

# MATTHEW

*Heirs of the Kingdom*



# The Shape of the Sermon

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5:1-2 - crowds, mountain, teaching

5:3-16 – Blessed are / you are (“kingdom of heaven”)

5:17-20 – “The law and the prophets”

5:21-48 – The disciple’s righteousness

6:1-18 – The disciple’s piety

6:9-13 – The model prayer

6:19-34 – The disciple’s priorities

7:1-11 – The disciple’s relationships

7:12 – “The law and the prophets”

7:13-27 – Two ways, two trees, and two builders (“kingdom of heaven”)

7:28-8:1 – crowds, mountain, teaching

## Matthew 7:24–8:1

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

## Matthew 7:24–8:1

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<sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

<sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. <sup>8:1</sup> When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.



**Jesus  
the King**

**Jesus  
the Sage**

**Jesus  
the Savior**

# Outline

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1. The Authority of Jesus's Words
2. The Wisdom of Jesus's Words
3. The Grace of Jesus's Words

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*Matthew 7:24-29*

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## Application

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- We must obey Jesus's commands
- We must teach Jesus's followers

## 2. The Wisdom of Jesus's Words

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*Matthew 7:24-27*

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### Application

- The storms of temptation



**“Whatever temptations come they seem to be met within the Sermon on the Mount. Is it pride?**

**‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’ Is it sorrow?**

**‘Blessed are they that mourn.’ Is it fiery temper?**

**‘Blessed are the meek.’ Is it carelessness in spiritual things? ‘Blessed are they that hunger and thirst**

**after righteousness.’ Is it Impurity? ‘Blessed are the pure in heart.’ Every day a battle is gained or lost.**

**Have you overcome to-day, or been defeated?”**

**—Bishop John Taylor-Smith**

## 2. The Wisdom of Jesus's Words

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### Application

- The storms of temptation
- The storms of trials

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*Matthew 7:24-27*

# 3. The Grace of Jesus's Words

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*Matthew 7:24-25*

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## Explanation

- Jesus's words are “not a job description, but a doctor's prescription” (borrowing from John Piper)

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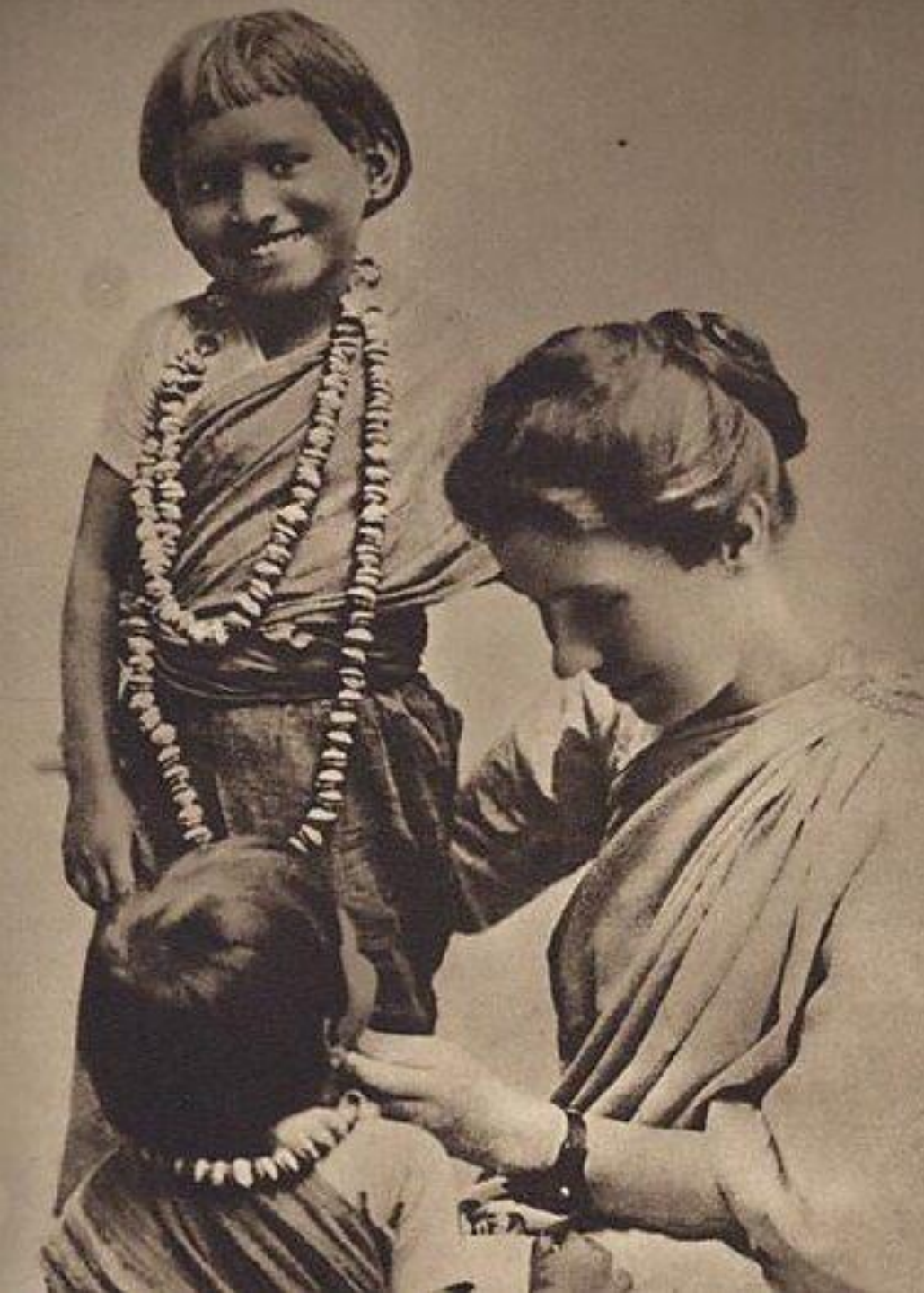
- Jesus's words offer hope to the needy, reveal the heart of the Father, and deliver us from the storm of final judgment.

### 3. The Grace of Jesus's Words

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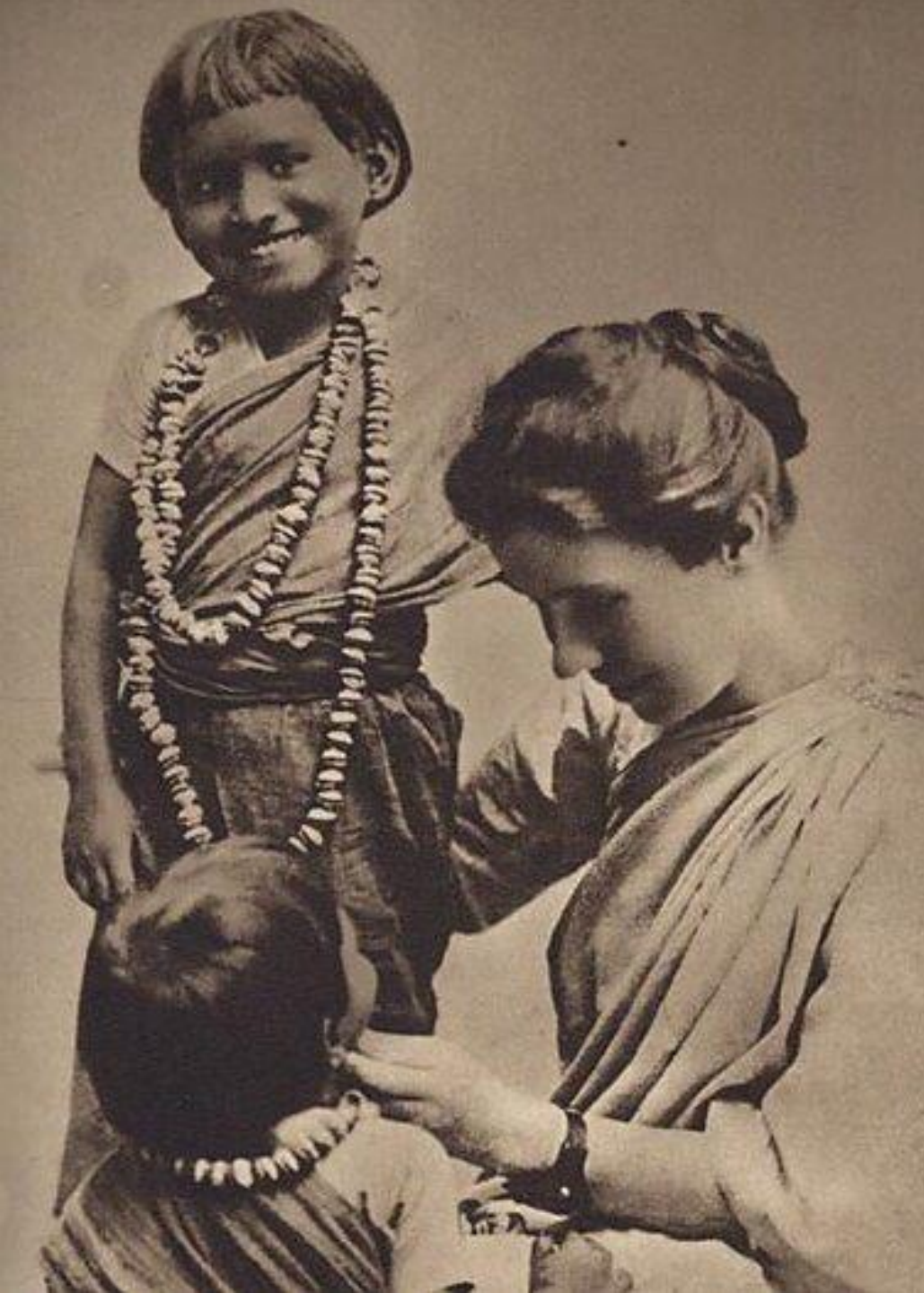
#### Application

- Jesus is our Savior who speaks words of grace. He promises deliverance to all who believe in him. Trust him today.



**When the stormy winds against us break,  
Stablish and reinforce our will;  
O hear us for Thine own Name's sake;  
Hold us in strength, and hold us still.**

**Still as the faithful mountains stand  
Through the long, silent years of stress,  
So would we wait at Thy right hand,  
In quietness and steadfastness.**



**But not of us this strength, O Lord,  
And not of us this constancy;  
Our trust is Thine eternal word,  
Thy presence our security.**

**—Amy Carmichael**

# Summary

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1. Jesus the King speaks with Authority: *obey him*
2. Jesus the Sage speaks with Wisdom: *follow him*
3. Jesus the Savior speaks with Grace: *trust him*