

Jadon Haynes | A STORY OF THE FAITH |7.27.2014

Luke 7:1–10 (NIV84)

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." ⁶ So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

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DISCUSSION OUTLINE | WEEK OF 7.27.14

- 1. What is the most dramatic "near death" experience you have ever had?
- 2. How would you describe the faith of the centurion in this account?
- 3. How are Roman centurions usually portrayed in scripture? (Mt. 27:26, 54; 28:4, 11-15; Acts 10:2; 23:17-18; 27:43)
- 4. How does the elder's appeal differ from the centurions and what does this teach us about prayer?
- 5. What quality of faith is exhibited here?
- 6. Share a time when you let go and let God accomplish his purposes.

