

Jesus Inspires Boundless Faith

Luke 7:1-10 ▪ Sunday, May 18, 2025 ▪ Ryan Wildauer

Jesus is not _____ by our cultural barriers.

The Roman Centurion believes...

1. ...Jesus has the power to _____. vs. 2-3

2. ...he wasn't _____ of Jesus. vs. 3b-7a

3. ...Jesus has _____ over his creation. vs. 7b-9

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^[1] After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ^[2] Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ^[3] When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ^[4] And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, ^[5] for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." ^[6] And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ^[7] Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ^[8] For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ^[9] When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ^[10] And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Share a story about something unexpected that God has done in your life.

Read & Discuss: Luke 7:1-10

1. What stands out to you about the centurion as you read through this passage? What do you notice about the assumptions of the Jewish elders in verses 3-4? What attributes of Jesus are on display within this account?
2. This story demonstrates God's grace extending to someone outside of the traditional Jewish community. How does this passage challenge or affirm your understanding of God's love and reach? Where do you see the church community struggling to apply such grace? How can we better reflect this application of grace within our church community? To those outside our church?
3. The centurion recognized his own unworthiness for Jesus to come to his home (vv. 6-7). Where else do you see this idea come up in Scripture? How do we cultivate an appropriate sense of humility, while still having confidence in God's desire to display His grace in our lives?
4. Reread verse 8. The centurion believed that Jesus' Word alone was sufficient to heal his servant. In what areas of your life are you tempted to rely on your own efforts or other means rather than trust in God's power? What can we learn from the faith of this centurion?
5. Jesus marvels at the centurion's faith, saying in verse 9, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." What aspects of the centurion's words and actions might have impacted Jesus so profoundly? What does this tell us about the nature of faith that Jesus values? What can we do to cultivate the sort of faith that this centurion demonstrates?
6. How has experiencing someone else's deep faith in a surprising context affected you in the past? What would you say changed in your life as a result? Do you think of your faith as having impact on other people? Why or why not?

Apply: Jesus' response in verse 9 highlights the centurion's "faith." How does this passage encourage you to grow in your own faith? What practical steps can you take this week to exercise greater faith in God's power and authority in your life?

Pray: Ask God to help us be a people who live with great faith in His power and goodness.