

John-9
“Believe Without Seeing”
John 4:43-54 (NIV)

Hey Newsong!

I want to take a moment and welcome our first-time guests and those joining us online...

If you're online, shout out where you're watching from!

We're walking verse by verse through John's Gospel and we're learning some things about Jesus that we really wouldn't know unless his best friend John told us...

They're not in the eye-witness testimonies of Matthew, Mark & Luke...

The wedding at Cana...

The clearing of the Temple in the beginning of His ministry...The conversation with Nicodemus...

We wouldn't have these amazing facts if John didn't tell us! Why is John telling us? Why did he take the time to write all of this?

John wants the world to know Who Jesus is and that He is the only way to get to heaven.

Series Verse

31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. Jn 20:30–31. (NIV)

Church, today we are standing in a powerful passage of Scripture. John chapter 4 gives us two back-to-back encounters that at first seem

unrelated — the woman at the well which we heard about in last week's sermon and today the healing of the official's son.

But they are intentionally connected.

Last week PM took us to **Sychar**, where Jesus meets a broken Samaritan woman with a thirsty soul.

Now we're In **Cana**, here He meets a royal official from **Capernaum** with a dying son.

On paper, they have absolutely nothing in common.

But in John chapter 4, they are both standing in the same place: **at the end of their own resources.**

One is thirsty for a life that doesn't feel like a desert; the other is desperate for a son who is slipping away.

Yet both are in need of life.

John places these stories together to show us something powerful: Jesus is not just Savior for one type of person.

He is the giver of life to anyone who believes — whether your need is spiritual thirst or a crisis at home.

The woman needed living water.
The official needed a living word.

And in both cases, Jesus proved that He alone
is Life.

"Have you ever felt like God was 'out of range'?"

We often feel like for God to work in our lives,
we need to be in the right building, at the right
altar, or having the right 'goosebump' moment.

We think proximity equals power.

In John 4, a father begs Jesus to travel twenty
miles to save his dying son.

He thinks Jesus has to *be* there to *do* something. But Jesus does the very opposite—He stays put...this was something radical.

He proves that His authority isn't limited by GPS coordinates or physical touch.

If you feel like God is a million miles away from your problem today, this story is for you.

Pray

John 4 beautifully continues the theme of **faith in Christ**—the Lamb of God who brings life.

(John 4:46–54)

1. Desperation Can Lead To Revelation.

(v. 46–47)

46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

Jesus returns to **Cana**, where He had turned water into wine... and a royal official from **Capernaum** comes to Him.

The father in this story is a royal official, likely serving under **Herod**.

He was a man of position. A man of authority. A man who was used to giving orders.

But none of that mattered now...His son was dying.

Pain is the great equalizer. Titles don't heal children. Money can't stop death.

Sometimes God allows desperation because it brings us to Jesus.

The Bible says when he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto Him and begged Him to come down and heal his son.

Notice something: he came to Jesus...this is a man of position.

He didn't send a servant.

He didn't send a message.

He came, himself.

We know that desperation can make you move....Pain will make you pray...Trouble will make you seek the Lord.

Some of us didn't come to Jesus because everything was good...I would even dare to most of us.

We came because something was breaking...Something was dying...Something was out of our control.

Desperation drove him to the only One who could help...How many of us can relate to that, I know I can.

Sometimes God allows a crisis not to destroy us—but to direct us.

Church I need somebody to hear me today: don't curse the crisis or like I said before don't forsake the journey... It might be the very thing that pushes you toward your miracle.

So don't waste your crisis. Let it drive you to Christ...beginning ask the Lord what is it that needs to be revealed in the midst of your circumstance.

Is there a greater purpose for what you are going through...how can God use this for His glory and your good.

So don't waste it!

2. Faith Begins With His Word.

(v. 48)

Jesus responds in a surprising way:

***“Unless you see signs and wonders,
you will not believe.”***

It sounds harsh. But Jesus wasn't rejecting the man—He was refining his faith, revealing something deeper..

Was he coming for a miracle only?

Or was he coming to believe?

There's a difference between faith in miracles and faith in Christ.

Many want what Jesus can do for them...Few want who Jesus is...can you contend with just who Jesus even if you never get the miracle?

Is knowing Him, knowing what He has done for you, knowing that He loves you enough?

Some people want the blessing but not the Savior.

Some people want the healing but not the Healer.

Some people want the provision but not the Provider.

But Jesus is not just a miracle worker. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

He didn't come just to fix symptoms—He came to redeem souls.

We don't always see immediate evidence—but we have to trust His promise.

And some of us need to reevaluate what kind of relationship we want to have with our Lord and Savior...Are you here for Him or are you here for what He can do for? Is your relationship dependent upon what He does for you?

3. Jesus' Power Is Not Limited By Distance.

(v. 49–50)

The official pleads again:

“Sir, come down before my child dies.”

He’s still focused on location. “Come down.” As if Jesus has to stand beside the bed to do the work.

But then Jesus speaks five powerful words:

“Go your way; your son lives.”

That’s it.

No touch.

No prayer cloth.

No dramatic scene.

Just a word.

Jesus didn't need to be physically present. His authority transcends distance.

His power is not limited by geography.

This is a reminder that the Lamb of God—whom we cherish as Redeemer—doesn't just forgive sin; He gives life. His word carries resurrection power.

And the Bible says something beautiful: The man took Jesus at his word and departed”

He believed the word that Jesus spoke and he went his way.

Notice he didn't try to convince Him anymore,
he didn't continue begging Him...he just trusted
and left.

The official just believed...he believed before he
saw anything change.

Church, that is faith.

Faith is not believing after you see it.
Faith is walking home on nothing but His word.

Can you imagine that walk back to
Capernaum? Twenty miles with nothing but a
promise.

Every step he had to fight doubt.
Every mile he had to silence fear.

Every thought had to be brought into obedience to what Jesus said.

“Your son lives.”

And can I tell you something?

When Jesus speaks life, death has to back up...When Jesus speaks healing, sickness must be released...When Jesus speaks peace, fear must surrender.

Because His word carries ALL authority.

And here is the turning point:

“The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.”

He believed before he saw any evidence and that was amazing faith.

Hebrews 11:1 says, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

The official walked almost 20 miles home trusting nothing but the word of Jesus.

Can you walk home on just His word? Can you trust that your healing is on its way? Can you trust that Job is on its way?

You get my point, just fill in the blanks.

He doesn't have to “come down” to where you are to fix it...He already reigns. His word is alive.

He's not confined by geography.

4. Your Faith Can Impact Your Household.

(v. 51–53)

51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole household believed.

The miracle was already done while he was still walking.

And when he asked what hour the child began to recover, they said, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

And the father knew—that was the exact hour Jesus said, “Your son lives.”

Not a minute late.

Not a second off.

But right on time.

Jesus didn’t need to be physically present. His authority transcends distance. His power is not limited by geography.

And the Bible says he believed, and his whole house.

Do you see the progression?

- He believed the word.
- Then he experienced the confirmation.
- Then his faith overflowed to his family.

One man's faith changed his household.

Like the woman at the well: her faith and belief saved an entire city.

Church do you not see, that your YES, your faith has changed the trajectory of your life and the lives of your family.

- One parent believing can shift an atmosphere.
- One grandmother praying can break a generational curse.

- One person trusting the Lamb of God can bring salvation into a home.

It can transform generations.

This miracle is not just about a healing...It is about growing faith.

It is about moving from:

- Crisis faith to Confident faith.

From:

- “Come fix this” to “I trust Your word.”

The official started with desperation...he ended with devotion.

- He started begging Jesus to come down.
- He ended believing Jesus reigns.

And maybe today you are in your twenty-mile walk.

You've heard a word from the Lord—but you haven't seen the evidence yet.

- The doctor hasn't changed the report.
- The bank account hasn't shifted.
- The situation hasn't moved.

But heaven already spoke.

And if Jesus said it, you can walk on it.

If Jesus promised it, you can stand on it.

If the Lamb of God declared life, then life is already on the way.

So today, don't wait to praise Him after you see it...Praise Him because He said it.

Don't wait to believe after confirmation...Believe because His word is enough.

Just take Him at His word.

Because when Jesus says, "Your son lives," what He really means is:

"I am the life.

I have authority.

And you can trust Me."

His power is not limited by geography.

And Jesus is still speaking life today.

Worship Team

Church, John 4:46–52 teaches us one simple but powerful truth so the question is:
Will you believe before you see?

The official wanted Jesus to come down.
But Jesus didn't go — He spoke.

“Go your way; your son lives.” And that was enough.

He walked away with nothing visible.

- No proof.
- No evidence.
- Just a promise.

And while he was walking, God was working.

By the time he received confirmation, the miracle had already taken place.

And that's how faith works.

You may be in the middle of your walk right now...And you've heard the Word, but you haven't seen the results.

I'm here to tell you just, keep walking.

Because if Jesus said it, heaven has already backed it up.

If Jesus declared life, death cannot override it.

If Jesus spoke peace, fear cannot cancel it.

The same Christ who spoke healing in Cana is the same Lamb of God who speaks salvation over us.

So don't wait for the servants to meet you.

Don't wait for the evidence to show up..trust Him now.

Walk on His Word...Stand on His promise....
Believe before you see.

Jesus says, "Your son lives," it means life has already been released...Healing has already been released...Deliverance has already been released...provision has already been released.

Because when Jesus speaks life, life must respond.

So as you leave today, walk like the answer is already done.

- Pray like the promise is already secure.
- Praise like the miracle is already in motion.

And trust that what He has spoken over your life, your house, over your family, over your future —He will bring to pass.

Just take Him at His Word. Because what He speaks —He will perform!

So we always end with a question what is the Holy Spirit saying to you today:

Maybe you're here and you feel like the official — trying to hold it together while something you love is slipping away.

Maybe you're part of the crowd — wanting signs before you surrender.

Maybe we are walking home right now with nothing but a word from God and a heart full of questions.

PRAYER