

Beyond a Shadow of Doubt



What did faith lead the Centurion to do?

1. Faith led him to _____ . Luke 7:2-3

a. Our _____ provide us with opportunities to exercise our faith.

2. Faith led him to _____ .

Luke 7:4-5

a. Our _____ is evidence of our faith.

3. Faith led him to _____ .

Luke 7:6-8

a. Our _____ of Christ strengthens our faith.

Take Home Truth

The face of faith is _____ .

Today's Core Virtue:

Faith: "Being sure of what I hope for and certain of what I do not see, I exhibit faith that pleases God."
(from Hebrews 11:1,6)



Deeper Connection Study

After recording Jesus' teachings to the crowd, Luke then shows Jesus' unique interactions with various people and how they encounter the Messiah. Everyone who meets Jesus has some type of response that reveals their heart. No one can be neutral when it comes to Jesus and his ministry.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Faith.

Read Luke 7:1-10

1. What is mentioned about the centurion and his character (vv. 1-10)?
2. How does the centurion understand leadership & authority? How is this communicated in relation to Jesus?
3. How is Jesus impressed by the centurion's words? What does he proclaim to the crowd and what are the implications of his pronouncement (v. 9)?
4. What elements of faith are evident in this story? How is faith so basic yet so difficult?
5. Do you believe Jesus has the power to heal and restore? Why do Christians need to be reminded of Jesus' power?
6. How have you grown in faith? How often do you bring requests to Jesus in faith?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his power and might. Pray for God's power to be evident in your life. Ask God to increase your faith and deepen your trust in Jesus.



An iconic figure in the 20th century was William (Billy) Franklin Graham. His evangelistic ministry touched thousands upon thousands of people around the world. Starting with humble beginnings, but a willing heart, Billy held his first crusade in Los Angeles in 1949. The Los Angeles Crusade was organized by the Christian group, Christ for Greater Los Angeles, and was scheduled for three weeks. However, it was extended to eight weeks during which Graham spoke to 350,000 people. By the end of the crusade 3,000 of them became followers of Christ. It was subsequently described as the greatest revival since the time of Billy Sunday.

Another figure that became famous to a nation was an unnamed centurion who received one of the highest recorded praises from Christ. In this brief narrative, nine verses to be exact, Luke records the movement of this first century man of faith. If pleasing God is important to you, then living by faith is a necessity, and, divinely, this Roman centurion offers us a beautiful example!