

### Luke 7:1-10

When he had concluded saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. 2 A centurion's servant, who was highly valued by him, was sick and about to die. 3 When the centurion **heard about Jesus**, he sent some Jewish elders to him, requesting him to come and save the life of his servant. 4 When they reached Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is **worthy** for you to grant this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built us a synagogue."

6 Jesus went with them, and when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, "Lord, don't trouble yourself, since I am **not worthy** to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I didn't even consider myself **worthy** to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I too am a man placed under **authority**, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 Jesus heard this and was **amazed** at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "**I tell you, I have not found so great a faith even in Israel.**" 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant in good health.

Why was Jesus **amazed** at the centurion's faith?

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The Centurion:

- Roman soldier over 100+/- men
- Roman worldview
- Emperor = ultimate authority

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The Centurion:

- Cares for his servant
- Loves our nation
- Built synagogue

### Luke 7:4-5

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The Jewish perspective: the centurion is **worthy** because of what he has done

### Luke 7:6-7

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The Centurion perspective: I am **unworthy** because of what I have done

### Psalms 25:12,14

Who is this person who **fears** the Lord? He will **show** him the way he should choose. 14 The secret counsel of the Lord is for those who **fear** him, and he **reveals** his covenant to them.

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The centurion's **humility** leads to **revelation** of who Jesus is and what Jesus can do

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### Luke 7:16-21

He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As usual, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him, and unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written: 18 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **preach good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim **release** to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set **free** the oppressed, 19 to **proclaim the year of the Lord's favor**. 20 He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "**Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled.**"

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What's amazing about the centurion's faith?

- He **believes** in Jesus just from hearing stories
- He **sees** who Jesus is without seeing Jesus
- He **trusts** Jesus before He saw a sign from Jesus

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Compared to the Jewish perspective:

- Denied OT stories were about Jesus
- Doubted Jesus after they saw Jesus
- Rejected Jesus after seeing signs

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Your **story** doesn't have the power to keep you from God, but the state of your **heart** does

- **hope** for our broken stories
- **humility** for our blessed stories

Is your faith led by **trust** or by **sight**?

2 Corinthians 5:7

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

When you are struggling to see with faith, look back to the **cross**