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Matthew 8:5-13 NKJV

5Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

6saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

7And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

9For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one,* ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it.*”

10When Jesus heard *it,* He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

11And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, *so* let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

# Luke 7:1-10 NKJV

# 7 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

# 2And a certain centurion’s servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

# 3So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

# 4And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

# 5“for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue.”

# 6Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

# 7Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

# 8For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it.*”

# 9When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

# 10And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

#  *The highest form of faith in God’s Word and it’s authority alone!*

# Luke 10:42 NKJV

# 42But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

#  *One thing is needful, the Word.*

# John 15:7 NKJV

# 7If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

# Romans 4:16-22 NKJV

# 16Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be [a]sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

# 17(as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

# 18who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

# 19And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.

# 20He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

# 21and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

# 22And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

# Luke 17:11-19 NKJV

# 11Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

# 12Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

# 13And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

# 14So when He saw *them,* He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

# 15And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

# 16and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

# 17So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine?

# 18Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”

# 19And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

#  *The lowest form of faith, or no faith at all in God’s sight is a covenant man desiring a physical sign or manifestation before he will believe.*

# John 20:26-31 NKJV

# 26And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

#  27Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here,* and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

# 28And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

# 29Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

# 30And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

# 31but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

# Luke 1:18 NKJV

# 18And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

#  *Zacharias wanted a sign, he could think only of his body and age. Love makes faith work at it’s highest level.*

# Galatians 5:6 NKJV

# 6For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

#  *Faith works for man on the giving end.*

# 2 Corinthians 9:6 NKJV

# 6But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

# 2 Corinthians 9:10 NKJV

# 10Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness,