

Miracle Worker

Part Five: Say the Word

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In our journey through the miracles performed by Jesus, we come across an extraordinary account of faith and authority. This miracle, recorded in Luke 7:1-10, demonstrates the power of Jesus' words and the impact they can have on our lives.

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant Luke 7:1-10

1st – We encounter a Roman officer, a centurion, who seeks Jesus' help for his servant. Vs. 1-5

The centurion's servant, highly valued and near death, became the catalyst for this remarkable encounter. It's important to note that the centurion was a Gentile, and Jesus was a Jew, which adds to the uniqueness of this story.

The centurion was a remarkable man because...

-The elders thought he was worthy; he didn't think he was worthy.

-They praised him for building a house of worship. He felt unworthy that Jesus would come to his house.

-They said he was deserving. He felt himself undeserving.

2nd – Jesus goes with the Jewish leaders to the centurion's house but is met by the centurion's friends on the way. Vs. 6-7a

The centurion, feeling unworthy of Jesus' personal presence, sends his friends to convey his message. He understood the potential difficulties Jesus might face by entering a Gentile's home, yet he believed in Jesus' authority and power to heal.

- Strong faith and great humility are **compatible** qualities.

3rd – The centurion's faith astounds Jesus, who commends his exceptional faith. Vs. 7b-9

- The centurion recognized Jesus' real **authority**.

Jesus marvels at the centurion's faith, declaring that He had not found such faith even in Israel. The centurion recognized the authority of Jesus' words, comparing them to his own commands in the military. He believed Jesus could heal his servant simply by speaking the word.

- God **speaks**, and things come into being, and by **speaking**, he relates personally to his people (Gen. 15:1).
- We must **place** our faith in the **person** of Jesus.

4th – The centurion's faith is rewarded as his servant is completely healed. Vs. 10

When the centurion's friends return to his house, they find the servant completely healed, confirming the transformative power of Jesus' spoken word.

The centurion's story teaches us valuable lessons:

- 1) True faith involves placing our trust in Jesus as the right person and having confidence in His ability to bring about change in our lives.
- 2) Recognize and live under the authority of Jesus, understanding that He has power and control over all things.
- 3) Trust in the transformative power of Jesus' spoken word, believing that His words can bring life, light, and healing.
- 4) Seek Jesus' words and commands, aligning our lives with His instructions and trusting that following His words will lead to blessings and transformation.

This account emphasizes that true faith recognizes the authority of Jesus and believes in the transformative power of His spoken word. Just as the centurion demonstrated unwavering faith in Jesus, let us also place our faith in Him, live under His authority, and trust in the life-changing power of His words.