

Jesus Says...

Remarkable Faith

Luke 7:1-10

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

Heb 11:6

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Exposition

The Setting vs. 1-2

- **Context – the ‘Sermon on the Plain’**
 - Two kinds of trees:
We need a change on the *inside*, the heart.
 - Two builders:
We need to listen, really listen to Jesus’ words – i.e. both *hearing and doing*.

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The Setting vs. 1-2

- **Context** – the ‘Sermon on the Plain’
- **Capernaum** – a familiar place
- **Centurion** – an impressive individual
 - Roman army officer – commanded a ‘century’ of men. 6 centuries to a cohort, 6 cohorts to a legion.
 - Highly esteemed man of character who commanded respect and loyalty.
 - Positively viewed in the NT.
(see Luke 23:47; Acts 22; Acts 10)
 - Unusual attitude toward his servant.
(see Luke 14:8; Phil 2:29; I Pet 2:4)

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A Remarkable Centurion vs. 3-6a

- Jewish leaders do his bidding
Remarkable that they carry a pagan Roman soldier's request – especially to Jesus, whom they want to get rid of!
- A 'God-fearer' – warmly responding to God
Remarkable that this centurion is responding to God at work in his life! (see Acts 10:1-2; 22-23; 27-28; Acts 16:14-15)
- But **not** 'worthy' of special treatment by Jesus!

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With a Remarkable Response to Jesus vs. 6b-8

- Humility
 - Did not presume
 - Did not think highly of himself
- Ready to submit to authority
 - It is a small step from submission and respect of human authority to submission and respect of God
 - Trust/faith involves relinquishing control

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And Remarkable Faith vs. 9-10

- An observation of great significance:
 - He ‘was amazed,’ He ‘marveled,’ He ‘was taken aback’
- Only two times do was Jesus taken aback by people:
 - When He finds faith where it may not have been unexpected (here)
 - When He finds a lack of faith where it should have been expected (see: Mark 6:6)

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

- *What does Jesus think about your faith? What is remarkable about it?*
- *How are you responding to Him?*
- *What area of your life needs this kind of faith?*