

God and the Ancients II: *A Roman Centurion*

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Luke 7:1-10

A Roman Centurion

A *centurion* was a military professional commanding a “century,” or a unit of roughly 100 men

Centurions became centurions through bravery, loyalty, character, and overall prowess on the battlefield

The Problem: This ‘Man of War’ Had a Problem He Couldn’t Solve

- Luke 7:1-2

This man of great influence, power, and authority found himself face-to-face with a problem he had absolutely zero authority over

- Luke 7:1-10

Resolution #1: Unexpected Humility

“Humility is the first of virtues . . . for other people.”

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

“Of all the virtues vital for successful leadership, humility elicits the most lip service—and the least decisive action.”

- David J. Bobb

- Luke 7:6-7a

“Here is the path to the higher life: down, lower down! Just as water always seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds men abased and empty, His glory and power flow in to exalt and to bless.”

- Andrew Murray

“Pride must die in you, or nothing of Heaven can live in you.”

- Andrew Murray

Resolution #2: Unprecedented Faith

Faith has nothing to do with what I can do, but everything to do with what He can do because of what He's already done!

- Hebrews 10:39-11:1
- Luke 7:7-8

The centurion and his servant were victims of death, then the Prince of Life came to town!

- Luke 7:9

Challenge *FOR* Every Alaskan:

1. See Humanity's Story in the Story of the Centurion!

While we were victims of death, the Prince of Life walked into the room!

2. Today, Take Your *Big* Problem to God!

No matter the problem — He's bigger!