



Day 14

John 4:46–54

When we seriously doubt something is actually going to happen, we might say something like, “I’ll believe it when I see it.” It’s unlikely, improbably, and maybe even impossible, so I have no confidence until I actually see it with my own eyes first.

Faith and prayer teach the opposite principle of that popular saying. A high-ranking government official begged Jesus to heal his dying son, whom he had left at home. Jesus had a seemingly callous response: “You probably wouldn’t believe I could do it unless you saw me do it with your own eyes.”

It was a test! Jesus wanted to see if the man would believe it BEFORE he saw it happen. So Jesus tells him that the boy is going to live, so he can go back home now.

If the man demanded that Jesus come with him, it would prove that he didn’t believe it. If the man left Jesus and ran home, it would prove that he believed Jesus even without seeing his son’s condition.

The man passed the test. In fact, John records the exact time that the boy was healed, and it matched the time that Jesus spoke it into being. God often tests us by asking if we’ll believe in Him BEFORE we see what He can do in our lives. That’s what it looks like to pray and live in faith.

Pray: “God help me to believe in Your Word, Your promises, and Your character, even in the waiting. Give me, “Believe it before I see it” faith today! Give me the courage and boldness to believe You at Your Word and walk faithfully towards Your plan for my life.”