

## The Power of Faith

**Matthew 7:1-10 (KJV)**<sup>1</sup>Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. <sup>3</sup>And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup>And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: <sup>5</sup>For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: <sup>7</sup>Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. <sup>10</sup>And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

*Giving Honor to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to Luke 7:1-10 (KJV) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is "The Power of Faith."*

As we look at this unit of scripture, we see a Roman centurion asking Jesus to heal his servant. His servant is sick and in obvious pain. Jesus agrees to come and heal the servant. The centurion replied to Jesus "Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof." The centurion understood that it was unlawful for Jews to keep company or to enter the home of Gentiles (Acts 10:28).

According to Hebrews, Chapter 11, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice

than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. (Hebrews 11:1-8) I came to remind you that there is power in your faith!!!

The centurion understood that that Jews could not enter the homes of Gentiles. He knew this. If you would allow me the opportunity to share it; he (the centurion) invested in the kingdom. You see Luke tells the story of the centurion's faith and his ability to invest in the kingdom. According to Luke 7:5, the centurion loved the Jewish nation and had built them a synagogue. Jesus was on the way to heal the centurion's servant; in fact, Jesus was almost there and just before Jesus could get to the house. Good God Almighty. The centurion sent friends to Jesus, saying to Him, Lord, don't even trouble yourself. I'm not worthy that you Lord... should come under my roof. But I got enough faith to believe that you can do anything but fail. I just believe that you are able to do exceeding and abundantly above all that I can ask or think. In other words, I got more than a mustard seed of faith. Can I get a witness?

In humility Jesus, I (the centurion) did not even consider myself worthy to come to you, but I believe that if you just say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. Jesus, I understand authority. O Yes, I do. For I am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Jesus was moved by what he experienced from the centurion. Jesus had an appreciation for the centurion's great faith. The scripture says, that when Jesus heard these things, He marvelled at him, and turned him about, and

said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick. There is power in your faith.

In closing, every now and then, you may think that you have very small faith, since you don't typically trust God to do great miracles, but just the same, steadily commit your cares and needs to the Lord daily. Continue read His word faithfully, because it is the word of God that increases your faith. Romans 10:17 says "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." As you exercise your faith in the Lord it will continue to grow. There is power in your faith. Didn't the Lord wake you up this morning? Didn't the Lord make a way for you? Isn't the Lord always on time? When I think about the Goodness of Jesus and All that He's done for me. My soul shouts Hallelujah. Thank You Jesus for Saving Us. I remind you that the Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:8b-11) There is power in your faith. Hallelujah, Amen.