

**Series: Son of Man**

**Title: Jesus Responds to Faith**

**Text: (Luke 7:1-10)**

**1.) This Centurion was a Man in Command: (Vs 1-2)**

**a.) Centurion.** A ruler over a hundred men.

- (1) He was the backbone of the army.
- (2) He was a man of character.
- (3) He loved His slave.

**2.) This Centurion was a Man of Compassion: vs 2**

**a.) Centurion's servant was very ill:** a slave.

- (1) This slave was sick unto death.
  - (a) This is a picture of sinful man.
  - (b) This is a picture of the whole human race, sick in sin, about to die eternally in hell.
- (2) This slave was dear to the Centurion.
  - (a) He honored and held him in high esteem.
  - (b) He had a completely unusual attitude to his slave.
  - (c) He had a heart of concern and compassion.

*Compassion~ Your Pain in My Heart"*

**3.) He heard of Jesus. vs 3 - 5**

**a.) Hearing of Jesus his hope was kindled. vs 3**

- (1) He heard of Christ's power and compassion.
  - (2) He was clearly a deeply religious man.
  - (3) Hearing he reacted with passion and desire.
- b.) He was not asking for himself but concern for another. vs 3
- c.) His reputation was so good even the Jews loved him vs 4-5
- (1) He was esteemed. He was counted worthy. vs 4
  - (2) He loved the Jews. He built their only synagogue: vs 5

**4.) He looks at himself. vs 6 - 8**

- a.) Honest enough to realize his own unworthiness. vs 6, 7a
- (1) How often do we really look at ourselves (Jam 1:24-25)
  - (2) How often do we correct the problem once we see it?
- b.) He has a correct understanding of Christ. vs 7b, 8

- (1) He understood the authority of the Word of God. -
- (2) He believed that Jesus could merely speak and a miracle would take place. - This is faith.

**5.) Jesus word a miracle because of this man's faith. vs 9, 10**

- a.) Jesus, marvelled and honored this faith. vs 9
- b.) Jesus was pleased with such faith and perception.
- c.) Is Jesus pleased at your life of faith?
- (1) Our Faith is demonstrated by our works. (James 2:18)
  - (2) Salvation is by faith.
    - (a) This Means of Saving Grace: (Eph. 2:8-9)
    - (b) This is counted for Righteousness: (Rom 4:1-5)
  - (3) Faith described, defined further.
    - (a) There is an increase of faith. (2 Cor 10:15)
    - (b) There is Purified Faith: (1 Pet 1:7)
    - (c) There is the victory of faith. (1 Jn 5 4)
    - (d) There is no faith. (Mark 4:40)
    - (e) There is little faith. (Matt 14:31)
    - (f) There is, Lord, increase our faith. (Lk 17:5)
  - (4) This being said where is your faith?
- d.) Jesus marvelled another time: Nazareth Homecoming  
This was because of unbelief (Mark 6:6)(Luke 4:23-24)
- e.) Perhaps this is why there was a rebuke to the nation of Israel regarding their ability to have faith.
- f.) Faith rewarded. vs 10

The Centurion's faith was remarkable:

The Centurion's faith was expressed in Humility:

The Centurion's Faith affected someone else.

- (1) Healed at a Distance: (Ps 107:20)

He Healed the Canaanite's Daughter.

He Healed the Nobleman's son: (Jn 4:46-54)

**The Centurion had Faith in the Word of Jesus!**

All he had was what others had said about Jesus.

**You and I have THE VERY WORDS of JESUS!** (Rom 10:17)

Are we guilty of having only a "Little Faith" (Matt 14:31)

Are we guilty of having "No Faith": (Mark 4:40)