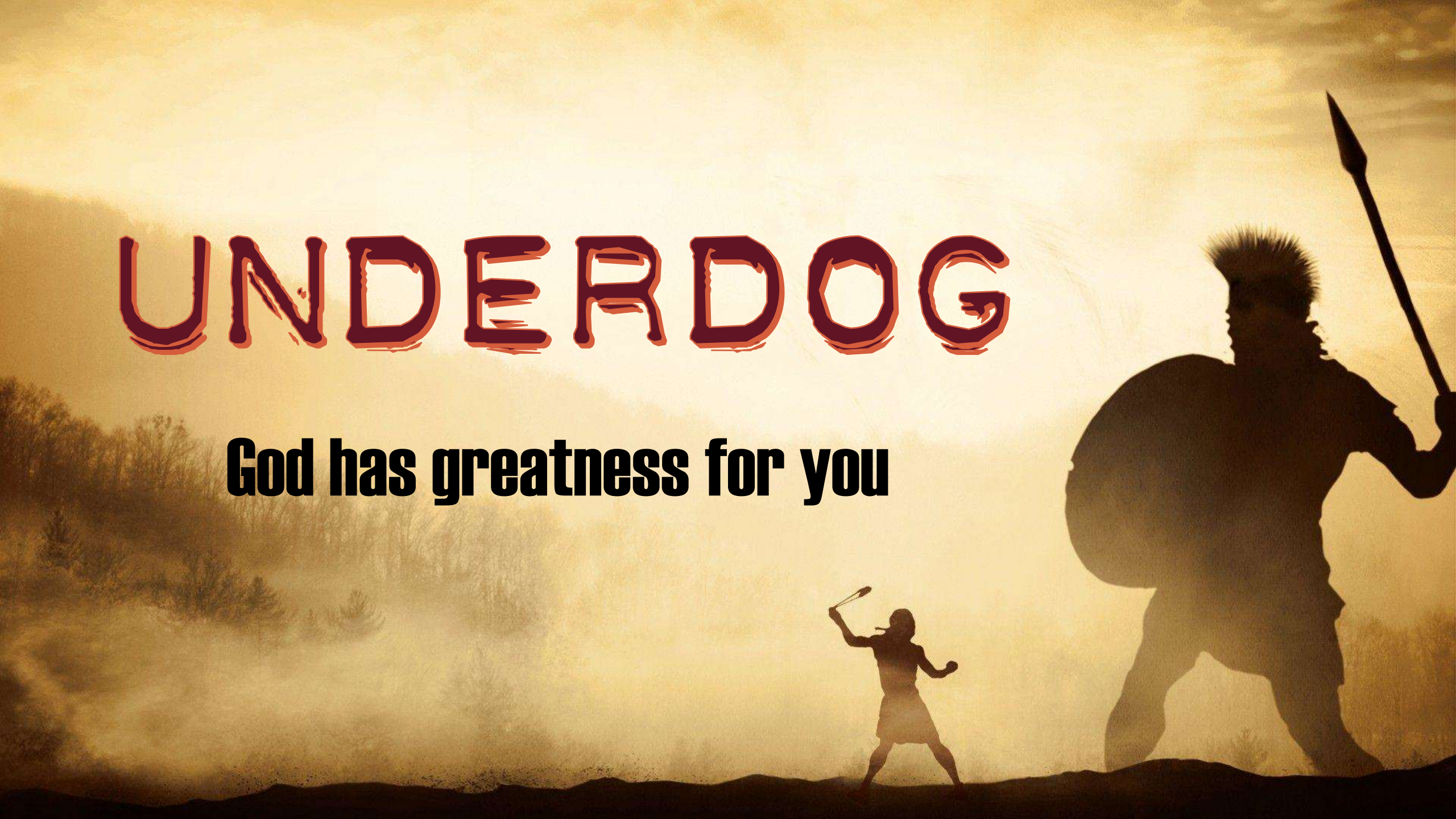


UNDERDOG

God has greatness for you



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Taking Jesus Seriously



Matthew 8:18-34

When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he instructed his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake.

¹⁹ Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

²⁰ But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.”

²¹ Another of his disciples said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.”

²² But Jesus told him, “Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead.”



Matthew 8:18-34

²³ Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. ²⁴ Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

²⁶ Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.

²⁷ The disciples were amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked. “Even the winds and waves obey him!”

²⁸ When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake,



Matthew 8:18-34

in the region of the Gadarenes, two men who were possessed by demons met him. They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area.

²⁹ They began screaming at him, “Why are you interfering with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before God’s appointed time?”

³⁰ There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding in the distance. ³¹ So the demons begged, “If you cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs.”

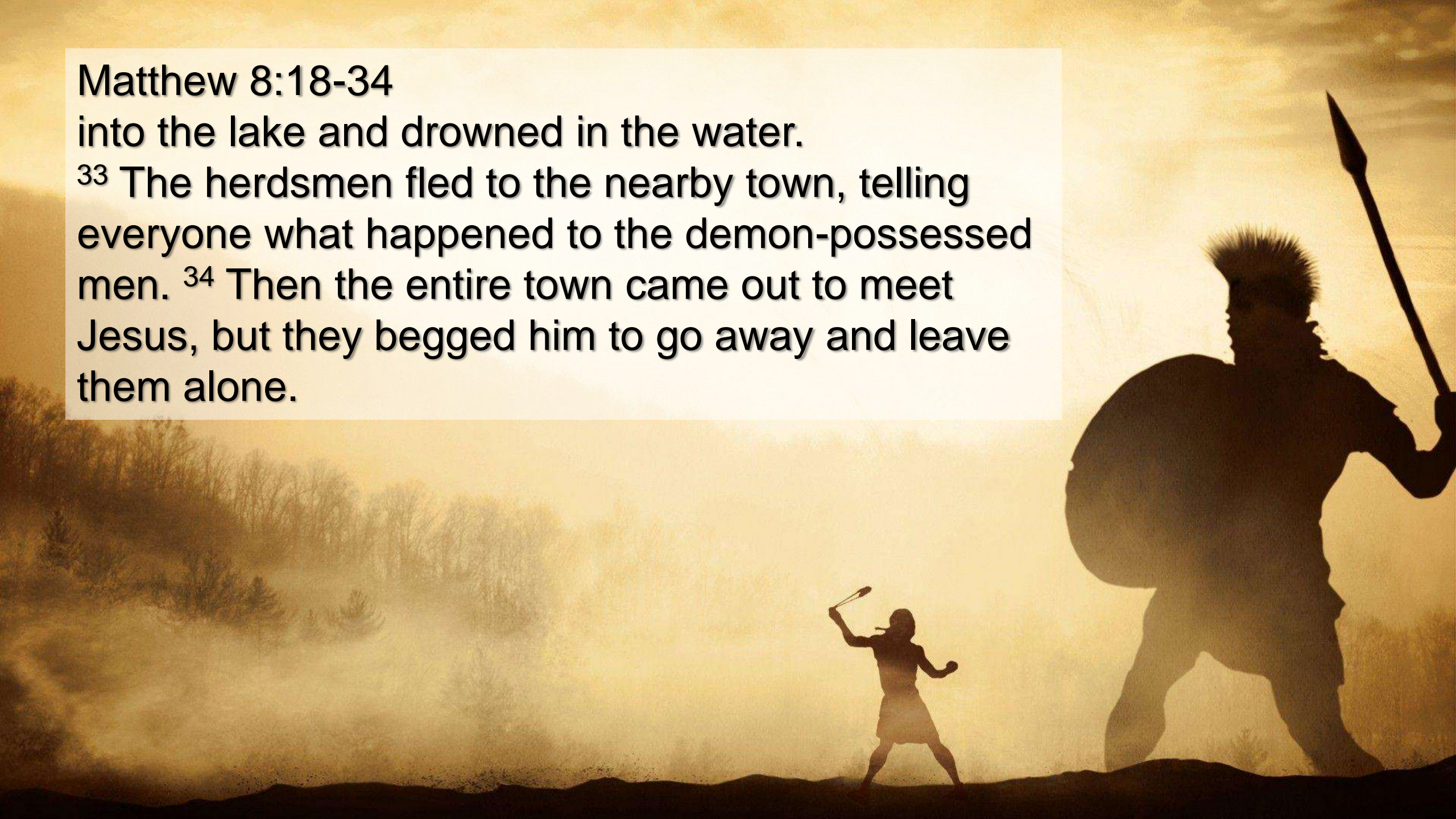
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Matthew 8:18-34

into the lake and drowned in the water.

³³ The herdsmen fled to the nearby town, telling everyone what happened to the demon-possessed men. ³⁴ Then the entire town came out to meet Jesus, but they begged him to go away and leave them alone.



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EMPTY PROMISES

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.



FOLLOWING ME COMES
WITH A PRICE. DON'T
PROMISE MORE THAN
YOU'RE WILLING TO
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EMPTY PROMISES

Easy Believism

Works Salvation

Lordship Salvation



EMPTY PROMISES

Romans 10:13

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”



LAME EXCUSES

Matthew 8:21-22

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ABANDON THE LAME
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LIMITED FAITH

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LIMITED FAITH

They might have spoken to the storm themselves

They might have simply ridden the storm out

They might have woken him up



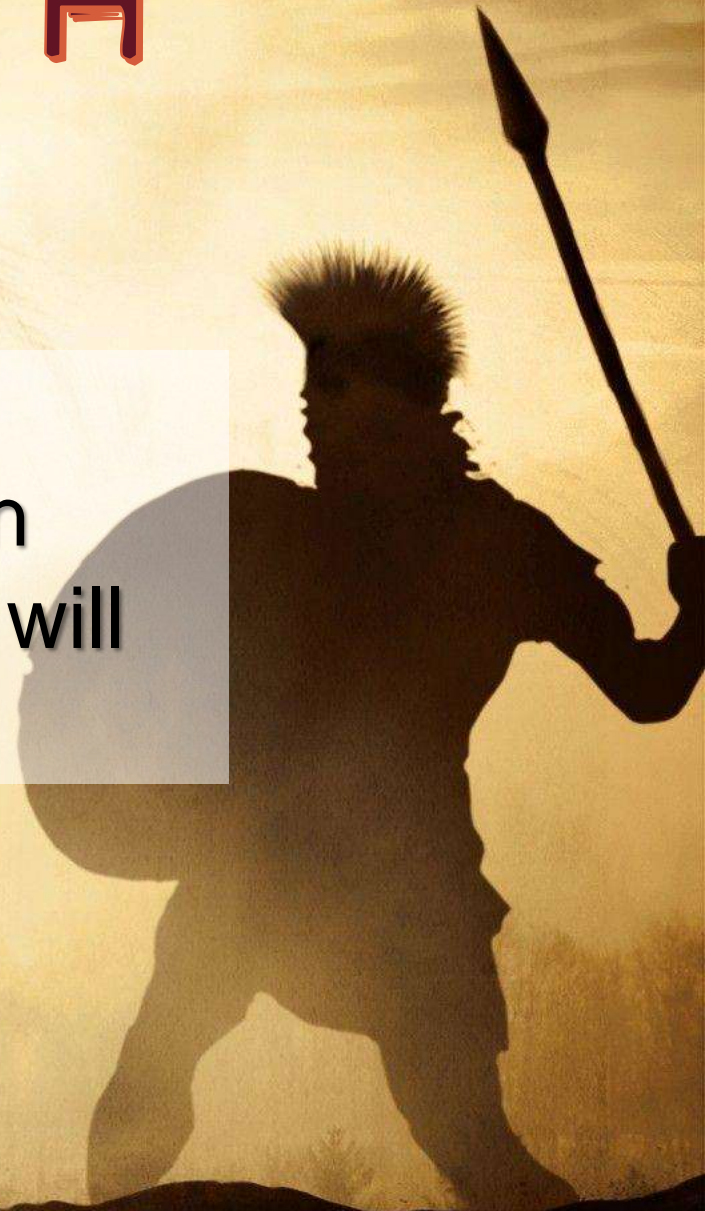
LORD, WE NEED YOUR
HELP; WILL YOU
CALM YOU THE STORM



LIMITED FAITH

John 15:7

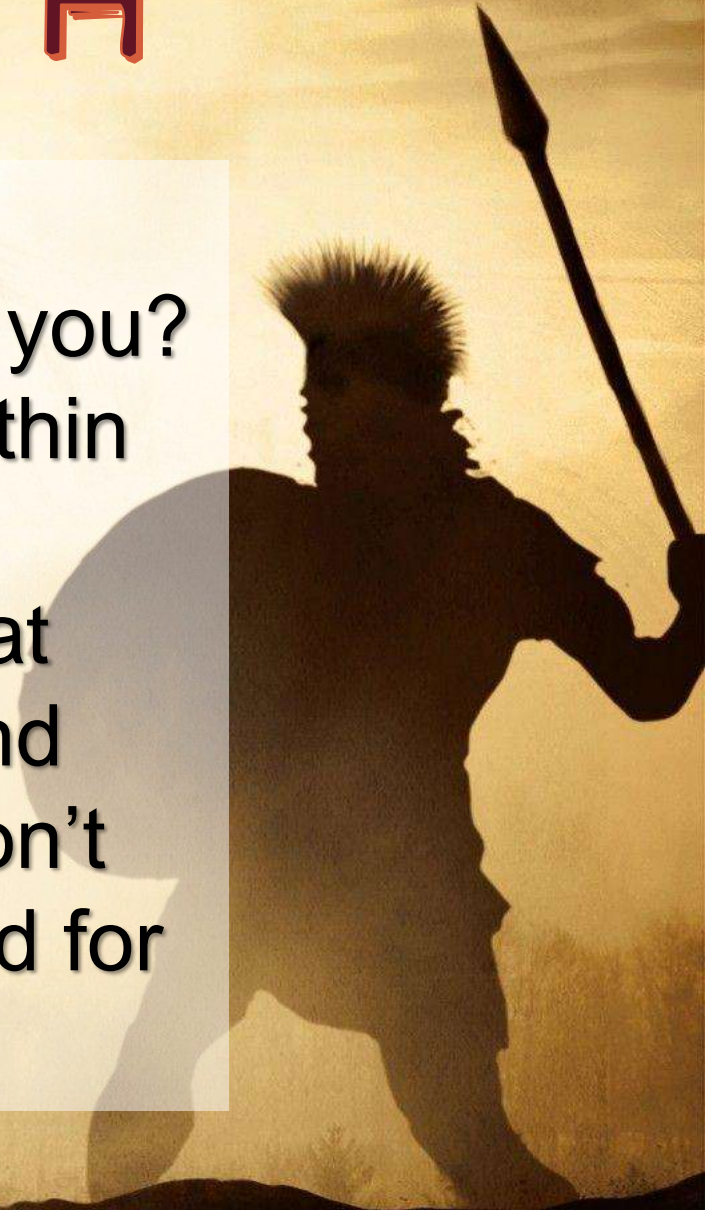
But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!



LIMITED FAITH

James 4:1-2

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? ² You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.



MIXED UP PRIORITIES



Matthew 8:30-34

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LIVES.



IN ORDER FOR US TO
ACHIEVE GREATNESS,
WE MUST VALUE WHAT
JESUS VALUES.



