



A Soldier's Close Encounter

Luke 7:1-10

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Core value: God-Centered

When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. ² And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. ³ When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; ⁵ for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." ⁶ Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; ⁷ for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just* say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." ⁹ Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." ¹⁰ When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Do I take God at face value regarding what He is capable and able to do?

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Who is this soldier with such great faith?

Like all good soldiers, he understands responsibility and authority. He has faith that Jesus' authoritative word will accomplish what is needed.

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What keeps me from having great faith?

- Am I shaded/jaded in my faith by not taking God at face value?

Over time, do I still take God seriously?

- Have I been disappointed with God?

Do I need a refresher course in Ephesians 3:20?

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1. What attitude did the Centurion soldier have toward his slave?
2. Why did the Centurion send the Jewish leaders instead of talking with Jesus himself?
3. Why did the Centurion tell Jesus he didn't need to come himself?
4. How did this show the Centurion's faith in Jesus' words?