

SERMON NOTES:

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John 4:43-54

Message Title: Mature Faith Brings God Glory

Big Idea: Jesus is calling us to a faith that is fully confident in Him

John 2: 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. **24** But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, **25** and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

John 4: 43 Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. **44** For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. **45** So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

46a So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine.

1. The Lord Desires our faith to grow.

Ephesians 4:13-14 (ESV) **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,^[e] to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

46b And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. **47** When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

48 Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe

2. Faith grows when we have the humility to listen.

49 The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

50 Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

3. Your faith is seen by your action

Matthew 7:24-27 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.**26** And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.**27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

John 4: 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!”

52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” **53** So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

54 This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

Group Discussion Leader Guide

LIFE Group Guide:

Message Summary: Jesus shows a second sign in Cana of Galilee. A nobleman seeks Him out because of a need for his son. Jesus confronts his shallow believing and calls his faith to mature by taking Him at His word.

General Timeline: (Adjust as appropriate for your group’s needs.)

5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.

45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.

5-10 minutes praying for each other

Discussion Questions:

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. Can you identify with wanting to see or feel something instead of just trusting God’s word?

3. Why is a believing that is rooted in what is seen or experiences unstable? (Matthew 13:3-9)
4. The nobleman had to walk many miles without seeing his son healed and just trusting Jesus' word. How does action prove our faith?
5. As with the nobleman, why might God confront our spiritual condition before meeting our felt needs?
6. The nobleman's faith journey resulted in his whole household believing. How might our steps of faith and obedience impact those closest to us?
7. What does it mean to fix our eyes on what is unseen rather than what is seen? (Cor 4:16-18)