



## Faith that Amazed

**Text:** Luke 7:1-10; Matthew 8:5-13

### Prayer

**Icebreaker:** Give some examples from the lives of people you know or have heard about that demonstrate extraordinary faith.

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1. Contrast the two Gospel accounts in which we learn that Jesus marveled or was amazed. Mark 6:5-6; Luke 7:6-9

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2. How do we reconcile Matthew's account with Luke's? Luke tells us that this Roman centurion sent a Jewish delegation to ask Jesus to come heal his servant. In Matthew's account it appears at first reading that the centurion came personally to Jesus. Does the Bible contradict itself? Luke 7:1-10; Matthew 8:5-13

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3. Having read the accounts, make observations about this Roman centurion who sent a delegation to appeal to Jesus to heal his servant?

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4. Why might this Roman officer feel unworthy to come personally to Jesus?  
Luke 7:3; Acts 10:27-28; 11:1-3

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5. Once Jesus agreed to come heal his servant why was this centurion still so humble as to feel unworthy that Jesus would come into his home?  
Luke 7:6-7; Romans 3:19; Galatians 3:22-24; Luke 5:8; 18:10-14

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6. What lesson from his life as a soldier resulted in this centurion's extraordinary faith in Jesus? What conclusion must he have come to regarding Jesus relationship to God and of our responsibility toward Jesus once we place our faith in Him?  
Luke 7:7-8; Matthew 28:18-19

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7. What had this centurion recognized that many of the Jews had failed to see and believe? Matthew 8:10-12; John 5:17; 10:25

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8. What lessons should we take from this account if we would demonstrate extraordinary faith? Matthew 28:18-19; Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:7, 17; Ephesians 5:22-23; 6:1, 5-6; Daniel 2:20-21

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## Think About it this week:

To please Jesus I must look for opportunities to demonstrate my faith by trusting and following the authorities God has place over my life.

*The LORD looks down from heaven  
And sees the whole human race.  
From His throne He observes  
All who live on the earth.  
He made their hearts,  
So He understands everything they do.  
The LORD watches over those who fear Him,  
Those who rely on His unfailing love.  
He rescues them from death  
And keeps them alive in times of famine.  
We put our hope in the LORD.  
He is our help and our shield.  
In Him our hearts rejoice,  
For we trust in His holy name.  
Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD,  
For our hope is in You alone.*

Psalm 33:13-15, 18-22 (NLT)