

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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"WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Introduction to the Text; Luke 7:1-10

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

Faith is Something that People are Always Talking About if They Realize It or Not.

That Promise, The Company, This Person, The Economy

We Exercise Faith on a Daily Basis and We Apply Faith to Things Often Assumed Upon or Taken for Granted.

Jesus said to the People,
"Have faith in God.

Mark 11:22

Luke 7:1-10

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. 3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

:6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You.

But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having 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 turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, **"I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"** **10** And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

1.) Faith says think outside the box v.1-5

Church - This is the scene, it's Jesus on location, He had been teaching and preaching the kingdom of God.

After he had come down alone from a very high mountain, and he came to a flat or level place and from there...

He called out of the Disciples, Twelve Apostles and that's the way it is. Jesus will always call out from among those who are following Him, to go deeper, to continue the work, to join with Him where he is - advancing the kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of all these who will listen to Him.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says think outside the box

1a.) Because faith calls for help

Verse 1-2

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

Now, he is desiring to return Capernaum. Capernaum sits on the shores of the Galilee.

"He's On His Way to Capernaum"

Imagine With Me for a Moment if You Had Heard That, This Jesus was On His Way to Your Town."

Faith Will Arise In Our Desperate Situations

Faith In What You've Been Leaning On

You will always turn to what you believe your strength is.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says think outside the box

1b.) Because faith **knows** to get to Jesus

Verse 3

So when he **heard** about Jesus, he **sent** elders of the Jews to Him, **pleading** with Him to come and **heal** his servant.

The word for servant here is "one dear to his heart"

((**Compassion is Your Pain, In My Heart**))

- **Knowingly**, "get to Jesus for my servant's sakes"
- **Unknowingly**, "get to Jesus, I need him too!"

This is a unique situation

a Gentile, Italian, Roman centurion occupier, being devoted to the God of the Jews.

Backed by a sincere heart and good deeds.

Notice, The Roman Gentile "Sent Elders, Synagogue Rulers"

What Had This Man Heard About Jesus Christ?

He Had Been Moved to Consider Jesus by Word of Mouth, by Examples.

His Fame Had Spread from Judea to Syria to the Mountains
down the Coasts toward Egypt

And People Were Talking...
and walking and singing and dancing

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says think outside the box

1c.) Because faith **cries** out to God

Verse 4-5

And when they came to Jesus, they **begged** Him **earnestly**, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, **5** "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

Notice That Others are Praising This Centurion.

We can't know their motives, only that they appreciate what he has done for Israel and that he has built the a house of worship.

Verse 4-5

:4 the one for whom He should do this is **deserving**,
:5 "for he loves our **nation**, and has built us a **synagogue**."

But Remember This...

His Jewish Friends Think That His "Good Works" will gain him an audience with Jesus

***** It's This Gentile Centurion Who's
About to Correct Their Thinking and Theology *****

The Bible Says Romans 3:20

For no one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what his law commands. For the more we know God's law, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying it.

The Bible Says in Titus 3:3-7

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

What, In Reality, is This Man Doing?

The Bible Says in Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

The Bible Says in John 14:6-9

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. :7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. :8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. :9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

The Bible Says in John 5:22-23

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, **23** that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

The Bible Says in John 10:25

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

The Bible Says in John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

2.) Faith says we are not worthy

v.6-8

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says we're not worthy enough

2a.) To have the Lord *be part* of our lives

Verse 6

Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, (1) for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

Two Things Here Are Note-Worthy Here

One;

"The Significance of "Coming Under" Someone's Roof"

Two;

"The Significance of The Centurions View of Himself"

The Bible Says in Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

What I'm About to Say is sad, but very true,

most people by nature, are strangers to themselves.

That is, they seek to avoid who or what they are.

The Bible Says in James 1:22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; **24** for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Imagine Looking

through a microscope into what appears to be fresh water taken from a river, but as you zoom in, you see hundreds of little eels, dragons and monsters swimming around in that water. What appeared to be clean, isn't so clean and in fact is scary looking.

When we use a microscope on ourselves,
it's a good thing, a humbling thing.
We see what we really are down deep.

The Bible Says in Jeremiah 17:9

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?"*

A Christianity that **ignores sin**,
is a Christianity that becomes sick,
and ineffective against a dying society.

A Christianity that **ignores the sinner**,
is equally as sick and is as dead as dead can be, and has fallen from grace.

The Bible Says in Romans 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says we're not worthy enough

2b.) To be invited into the presences of God

Verse 7

*Therefore I (2) did not even think myself worthy to come to You.
But say the word, and my servant will be healed.*

The wise and well adjusted view of this man's self-esteem is worth our time.

He was a man of power. He was a man of influence, of some wealth in the flesh, in the world, he out ranked Jesus.

HE WAS THE CONQUEROR, HE WAS THE GENTILE ITALIAN FROM ROME

The Bible Says in 1 Peter 2:10

who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Isaiah 60:3

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

Isaiah 11:10

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; and the Gentiles shall seek Him,

Verse 7

But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

This is Biblical Faith, Acceptable Faith.

This is The Faith That God not Only Requires, But delights in...

"This is that "Say to This Mountain - Move!" Kind of Faith

Jesus,

But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

It's His Simple Certainty of Faith

Hebrews 11:1

**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.**

Now You Can See That True, Biblical Faith in God

is Available to anyone, to all people...

Galatians 3:26

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

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2c.) To have things be *changed* for us

Verse 8

For I also am a man placed under authority, having 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."

For I also (Jesus, we have this in common) I am a man (a representative also) placed under authority, (I have the backing of the worlds greatest empire) having soldiers under me. (I have followers also) And I say to one, "Go," (you do that with your disciples) and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; (you've invited these men to come follow you) and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it." (you also require obedience)

This Centurion is **Defining** 'What He Believes About Jesus and His Mission'

This is Most Important

Each of Us, Independently Must **Define** 'What We Believe About Jesus and His Mission'

Matthew 16:13-15

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" **:14** So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **:15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 21:9

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!* Hosanna in the highest!"

The Centurion

"Jesus, I have my earthly duties here for Rome,
and You have your Spiritual duties from Heaven"

He understood that there was/is a chain of command, a protocol.

**If on an earthly level things can get done,
then how much more on the spiritual level can things be done.**

**Could There Be Even More
Than What Meets The Eye?**

**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."**

Did This Centurion, **Knowingly** or **Unknowingly**
Announce Jesus' Missionary Venture?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

1 Timothy 1:15

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

John 8:36

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Could This Be One of Those Moments When The Veil is Pulled Back?

Matthew 16:17

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

3.) Faith says anything is possible with God v.9-10

:9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well - who had been sick.

What's Happening Here?

be careful that you don't miss it - it's easy to miss...

Answer...

It's not about the servant getting healed or raised from the dead.

It's about "**a certain centurion's faith**"

Right now - it's about "a certain _____'s faith"

It's Not About the Boss, It's Not About the Marriage.

It's about "**a certain airline pilot's faith**"

It's Not About the Teacher, It's Not About the Education.

It's about "**a certain student's faith**"

It's Not About the House, It's Not About the Neighborhood.

It's about "**a certain family's faith**"

When Ever You Read About a **Certain Woman** in The Bible,
Her Faith is Going to be The Issue!

When Ever You Read About a **Certain Man** in The Bible,
His Faith is Going to be The Issue!

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says anything is possible with God

3a.) *Possible because the Lord takes notice*

Verse 9a

*When Jesus HEARD these things, He MARVELED at him,
and TURNED around and SAID...*

There's A lot Going On Here.

Every verb used here speaks about a dynamic that is being communicated.

HEARD

ἀκούω akouo, ak-oo'-o; a primary verb; to hear (in various senses): — give (in the) audience (of), come (into the ears), to be noised, used of a parent listening to the child - to be understand.

MARVELED

θαυμάζω *thaumazo*, *thou-mad'-zo*; from 2295; to be struck with wonder; to gasp with admiration: — to bring wonder to.

TURNED

στρέφω *strefho*, *stref'-o*; to spin around or to twist, to reverse course

SAID

ἔπω *epo*, *ep'-o*; to call, to invite, to command, to say

Jesus **Heard** / Jesus **Marveled** / Jesus **Turned** / Jesus **Said**

This **Caught** Jesus' Ear // This **Grabbed** Jesus' Heart
This **Got** Jesus' Attention // This **Encouraged** Jesus' Mission

1. When We Come in Faith - Jesus **Hears** Us
2. When We Come in Faith - Jesus **Marvels** at Us
3. When We Come in Faith - Jesus **Turns** Toward Us
4. When We Come in Faith - Jesus **Speaks** to Us

HOW TO MARVEL JESUS CHRIST

There are Only **Two** Places in the Bible where it says that
Jesus was Amazed

What are Those Two Moments in the Ministry of Jesus Christ.
One is Right Here, The **Other** is in Marks Gospel...

Mark 6:4

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." **5** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. **6** And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

This is Jack's Personal Thoughts Here

I'm Wondering What Kind of an Effect Do I Have on Jesus?

Jesus, Do I Catch Your Ear... with my words of faith and vision?

Jesus, Do I Grab Your Heart... with my childlike belief in You?

Jesus, Do you have Your Favor because I see my self being Unable?

Jesus, Does my Life Encourage You Lord to Be Bigger in My Life?

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says anything is possible with God

3b.) Possible because it's what the Lord is *looking* for

Verse 9b

*looking to the crowd that followed Him,
"I say to you, I HAVE NOT FOUND such great FAITH,
not even in Israel!"*

There are Mixed Emotions are Expressed Here.

"I am so glad to see this man's faith, it's to bad that my fellow Israelis cant see what he can."

John 1:1-3,10

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made...

:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

Faith says anything is possible with God

3c.) Possible because it's the Lord who *gets the glory*

Verse 10

*And those who were sent, returning to the house,
found the servant WELL who had been sick.*

**True Faith, In Action,
is an exercise in reality !**

Listen Carefully to This

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and **come short** of the glory of God;

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.

Can You Say with Me Today

"I have failed to glorify God in the way I live my life

Then You Can Say with Me

"I have desire to glorify God in the way I live my life

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

You do have faith this morning. You honestly cannot deny the existence of God.
As small as your faith might be...

You have faith this morning, that your life can be changed, you're going about to do
that very thing in life, trying to change your life by making it better.

Listen My Friend,

WHAT FAITH HAS TO SAY

to this morning is get up, and act up - make a move toward Jesus Christ !

End of Study
