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**“Just Say the Word” #3 of 5
Nov. 20, 2016**

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God’s Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
 - **What would it look like if we treated each other and our neighbours as family? Think about BLESS through the lens of “family.”**
2. What would be some examples of “rebel figures” from the past or present that we tend to celebrate in our culture? What does this say about our culture? Why is it hard for us to recognize and submit to authority?
3. Read Matt. 8:5-13. What do you find interesting or compelling about this encounter with Jesus? What do we learn about this centurion? What do we learn about Jesus?
4. What were the results of the Centurion’s faith in Jesus? Read Hebrews 11:6 and Mark 11:20-25. How do these passages inform our need for faith and the results of our faith?
5. Read 2 Cor. 1:20, Matthew 8:17, and Isaiah 53. What do these passages tell us about the “word and work” of Jesus? What implications does this have for you today?
6. How does the “word and work” of Jesus help us trust Him with our lives, in spite of what we have experienced with other “authority figures”?
7. How do you need to recognize and submit to the word and work of Jesus today? What is your next step?



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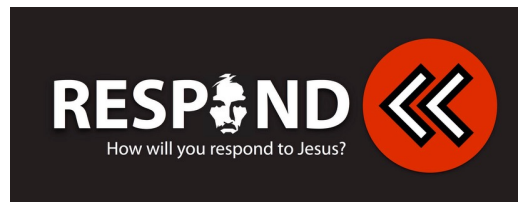
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

“Just Say the Word”

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
Nov. 20, 2016



Big Idea: Recognizing and submitting to the authority of Jesus unlocks the impossible.

Why do we have a hard time recognizing and submitting to authority?

Matthew 8:5-13 (NLT) When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, ⁶ “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸ But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.” ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel! ¹¹ And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. ¹² But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.

2 Corinthians 1:20 “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” (NJKV)

Matthew 8:17 (NLT) “He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.”

Isaiah 53:4-6 (NLT) Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;
it was our sorrows that weighed him down.
And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,
a punishment for his own sins!
⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.
He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed.
⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God’s paths to follow our own.
Yet the Lord laid on him
the sins of us all.

How do you need to recognize and submit to the word and work of Jesus today?

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are from the New Living Translation (NLT)
and the New Kings James Version (NKJV).*