

Amazed by Faith

Luke 7:1-10

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1. Humble Faith Vs 1-7a

Although the elders thought Jesus owed him a healing for his patronage, the humble Centurion believed himself unworthy to directly approach Jesus or have Jesus come to his house.

Faith humbly recognizes that one has done nothing that obligates God to come, receive, or do anything he or she asks of him.

2. Trustful Faith Vs 7b-8

The Centurion called Jesus 'Lord', whom he trusted had the sovereign authority and loving compassion to move him to heal his terminally ill servant.

Faith trusts in the Lord's willingness to respond to one's request according to his divine competency and character.

3. Honoured Faith Vs 9-10

The gentile Centurion's faith, which, to Spirit-filled Jesus' amazement, surpassed any faith expressed by those claiming to be God's people, was honoured by Jesus' amazing healing of his servant.

The Lord honours faith in his divine competency and character by doing amazing things for, in and through us.

Summary: If it was possible for the Centurion's faith to amaze the Lord, think how much more amazed we will be by the Lord if we emulate the Centurion's faith!

Questions

1. What things do people do that they arrogantly think will obligate God to do something amazing for them?

2. The Centurion's humble faith sprung from his humble heart.
 - a. What kinds of actions or speech are indicators that someone has a humble heart before God?

 - b. Which of these indicators would you like to emulate?

3. In addition to his power, what other competencies does God possess that make him the go to person in the universe in times of need?

4. Other than compassion, what other character qualities lead us to trust that he is willing to respond to our requests?

5. Read James 1:6; 4:3; Ps. 66:18 and discover what can interfere with God doing amazing things for, in and through you.

