



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Faith That Makes Jesus Marvel

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Message Title: "Jesus Marvels at Great Faith"

Scripture Focus: Matthew 8:5–13 (also found in Luke 7)

Key Scripture Themes

- **Authority Recognized and Respected**
- **"I also am a man under authority... I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes." – Matthew 8:9**

The centurion understood both earthly and spiritual authority. He knew that Jesus' word alone held power.
- **Faith Without Physical Evidence**
- **"Only speak the word, and my servant will be healed." – Matthew 8:8**

The centurion believed without needing Jesus to show up physically. This is what made Jesus marvel.
- **Jesus Marvels at Faith**
- **"When Jesus heard it, He marveled..." – Matthew 8:10**

Jesus was astonished—not at a miracle, but at the faith of someone outside of Israel.
- **Faith Leads to Action and Healing**
- **"Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." – Matthew 8:13**

Faith was not just acknowledged; it produced real results.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Why do you think Jesus was so moved by the centurion's faith?**
- 2. Have you ever believed God for something before seeing any signs or answers? What was the result?**
- 3. How does recognizing Jesus' authority change how you pray?**
- 4. Are there situations in your life right now where you're still relying on your own authority rather than Jesus'?**
- 5. What would "faith that makes Jesus marvel" look like in your life today?**

Key Takeaways

- **The centurion's understanding of authority allowed him to express bold faith.**
- **Faith does not require Jesus to "show up" visibly—just His word is enough.**
- **Jesus is moved by trust, not effort.**
- **Miracles can happen when we speak and believe the truth of God's authority over our situations.**

Activity Ideas

1. "Speak the Word" Cards

Each person writes down a situation they're trusting Jesus for. Then, they write a specific Scripture promise that speaks over it. Read aloud as declarations of faith.

2. Role Play of Authority

In small groups, role-play the story: a commanding officer giving orders vs. Jesus commanding healing. Discuss how authority + faith can work together in our lives.

3. Marvel Moment Challenge

Invite each group member to reflect on or journal: "What could I do this week that would make Jesus marvel at my faith?"

Closing Prayer Prompt

Jesus, thank You that Your authority is greater than anything I face. I choose to trust in Your word today. Help me to live with the kind of faith that makes You marvel. I believe that what You say will come to pass. Amen.