

Faith Like This...

Luke 7:1-10 (NLT) - The Faith of a Roman Officer

7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum. ²At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer was sick and near death.

³When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave. ⁴So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said, ⁵"for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us."

⁶So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor.

⁷I am not even worthy to come and meet you. **Just say the word** from where you are, and my servant will be healed. ⁸I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."

⁹When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen **faith like this** in all Israel!" ¹⁰And when the officer's friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed.

This scripture and event that took place teaches us a very important lesson.

- It teaches us how the natural world ...And the supernatural world...
- Together, bring about miracles in people's lives...

Jesus said -

- ***I haven't seen faith like this...***
- This man's faith **surprised** Jesus.
- **It wasn't the quantity** of the man's faith that surprised Jesus.
- **It was the man's knowledge** of how authority operates.

The man understood authority.

- He lived his entire life both **subject to authority** and also **one who had authority** over others.

He put it **this way**...

- **“Just say the word”** from where you are, and my servant will be healed.
- I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers
- And I have authority over my soldiers.
- I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come.

He said, **Jesus**, you don’t even have to come to my house.

- **Just say the word!!!!**
- “Jesus, I know your word has **power**.
- I know it has **authority**.
- **Your physical location** whether **‘here or at my house’** has nothing to do **with whether or not** my servant **is going to be healed**.
- It has to do with the ‘Power and the Authority that is in your Word.’

The man also knew what it means **when something is subject to a higher power**.

- **He knew** that this sickness that was on his servant **was subject to the Words that Jesus spoke**.

Here is why **church** is so important.

- Here is why **reading the Word of God** is **important**.
- This is why I’m so glad **you are listening** to this message
- **God’s word has power!!!!!!!!!!**

And when we understand **the Authority** of His Word.

- And the fact that the worlds were **framed by His Word**.

Hebrews 11:3 NKJV

³By faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

This stuff that you see, he said – **were not** made of **things that you can see**.

- **The natural** was **made by the supernatural**.
- **The visible** was **made by the invisible**.

The Roman officer understood enough of this to be able to say,

- “Look Jesus, **you don’t have to explain anything to me** ...

I know that **your words and the power of your words** created everything that there is.

- And it is all subject to you and your words.
- So don't even go out of your way.
- "Just **say the Word** and my servant **will be** healed."

The man understood authority.

- He understood that everything in the natural world
- Was subject to the one that created it all
- Out of nothing - From the supernatural world.

1 Corinthians 10:26 NKJV - ²⁶for "the earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness."

Genesis 1:1 NKJV - The History of Creation

1 In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth.

- Our God is a **supernatural God**.

Colossians 1:15 NKJV - ¹⁵ He is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation.

This **invisible, supernatural** God created the natural world that you and I are a part of today.

- It was not happenstance
- It was not a fluke of nature
- It was not evolution.

He GOD, Created it **ALL** -

- ***And because He created it all,***
- Jesus Christ who was **the image of the inviable** God.
- Jesus Christ, **God manifest in the flesh**
- **Had the power** to 'walk on the water ***in the midst of a storm.***'
- He could 'calm the storm.'
- He raised the dead.
- He **healed** all manner of sickness the Bible says.

Leprosy – Demoniac's - Withered hands – You name it - - -

He was able to heal it - - - and here's why...

- There was **nothing** that was **above His** authority.
- In fact, it was **all beneath** His authority.
- Because it was **all a part of His creation**.
- So **when he spoke, it had to obey!!!!!!!!!!**

One man in **Matthew 8** was full of **6 thousand demonic spirits**.

- And all it took from Jesus was one word – **GO!**
- And **those demons went screaming** into a heard of pigs.

You say, "**I don't believe any of that**"....

- Those are just fables
- Those are just stories

Well, then **your prayers probably won't get answered** because **you don't have faith in the word of God**.

When you have faith in the word of God, you can believe what it says.

- And believe that what it says **can heal your body**.
- **That it can comfort your heart** when the **rest of the world is freaking out**.

His word has authority over this natural world because **it was that same word** that **spoke everything that there is into existence in the first place**.

We're all worried about a virus....

- That **virus** is part of this **natural howbeit cursed world**.
- As such, it is **subject to the Word of God**.
- This is **why it's important** to **know the scripture** and **have it memorized in your heart and mind**.

Listen to what some of His word says to you today...

2 Thessalonians 3:3 NLT - But **the Lord is faithful**; he **will strengthen you** and **guard you** from the evil one.

Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV

6 Be strong and courageous. **Do not be afraid** or **terrified** because of them, for **the Lord your God goes with you**; he will **never leave you** nor **forsake you**."

Jeremiah 17:14 CEV

¹⁴ You, LORD, are the one I praise. **So heal me and rescue me!**
Then I will be completely well and perfectly safe.

Psalm 119:11 NKJV - David said...

¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

- **It's not** just in there **so we don't sin...**
- But **it's there** so we can **have faith** when problems come.

Psalm 5:11 NKJV -

¹¹ But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name - Be joyful in You.

Psalm 34:19 NKJV

¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Psalm 46:1 NKJV

God *is* **our refuge and strength**, A very present help in trouble.

Come on somebody – get some of His Word into your heart and mind right now.

Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

¹⁰ Fear not, ***for I am with you***; Be not dismayed, ***for I am your God***.

I will strengthen you, Yes, ***I will help you***, I will uphold you ***with My righteous***
right hand.'

Can I encourage you...

- **Speak His Word** over your family.
- **Speak His Word** over your community.

It's God's authority, ***not ours***.

- We may only have **a little bit of faith**... that's **all** it takes.
- **I'd like to have a lot of faith**, but I'll admit, there are ***times I only have a little faith***... but that's **all** it takes.
- The **scripture says** all it takes is ***"Faith as a grain of mustard seed."***

Look at this with me – **talking about prayer.**

Matthew 18:18-20 NKJV

¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

James 5:16 NKJV

¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

We need some good people **who know how to pray** to **begin praying** like they never have before.

- We need some people **who don't know how** to pray to **learn how to** pray.
- **Here's how you start...** “Lord Jesus...
- Right now **I give my heart to you** and **I'm asking for your help.**
- **Then tell him** what you need. **That's prayer.**
- And **it will** move mountains

CLOSE:

Pray His Word!!!! - **2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV** - if My people who are called **by My name** will **humble themselves**, and **pray** and **seek My face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**, **then I will hear from heaven**, and **will forgive their sin** and **heal their land**.

If this country keeps pushing God out of their government and out of their schools and out of their churches.....

- We need to **understand** along with that **goes his protection** from **war** and **pestilence** and **diseases**.....
- And **his blessings** on **our finances** and **our health** and **our state of mind**.

God is our help, he is our **refuge**, He is our **strength**.

Much of this nation is scared to death right now

- That's **because they don't have His Word in their hearts**.

When you push God away -

- **You push** His healing away....
- You push His protection away....
- You push His blessings away....

BUT..... 2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV

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Story of David and Goliath –

- Little boy – big giant.
- You know the story, kid throws a rock, kills the giant.

God's enemies are destroyed!!!

- **God shows** it just ***takes someone having enough faith***
- To **look the giant in the eye** and say,
- **You're not** crossing this line buddy.

- **This is my house** - This is my family
- **These are my friends** and neighbors.
- This is my nation - And this plague that has been **unleashed on our nation**, **we come against it in the name of the Lord of Hosts**.

Pray right now where you are.

- **Coronavirs**, you are big and ugly and scary -
- But **my God is bigger**.
- **His Word is stronger**

You are a part of the curse that is on this world because of sin

- And right now we **repent and ask God's forgiveness** for the sins of this world....
- **We come against you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ**.

You have no authority in my family

- You have no authority in my body
- You have no authority in my community.

- I'm stopping you right where you are.
- Don't come any closer.

If you believe that, just say, In Jesus name right where you are.

PRAISE TEAM:

If you want to keep on praying, you keep on praying.

- **Claim healing for your family**'
- Claim healing for those in the hospitals right now.
- Claim healing for those in other nations **who are suffering** right now.

Let's pray and believe God that he will give the scientist, the Doctors the nurses and our governments supernatural strength and wisdom to defeat this thing. - IN JESUS NAME AMEN!

I want to pray for you one last time-

***"Jesus,* we pray a covering over your people. Those that are listening right now and those who are not.**

- I pray health and strength and healing over every single one.
- If their financial situations have changed because of this situation, Lord, make a way where there seems to be no way.
- Open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing because of their faithfulness.
- According to their faith Lord, **ble**ss them as your Word says it will.****

Lord bring peace to our nation!

- **Give us sound minds** to be able to navigate this confusing time.
- Most of all **remind all of us where our Real Help** comes from.
- **Our faith is in you Jesus. Our confidence is in you.**
- You alone **deserve our worship and our praise** - So **we give that to you** right now.

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******Do you need healed, delivered, set free, or set on fire????******