

SERMON SINGLES

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What Is Faith All About?

Luke 7:1-10

INTRODUCTION **NOTES** In today's message, we are going to look at the definition of faith. And one of the greatest examples of faith in Scripture is the story of the Centurion in Luke chapter 7. The problem in this story was that the Centurion's servant was sick and was about to die. Undoubtedly, he had sought out physicians, with no remedy or recourse. He heard that Jesus was in the area, and he knew what Jesus could do. Although he had never met Him personally faceto-face, he knew of His fame and power. Therefore, he sent another servant to ask Jesus for help. There is so much we can learn about faith from the Centurion, so let's dive in. **KEY POINTS** 1. Faith Is All About Being Desperate If you are not desperate, you will not utilize faith. This is why God allows you to be broken and desperate. When you cry out to God, that is when faith is exercised. Otherwise, you are depending upon your sight, strength, power, logic, knowledge, influence, people, and resources. Faith has nothing to do with anything that you have. You will never exercise faith until you get desperate. 2. Faith Is All About The Word Of God Faith is all about the promises of God. You cannot separate faith from the Word of God, the Bible. The centurion said, "My servant is sick, I need healing for him." He was looking for Jesus to give him a word. That is all he wanted. He just wanted a simple word from Jesus that everything would be okay, that He would heal his servant. He just needed a word from Jesus. That is a beautiful and godly example of faith because you cannot have faith apart from the Word of God. 3. Faith Is All About Looking To Jesus This is what the centurion did. He looked to Jesus as the only One who could solve the problem. He was desperate and all he wanted was Jesus' word. Now he is looking to Jesus, and he has a position, and that was a position of humility and a deep need for Jesus to act. The Centurion looks to Jesus to handle the problem, and he looks to Jesus for next steps. If we want to have a faith like the Centurion, we would be wise to do the same in our own lives.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	In what area of	vour life are vou	struggling to	have faith right n	ow?

2.	When was a time you ca	ame to a place	of desperation	and exercise	ed your faith
	in Jesus? What was the	outcome of th	at situation?		

3.	What is a promise of God that you can anchor your faith to today?

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