

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

November 2, 2025 – Miracle Moments: The Healing Word

Main Passage: Matthew 8:5-13

Series: Miracle Moments: Power of the King

Introduction

In the second miracle of Matthew 8, Jesus enters Capernaum and encounters a Roman centurion — a Gentile soldier who understands what even Israel’s leaders missed: the power of Christ’s Word.

The centurion believes that Jesus doesn’t have to come to heal — He only has to speak. His confidence in the Lord’s authority reveals a faith that amazes even Jesus Himself.

1. The Compassion of the King (vv. 5–7)

- A Gentile soldier approaches Jesus on behalf of his suffering servant.
- His humility stands out — a man of rank kneeling before the true authority.
- Jesus’ immediate willingness to respond shows that His mercy extends to all people, regardless of class, culture, or background.

Key Verse:

“Am I to come and heal him?” — *Matthew 8:7*

Truth:

Jesus reveals that His compassion reaches beyond the boundaries of religion and race.

2. The Centurion’s Understanding of Authority (vv. 8–9)

- The centurion recognized that Jesus’ Word carries the same weight as His presence.
- He confesses, “I am not worthy...” — a statement of humility and honor toward Christ.
- His faith is rooted in understanding: Jesus’ commands are not suggestions; they carry the authority of heaven.

Truth:

The faith that pleases God is the faith that trusts His Word even when you can’t see His hand.

3. The Faith That Amazed Jesus (vv. 10–12)

- Only twice in the Gospels is Jesus said to be amazed:
 - At the unbelief in Nazareth (Mark 6:6).
 - At the faith of this Gentile soldier.
- The centurion's belief foreshadows the gospel's reach beyond Israel to the nations.
- Jesus warns that many who presume to belong will miss the Kingdom, while others will enter by simple faith.

Key Truth:

Faith is not about proximity to religion — it's about trust in the person and power of Christ.

4. The Word That Heals (v. 13)

- Jesus simply says, "Go. As you have believed, let it be done for you."
- No touch, no sign, no ceremony — only a word.
- Distance doesn't limit divine authority. His Word accomplishes exactly what He wills.

Truth:

The same Word that created the universe in Genesis 1 still heals hearts in Matthew 8 — and today.

Application

- The centurion's faith exemplifies how believers should approach Jesus: humbly, confidently, and in dependence on His Word.
- Real faith doesn't demand visible proof — it trusts that what Jesus says will come to pass.
- When God speaks through His Word, we can rest in His promise, even when we don't yet see His power at work.

"Faith doesn't wait for proof — it rests on a promise."

"The same voice that spoke creation into being now speaks healing into the broken."