

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Faith That Works"
Luke 7:1-10
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The Centurion's Faith Caused Jesus To Marvel.

Luke 7:9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him,

Luke 7-8 Miracles and Parables: Luke 7 Jesus calls people to faith.

Luke 7:1-10 A Dying Slave

Luke 7:11-17 A Grieving Mother

Luke 7:18-35 A Perplexed Prophet

Luke 7:36-50 A Repentant Sinner

Luke 7:1-10 A Dying Slave: This miracle is also recorded in **Matthew 8:5-13**

We need to see things as they really are. That starts with us seeing ourselves, seeing God, then turning to Him in faith. Romans 10:17

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Essence Of Faith Is Humility, Believing In God's Power, And Our Own Unworthiness While Trusting In His Care."

1. Verses 1-5 The Religious' Assessment Of Faith

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1. Verses 1-5 The Religious' Assessment Of Faith

Luke 7:1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, - Context: The "Sermon On The Mount" to a multitude of His disciples. Jesus described true discipleship and the practice of His Words.

Luke 6:20-49

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He went to Capernaum. This was the base of operations for Jesus' Galilean ministry.

Luke 7:2 And a centurion's – Centurion: Today's equivalent to a modern-day army captain. A Roman centurion was generally over 100 men: the backbone of the Roman military. He probably had the assignment to protect **King Herod Antipas ruler of Galilee.** Centurions were powerful men that were also wealthy. They made sure that taxes were paid! Centurions are spoken about in a good sense in the NT. Here and in

Luke 23:47; Cornelius: Acts 10, Acts 22:26, 23:17,23; 24:23; 27:1,43

centurion's slave, Greek, "doulos."

(Matthew 8:6 servant, "a child, a boy or girl")

who was highly regarded by him,
"Valued highly, held in honor, prized, precious."

was sick and about to die. (Doctor Luke "about to die")
Matthew 8:6

Luke 7:3 When he heard about Jesus,
Jesus' ministry was His time of popularity. **John 4:46-54** a healing of the nobleman's son which had taken place in Capernaum.

he sent some Jewish elders - These were lay leaders of the synagogue. The spiritual leaders, oversight of the synagogue.

Matthew 8:5 a centurion came to Him, entreating Him,
Luke 7:3 sent Jewish Elders, Luke 7:6 sent friends,
This is not a **Contradiction** but **Complementary**.

Facing death calls for extreme measures:
asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

Luke 7:4 When they had come to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, - *"begging Jesus to come at once"*

saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; This shows that the religious leaders had a false view not only of men but of this man.

worthy - or *deserves*, literally *"is worthy."* Note the centurion's humble attitude **verse 6 for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;**
Verse 7 I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You,

Jewish reasonings were based on the externals, for they say, **Luke 7:5**

It is not the external works that we do, but it is the internal work in the heart that God looks for. (The Centurion's Faith Was Revealed By His Works, Works Did Not Make Him.)

Luke 7:5 for he loves our nation, - This was commendable that a Roman Centurion had love for the Jewish people. Rome had a great distaste for the Jews.

Another way of saying **loves our nation,** *"A God-fearer."*

It is possible to give and not love, but you can't love and not give.

Notice the religious Analyzed/Judged by externals.
Jeremiah 17:9, Galatians 2:16

Religion says "Do!" Christianity says "Done!" John 6:28-29

2. Verses 6-8 The Centurion's Assessment Of Faith

Luke 7:6 Now Jesus started on His way with them;

This is called both grace and mercy.

when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, Acts 10:28

Maybe word got back that the elders said he was a great man, and he sent friends this time to deliver the right message.

friends, saying to Him, "Lord, - "supreme in authority, controller; God, master."

"Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

What a different perspective we get from this man! The elders said,

Luke 7:4 saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

The Centurion Came Knowing His Own Unworthiness:

"Lord, Seeing Jesus Christ: He says the reason I did not come to you is because I am not worthy.

Seeing Oneself: *This centurion saw himself as he truly was. He had spiritual humility and his unworthiness.*

We need to see our own actions as sinful:

Not just a mistake, a habit, or a glitch.

We need to see our corrupt tendencies:

Foul thoughts, sensualities.

The Book Genesis (Book of Beginnings) reveals:

- 1. Man Was Created:** (Master Designer)
- 2. Man Has Fallen:** (Depraved sinner by nature and choice)
- 3. Man Needs Redemption:** (Man needs a new birth)

Luke 7:7 Seeing Jesus Christ: for that reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You,

He says the reason I did not come to you is because I am not worthy.

- 1. We must see ourselves as we truly are, sinners.**
- 2. We must see Jesus for who He truly is, divine.**

The Centurion Came Trusting In The Authority Of God:

but just say the word, "Speak with a word" but just say the word, The authority of God's Word.

and my servant will be healed. The centurion saw Jesus as God! He had faith to believe that Jesus, by just a word, could bring healing to his servant.

Luke 7:8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me, - This man, like Jesus, derived authority from another (God His Father).

1 John 4:9-10

3. Verses 9-10 Jesus' Assessment Of Faith

Luke 7:9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, Marveled "To be amazed, to wonder" 2 times, He was rejected.
Mark 6:6 (Luke 4:14-30)

**"I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
"The essence of faith is humility, believing in God's power, and our own unworthiness while trusting in His care."**

Why would Jesus say: "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith"?

- 1. This Man's Background:** He was a Gentile.
- 2. The Man's Occupation:** He was a soldier and instrument of oppressive Rome.
- 3. The Man's Wealth: Luke 18:24-25**
- 4. The Man's Certainty: 7 - just say the word, and my servant will be healed.**

Hebrews 11:1

Jesus is ever looking for the same type of faith today, a faith in Him!

Luke 7:10 Jesus has authority over sickness and death. **Matthew 8:13**

Application: The very essence of faith is:

- 1. Humility** - Being Humble Before Him: (We Need To Seek Him)
- 2. Believing** - In God's Power: (Not A Formula)
- 3. Knowing** - Our Own Unworthiness: (Sinner By Nature And Choice)
- 4. Trusting** - In His Care: (Faith, Not Feelings)