

## **Sermon Listening Guide (May 17, 2026)**

**Scripture:** John 4:46-54

**Sermon Title:** “The Second Sign”

### **First Thoughts**

Genesis 32 tells the story of a man who held onto God until he gave him a blessing.

What role does persistence play in our prayers and encounters with God?

### **Hurt**

This “long-distance healing” is the second of seven signs or miracles in John. The royal official in John 4 reminds us that none of us can avoid pain or hardship in life.

Long life is a blessing, but into each life some pain will come.

### **Futile Faith vs. Real Faith**

In verse 48, Jesus chastises people who want his presence only for miracles or favors.

Do we treat Jesus and/or the church like a good luck charm or talisman?

Verse 50 is a key verse that shows the moment of true belief.

This man asked something of Jesus, took Jesus at his word...and truly believed.

How would you describe your belief in God?

### **An Advocate**

This story is also a beautiful example of how we can advocate for one another.

The boy would have probably not been healed if not for his father’s faith.

How far would you go to help a friend or family member receive a blessing from God?

How persistent would you be in pursuing the blessings of God?

### **Final Thoughts**

In Capernaum, the boy was healed.

Christ came to be with mankind to seek and save the lost.

Are there people you are pointing to Jesus?

We are the hands and feet of Jesus when we are faithful in our witness.