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### Study Questions (Chapter 1)

- 1. Why is genealogy in the Bible important?
- 2. Women were rarely mentioned in ancient genealogies. How many women do you find listed in the genealogy of Jesus? Why do you think this is significant? OPTION: Make a list of the women listed in the genealogy of Jesus (hint, there are 5) and one fact (or more) you know about each.
- 3. The book of Matthew gives us the account of the conception and birth of Jesus through Joseph's eyes. Think on the decision that Joseph had to make. What words would you use to describe how or what Joseph may have been feeling?

### Study Questions (Chapter 2)

- 1. How many warnings in dreams did you read about in this chapter?
- 2. How many Old Testament prophecies does Jesus fulfill in this chapter?
- 3. Recall a time when the Lord spoke to you something special. Was it in a dream? In prayer? Through someone else?

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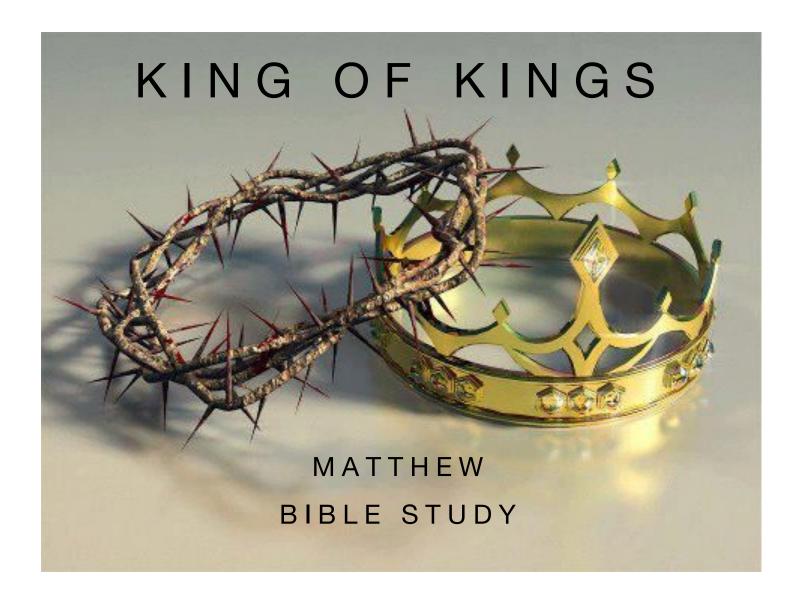
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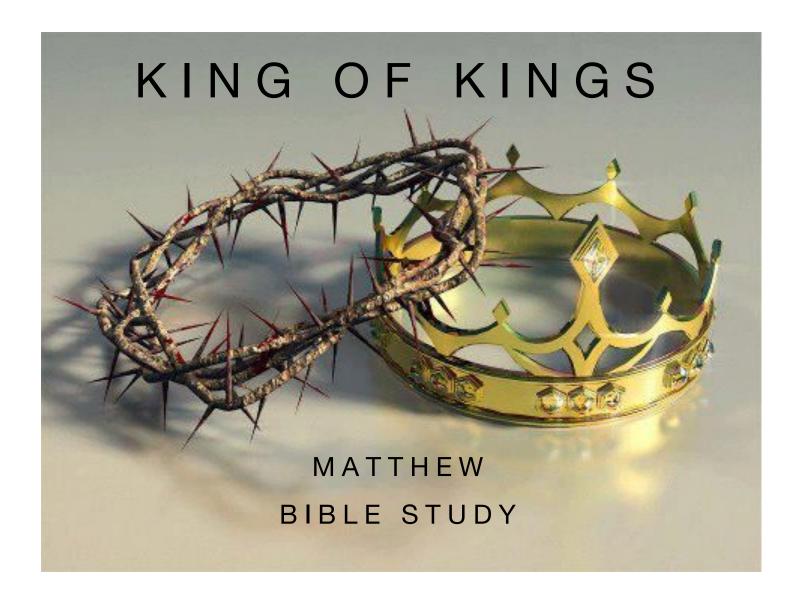
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# Word Study Options (Chapter 3)

1.	Forerunner
2.	Repent / Repentance
Stuc	dy Questions (Chapter 3)
1.	For the back-story on John the Baptist read Luke 1:5-17.
	1) Who were John's parents?
	2) What were the circumstances surrounding his conception and birth?
	3) How does his story compare and contrast to Jesus?
2.	Who is someone in your life that God has joined you with for His purposes and glory?
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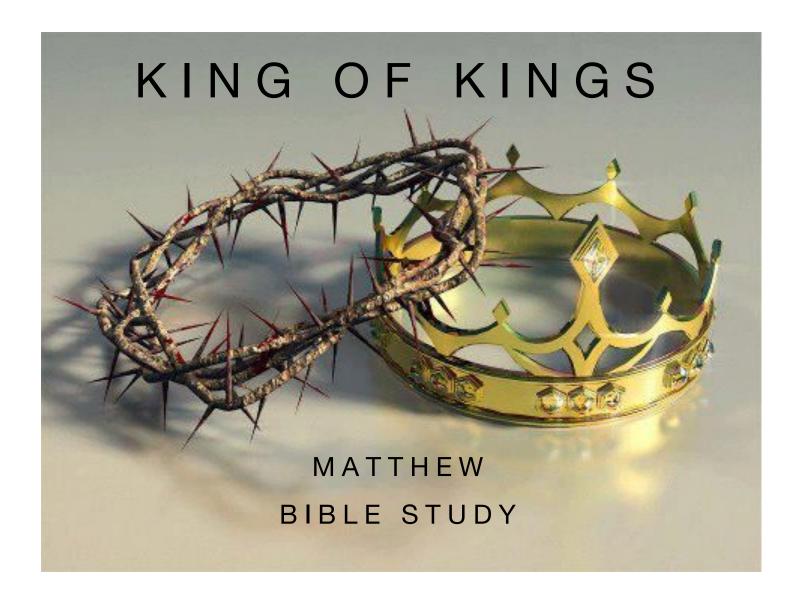
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1.	What two things did Jesus do that left him in a weakened state just prior to being tempted by Satan? (Hint: The first thing can be found in chapter 3.)
2.	What tool does Jesus use to answer Satan's temptations?
3.	In what area(s) are you feeling weak and tempted to follow your flesh instead of obeying the Lord? How can you imitate Christ in how he responded to Satan?

4. Spending time with the Lord daily in prayer and reading His Word gives us the strength we need to combat the enemy and his lies. Read, write down, and memorize all or parts of these verses this week:

1 Corinthians 10:13

Psalm 119



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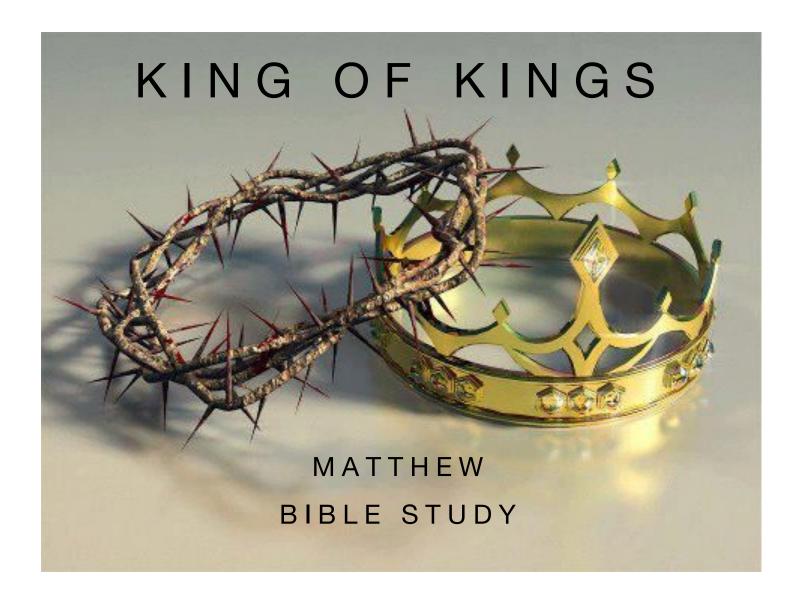
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2.	Which beatitude resonates with you the most right now? Why?
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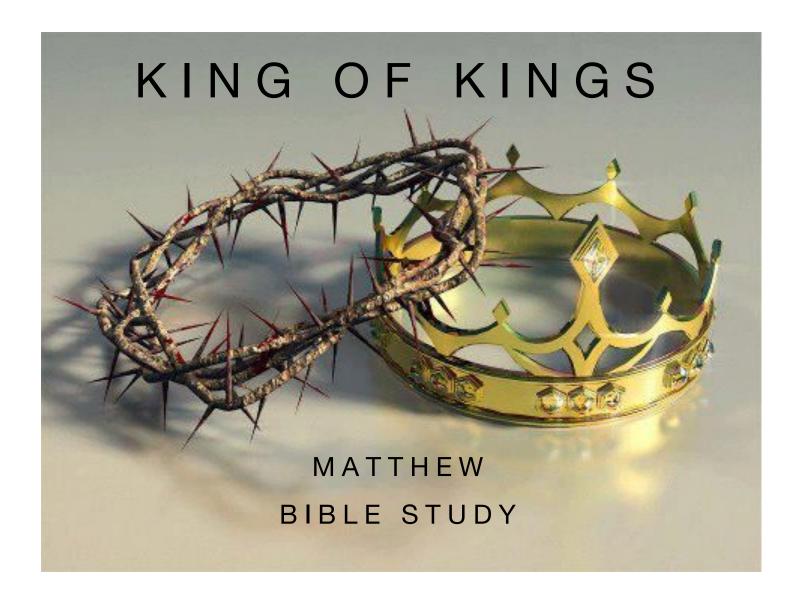
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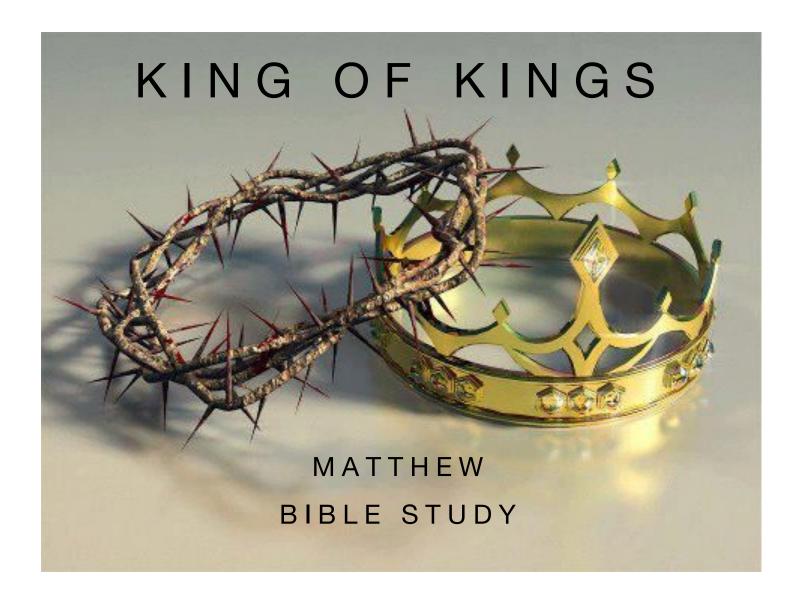
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1.	List specific instructions that Jesus gave regarding each of these topics: Giving (vs. 1-4)
	Praying (vs. 5-13)
	Fasting (vs. 16-18)
	Possessions (vs. 19-24)
	Needs (vs. 25-34)
2.	Reread verses 33-34. Does your daily life reflect this or deny this? How so? In what way can you seek Him more this week and turn away from worry?
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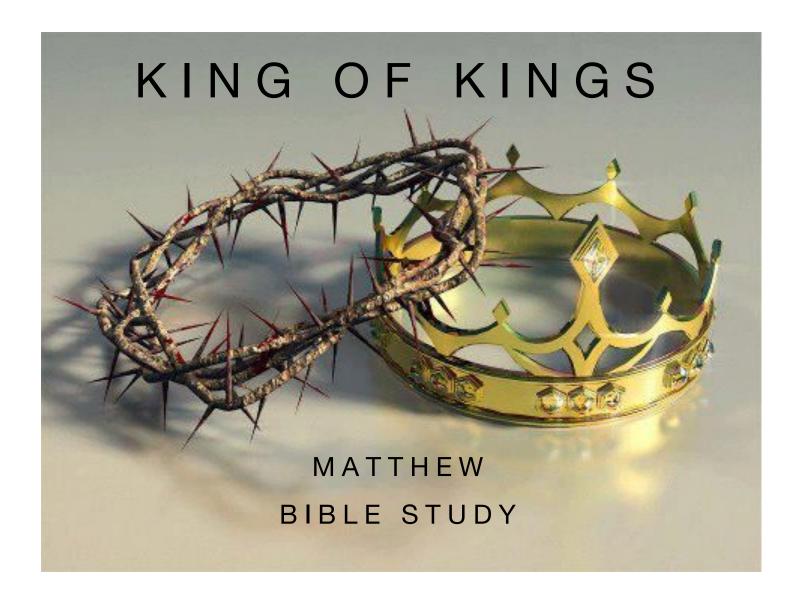
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2.	After reading verses 7-11, how has God shown Himself to be a good Father to you? In what area of your life right now do you need an answer, some wisdom, or direction?
3.	Re-read verses 13-27.  Describe the two gates:
	Describe the two trees:
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4.	Of the three analogies in question three, which resonates the most with you? Why?
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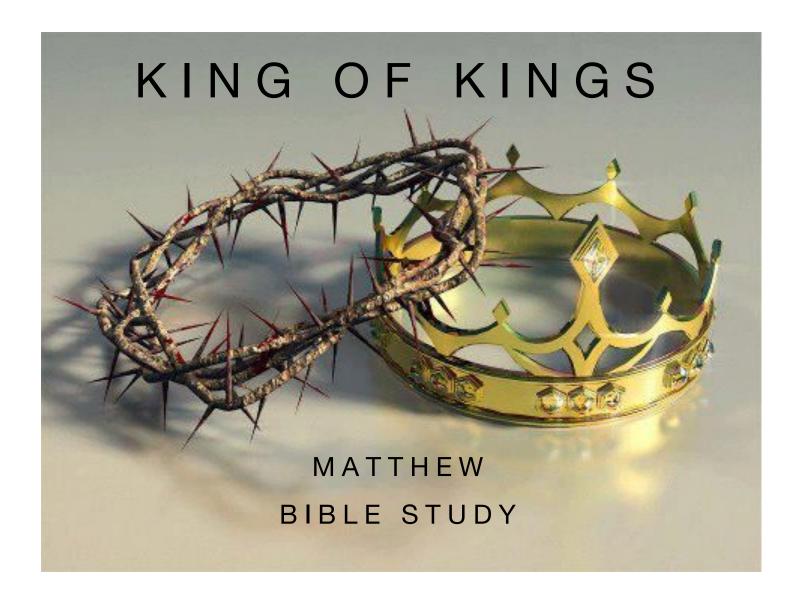
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1.	How would you title this chapter?
2.	How did Jesus heal: The leper?
	The centurion's servant?
	Peter's mother-in-law?
	In what areas are you experiencing pain or fear? In the midst of that how are you periencing Jesus' peace or comfort?
	After reading Matthew 8:19-22, read Mark 8:34-35. In what ways lately is Jesus calling you deny yourself and instead follow Him?



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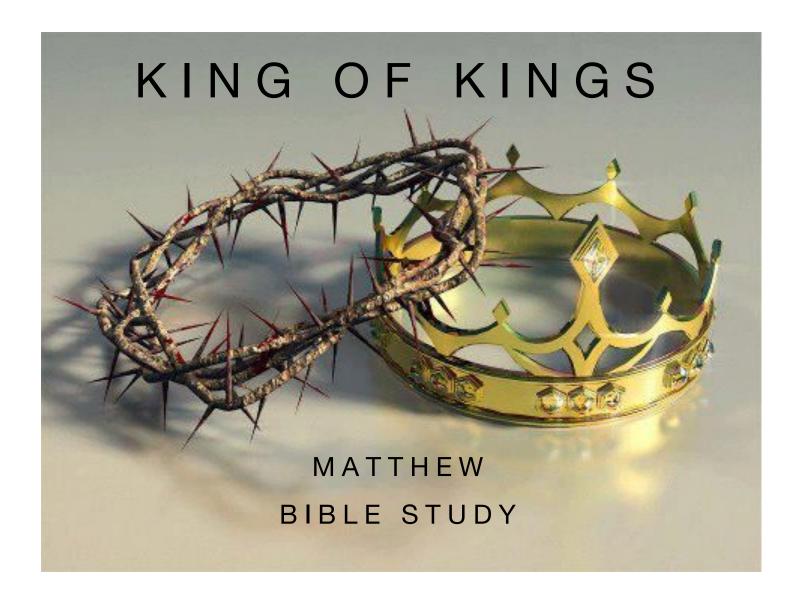
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# Study Questions (Chapter 9)

1.	Recall a time when you felt desperate or in despair. How did God comfort you?
2.	Is there a time when you experienced a delayed response from the Lord? What did you learn in the waiting?
3.	Is there an area in your life presently that you feel is dying? How can life be brought into the situation?
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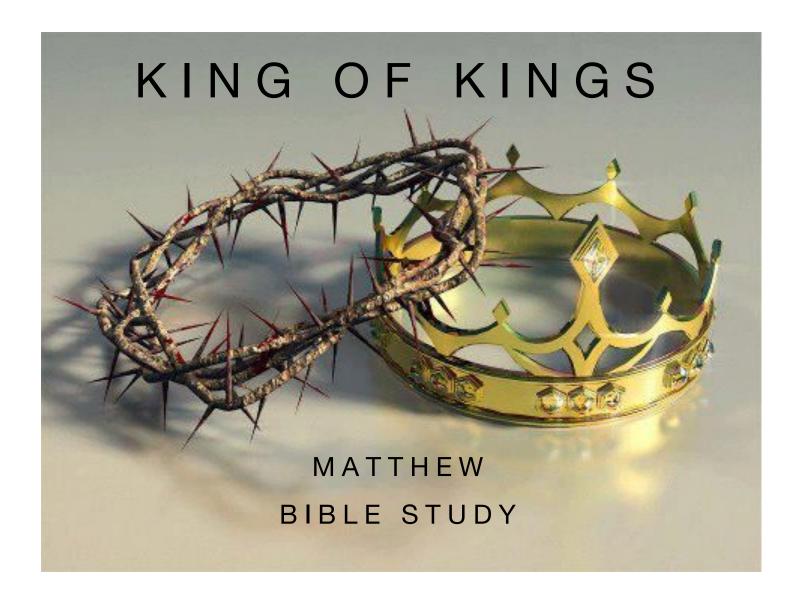
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2.	What would you say are some of the greatest concerns of our lives and culture today?
3.	How do you feel the Lord wants to use you as a conduit for His power and glory? How can you be most prepared for this?
4.	Remember a time when God unexpectedly met your needs. In what way can you help meet someone's needs this week?



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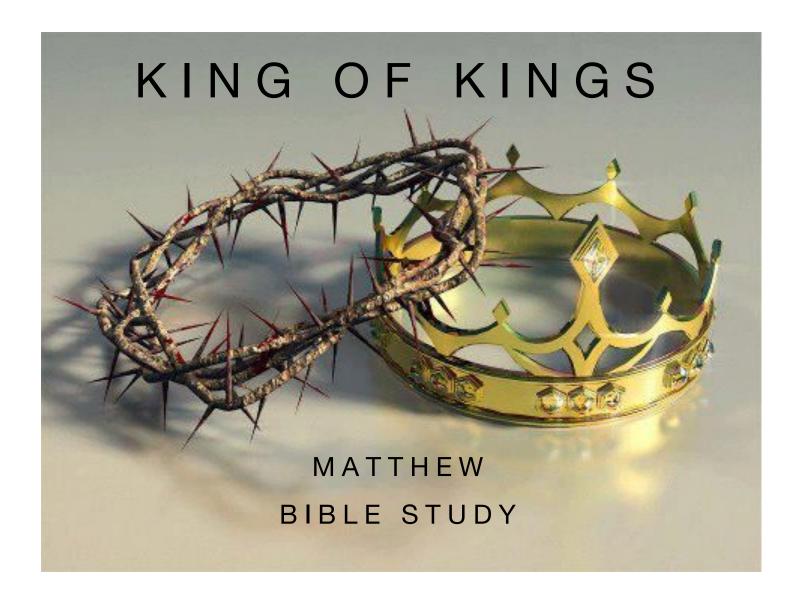
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2.	What do you learn about those who do not choose to repent and follow Jesus as opposed to those who do?
3.	Read Ephesians 4:17-24. What change should be evident when we follow and learn from Jesus?
4.	What comes to mind when you picture yourself being yoked to Christ?
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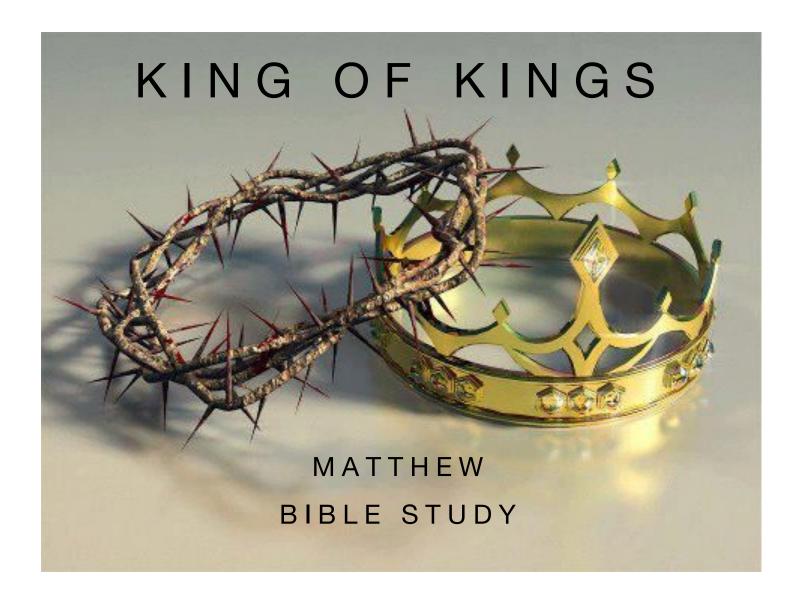
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# Study Questions (Chapter 12)

1.	Why do you think it was easier for the Pharisees to respond to the law but not Jesus?
2.	How can you keep your heart from becoming hard? Why is this important?
3.	What is the unpardonable sin?
4.	Our words are powerful, for the good or bad, and they also reveal what is in our hearts. Take a moment to pray and ask God to examine your heart. Think how your words affect those around you. Explain what you learn and what changes you can make for the better.



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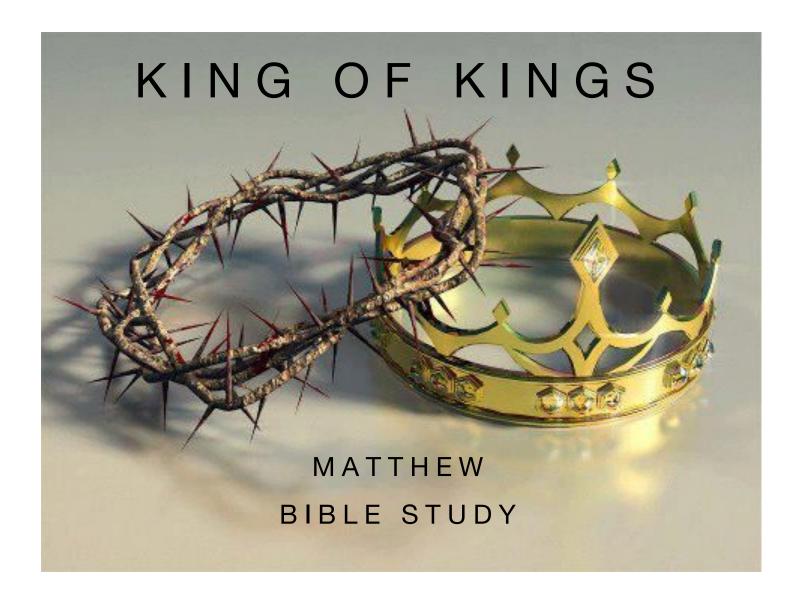
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2. In verses 1-9 (also 18-23) what does the soil represent? What does the seed represent?
3. Note how many times you read the words HEAR or HEARING. What insight do you gain regarding the importance of our response to what Jesus is speaking in this chapter?
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2.	Recall a time that God provided miraculously in your life. How did it grow your faith?
3.	Jesus was always teaching and training His disciples. In what area is God teaching you something new?
4.	How do you relate to Peter as you read verses 22 through 31?
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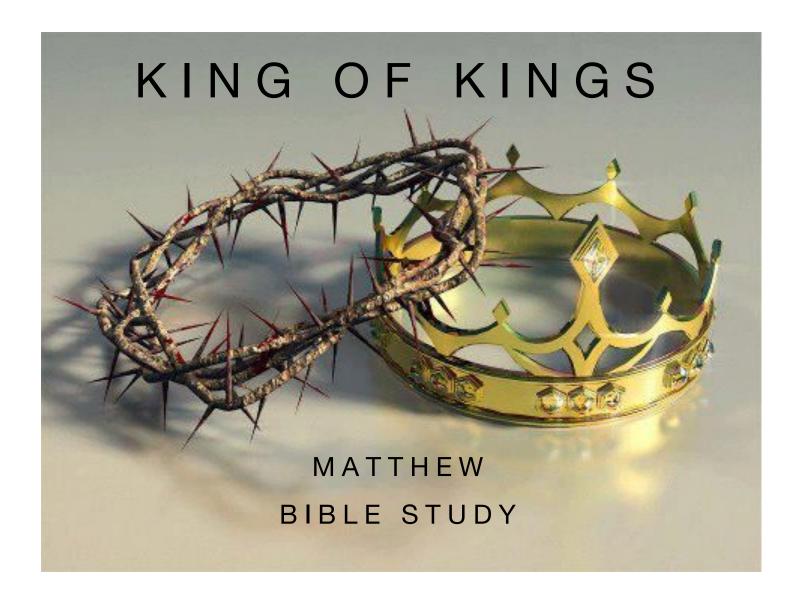
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2. Why is it so important to God that we keep our hearts soft? Have you gone through a time where you had a hard heart towards God? Why was that? How did you come out of it? Is there any area presently that you need God to cleanse your heart?
3. In verse 28 why did Jesus say, "your faith is great" to the Canaanite woman?
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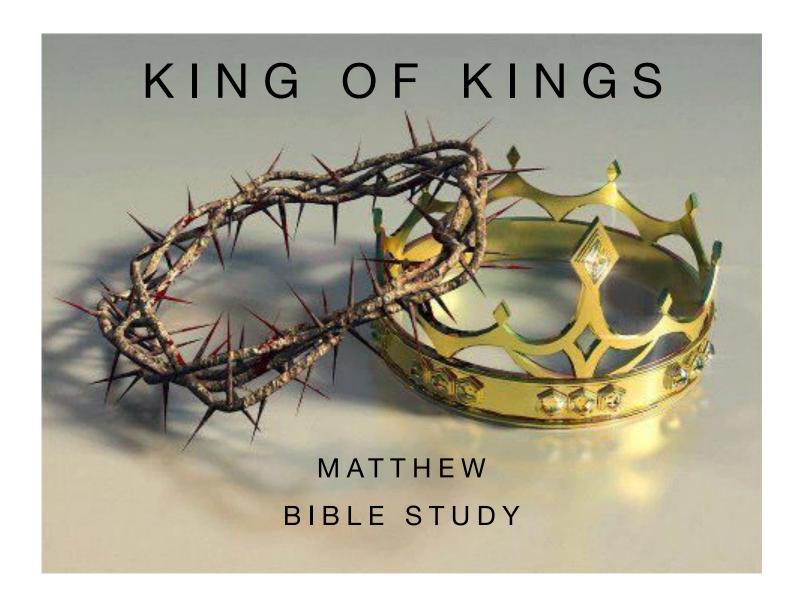
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2. What gets in your way of spiritual understanding? How can you gain clarity?
3. Can you relate to Peter's response to Jesus in verses 21-23? How do we set our minds on the interests of God and not of man?
4. Jesus makes strong statements in verses 25-27. What does "deny yourself and take up your cross" mean to you? How should this effect your daily decisions? For further study/ Insight look up "Consecration".
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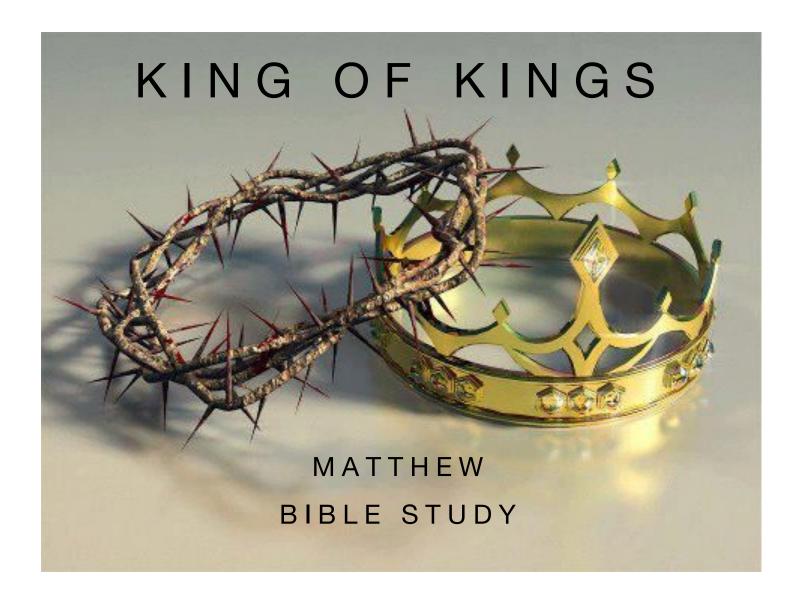
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1.	What was the purpose of the transfiguration?
2.	What hinders or distracts you from hearing to Lord?
3.	Whose power do you live by, God's or your own?
4.	Read verses 19-21.
	How are unbelief and faith connected?
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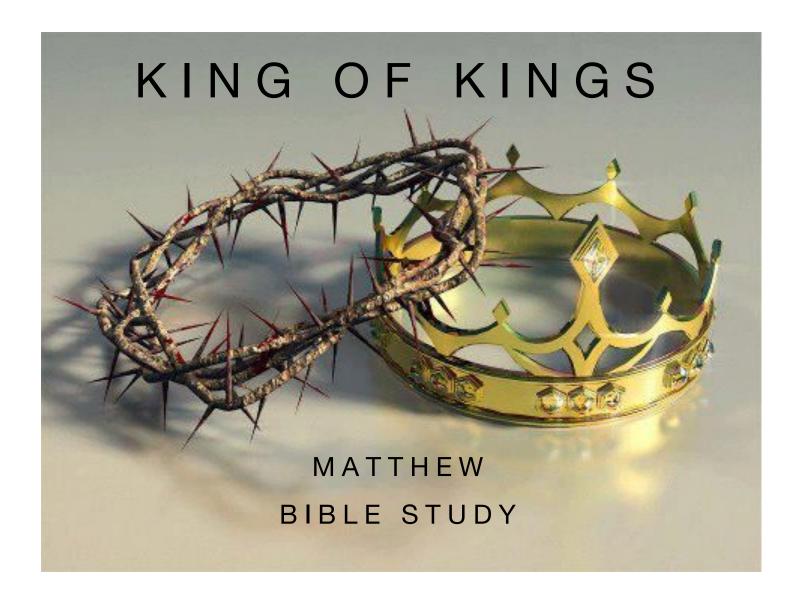
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What is your concept of greatness? What is Jesus' concept of greatness?
2. What characteristics of a child come to mind as you read what Jesus says in verses 2-4?
3. How can you reflect the same care for people in your Christian community as Jesus discusses in this chapter?
4. What point is Jesus making in verses 21-22?
5. Do you find it difficult or easy to love and forgive others? How does God's love and forgiveness for you change how you treat others? (See John 13:34-35)

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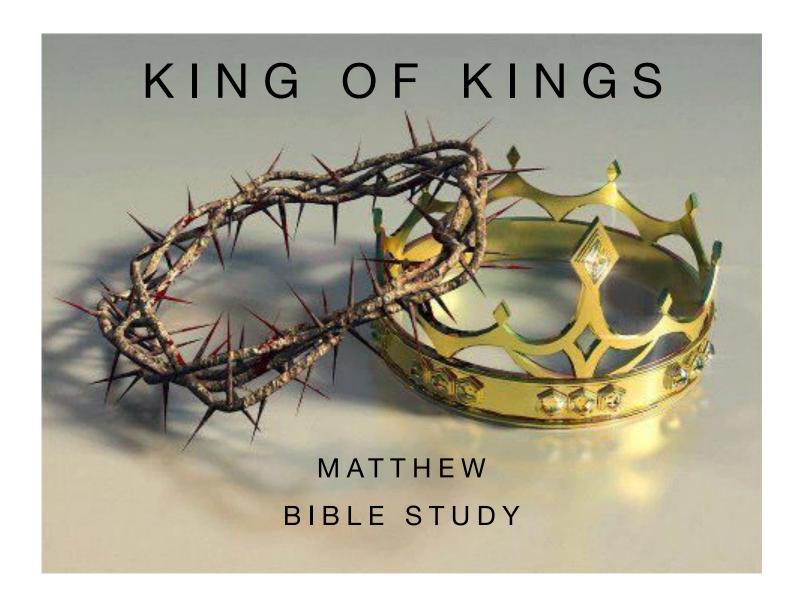
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	What is something hard that God has asked you to do? How did you respond? What was the outcome? What did He teach you through it?
2. H	How can you bring glory to God this week in whether married or single?
3. V	What kept the rich man from following Jesus?
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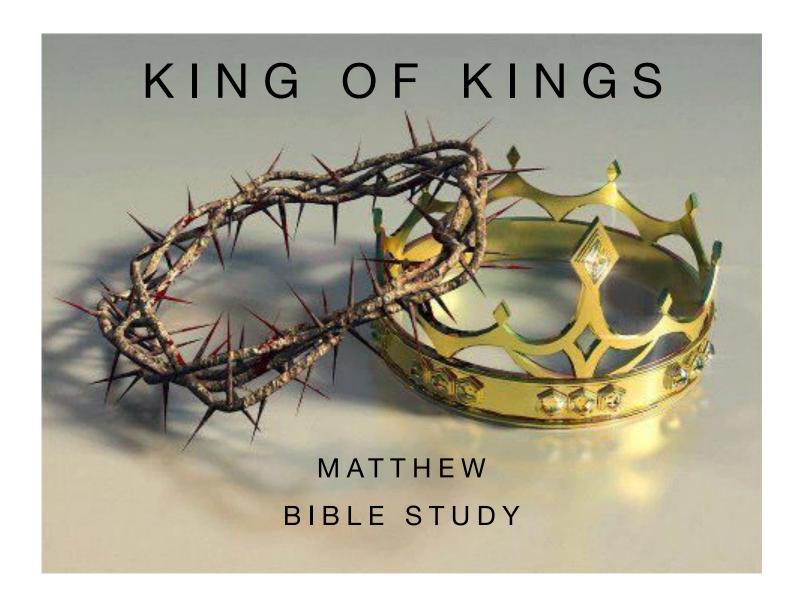
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1.	What lesson does Jesus teach us through the parable of the landowner and those who
	labor in the vineyard?
2.	What do you learn about the generosity of God in the parable of the landowner?
	Can you remember a time when God blessed you abundantly when you didn't deserve it?
	What is your response when God blesses someone else who doesn't deserve it?
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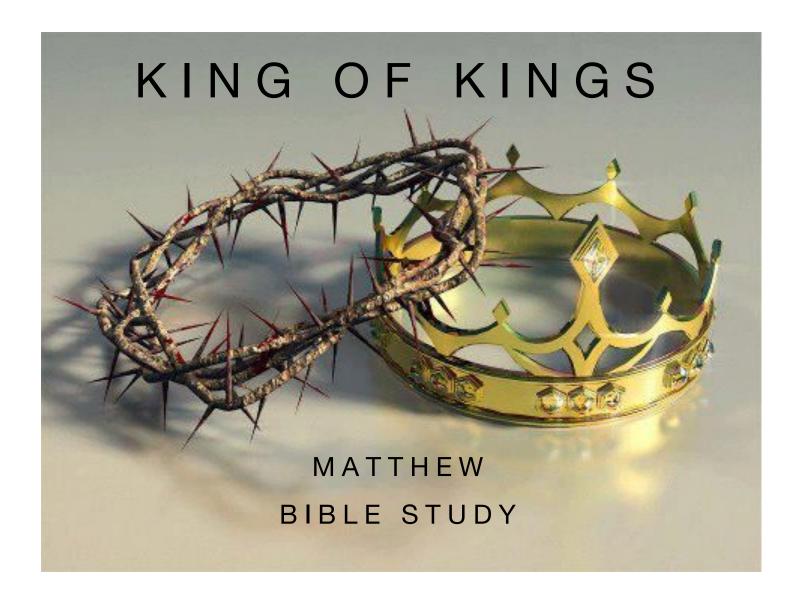
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1.	What does the fruitless fig tree in vs.18-20 represent? How can we bear good fruit for the
	Lord?
2.	When we pray with full faith and belief in the Lord what can we expect (vs. 21-22)?
	Refer back to Matthew 6:9-10 for important elements on how to pray. What did you find?
3.	What is the point Jesus is making in the parable of the man and his two sons (vs. 28-31)?
4.	Who is Jesus speaking of in the parable of the vineyard owner (vs. 33-44)? What is your
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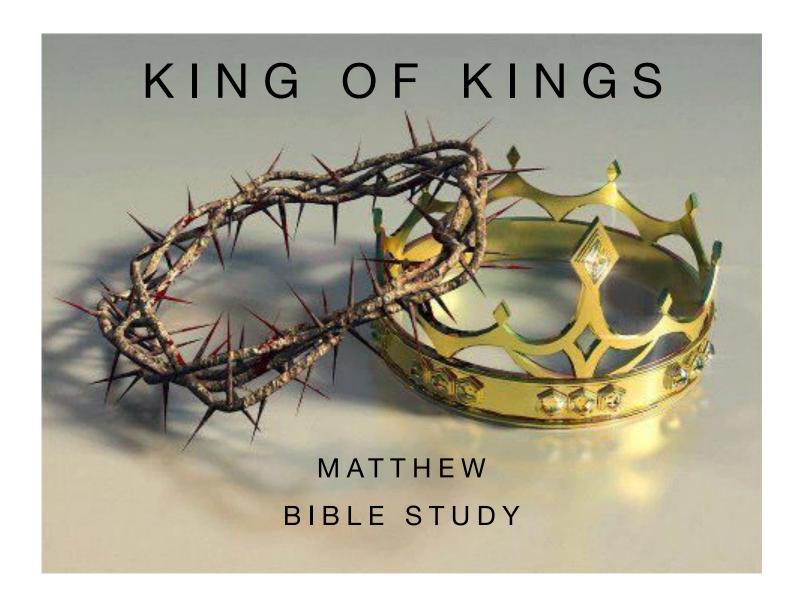
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<ol> <li>Back in chapter 5 Jesus makes eight "blessed are you" statements. Here in chapter 23 Jesus makes eight "Woe to you" statements. Compare and contrast the two.</li> </ol>
2. What is the point and purpose Jesus is making with His "woe to you" statements?
3. Why is it important that our words match our actions? What does it cause otherwise?
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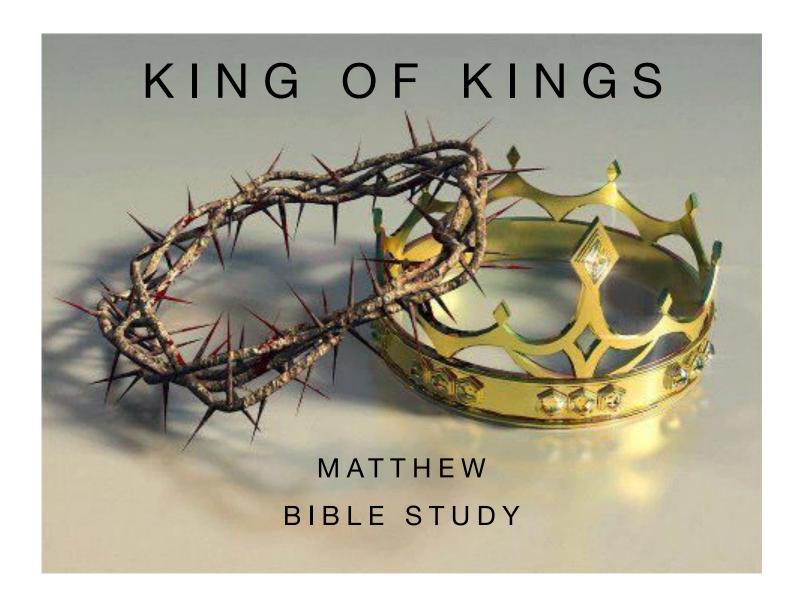
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1.	In regards to Jesus' return what are some things we can learn from the story of Noah?
2.	How does the certainty of Jesus returning motivate you to continue faithfully walking in obedience today?
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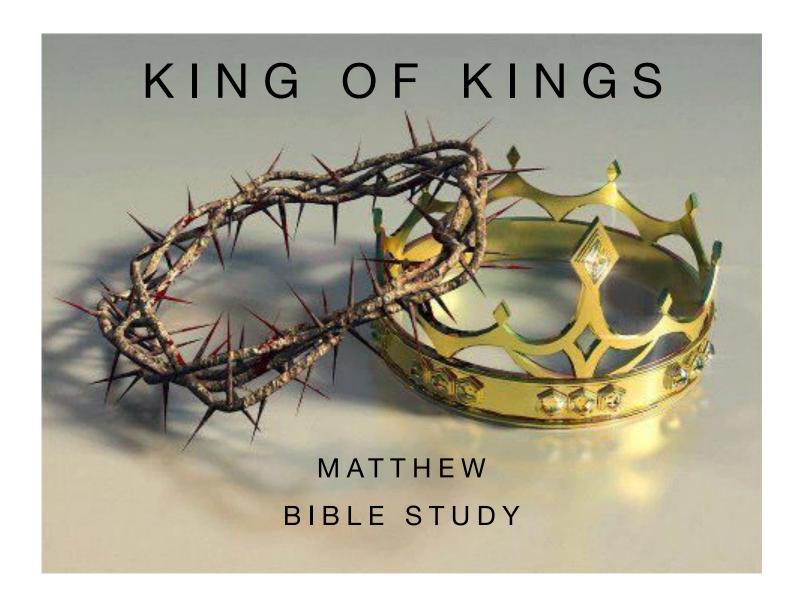
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1.	If you knew tomorrow was your last day on earth how would you spend your time and energy?
	Recall a time when you helped a stranger in need? What were the circumstances? What was e outcome?
3.	What mistake did the third servant make in the parable of the talents?
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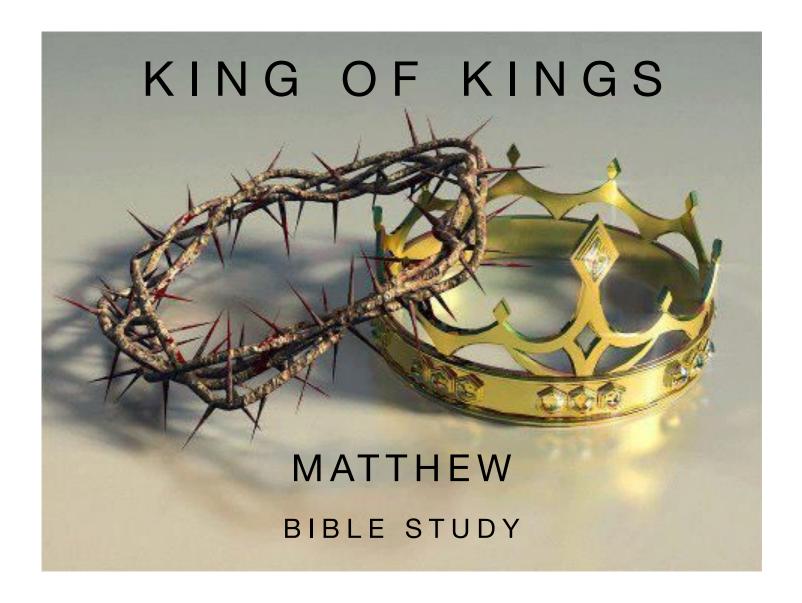
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# **Chapter 26 Study Questions**

1.	Why do you think Judas betrayed Jesus?
2.	Why do you think Peter betrayed Jesus? What can we learn from the details of this story? (vs. 69-75)
3.	What is the significance of taking communion, and why do we continue to partake in it to this day?
4.	Although Jesus experienced great distress and felt utterly alone He was also fully in sync with His Father and His Father's will. What are your thoughts on this? How does it make you feel in regards to the things we face in our daily lives?

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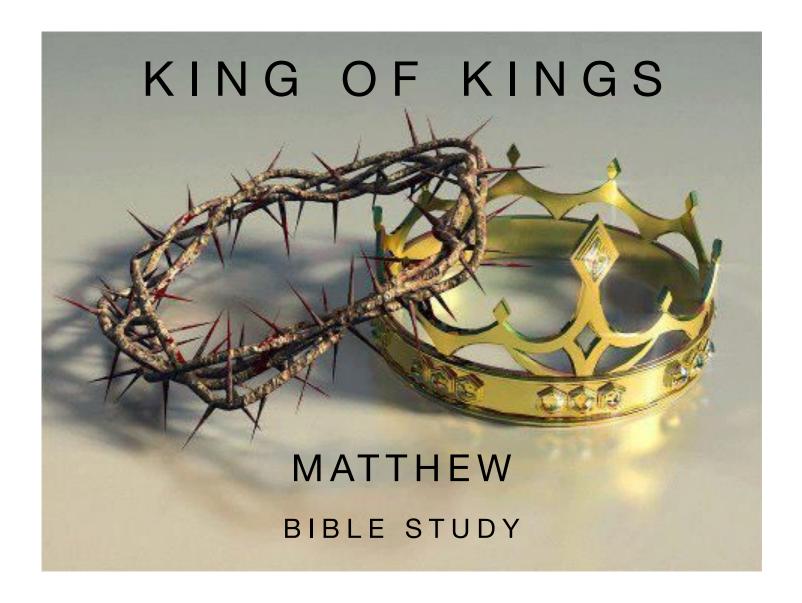
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# **Chapter 27 Study Questions**

What are your thoughts on the outcome of Judas?
2. Jesus sacrificed ALL for you and me. How does this cause you to respond to Him? What is something you are having a hard time sacrificing to Him?
3. What section of this chapter stood out to you the most and why?

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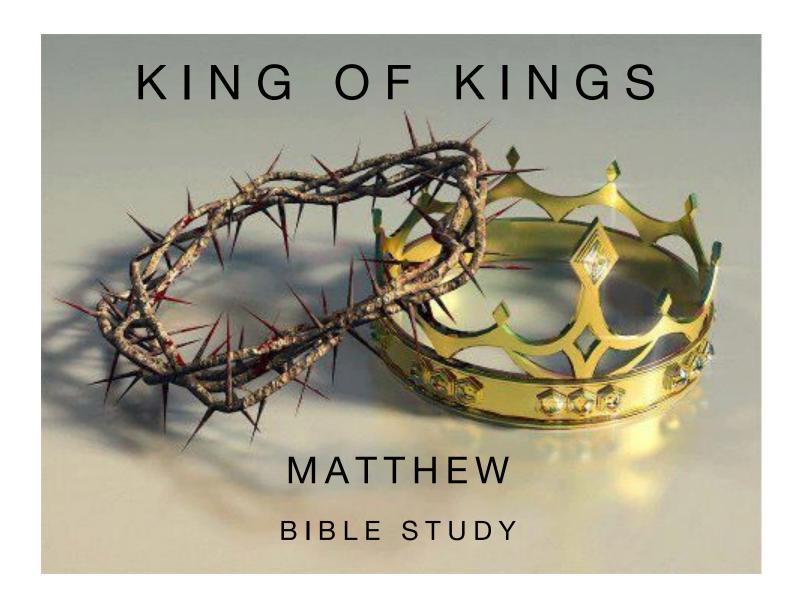
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1.	Why do you think Jesus revealed His resurrection to the women first?
2.	Read Hebrews 12:1-4. How do these verses bring new insight or impact after what we've read in chapter 28?
3.	Jesus has limitless power and authority (v. 18). How should this fact cause us to respond
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