope: Jesus Has Authority Over DEATH!

Reason for Hope:

- Jesus gives HOPE in the midst of despair—so SEEK Jesus.

But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." Matthew 9:22

- Jesus gives LIFE in the midst of death—so TRUST Jesus.

He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." Matthew 9:24

2. Reason for Hope: Jesus Has Authority Over DISABILITY!

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. Matthew 9:27-30

Reason for Hope:

- Jesus is the promised MESSIAH—He came to save.
- Jesus is gently MERCIFUL—He's willing to save.
- Jesus is incredibly POWERFUL—He's able to save.

3. Reason for Hope: Jesus Has Authority Over the DEVIL!

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Matthew 9:32-34

Reason for Hope:

- Jesus' ministry on earth shows us Satan has been DEFEATED.
- Jesus' promise for eternity tells us Satan will be DESTROYED.

The Message of Matthew 8 & 9:

Jesus possesses absolute AUTHORITY in the world, therefore Jesus warrants absolute ALLEGIANCE from the world.

The Question from Matthew 8 & 9:

Will you and do you gladly SUBMIT to the authority of Jesus?