

# The Faith that Amazed Jesus

Matthew 8:5-13

Life Group Discussion – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

What's the most important thing in your life? It's your faith.

**And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)**

In today's passage we the Roman Centurion who not only pleased Jesus, but astounded Him with how amazing his faith was. Jesus tells the crowd that He had not seen this type of faith before, it was so unusual and so strong that there was no one like it in all of Israel.

So what type of faith did the Centurion have?

1. The Centurion knew where and what true power was.

The Centurion knew that Jesus was the only one who could heal his servant. He understood that Jesus was the creator of the universe.

2. The Centurion believed in intercessory prayer

He knew that God would hear him even if it wasn't for himself. He trusted that the power of God was strong enough to heal others, not only himself or just his family.

3. The Centurion understood the power of the Word of God

His faith was not just intellectual or emotional; the Centurion's faith was based on the Word of God and therefore did not waver in different circumstances but simply trusted on the Lord.

My church,  
Whatever we do, we must remember that this life is connected to heaven. Going to work or going to school is not what is most important, but it is what we are able to do through our work and school that is.

We are able to show and tell our coworkers, our friends, and our families what the secret to life is and how we can go to heaven.

It doesn't matter what your job is, it matters what your faith is.

Whatever your family or job, your faith is what will bring change and what will bring revival.

You are not insufficient; it is because your faith is weak that miracles do not happen.

It is not because your situation is bad, those things don't matter, what matters is your faith.

The centurion had a faith that surprised Jesus, let us also have that type of faith.

## SHARING-----

1. When Jesus said that he would go and heal the servant, what was the Centurion's response? Why would this have surprised and amazed Jesus? Do you have this type of faith as well? Please share.
2. The Centurion came to Jesus not for himself but for his servant. His servant was considered cattle, not even human. Why did the Centurion do this for his servant? Who is someone that you are praying for like the Centurion did for his servant?
3. As you reflect back on this sermon, what are do you feel most challenged? What area are you weakest? (Intercessory prayer, trusting in the power of God, loving others, trusting in God even in difficult situations, etc.)