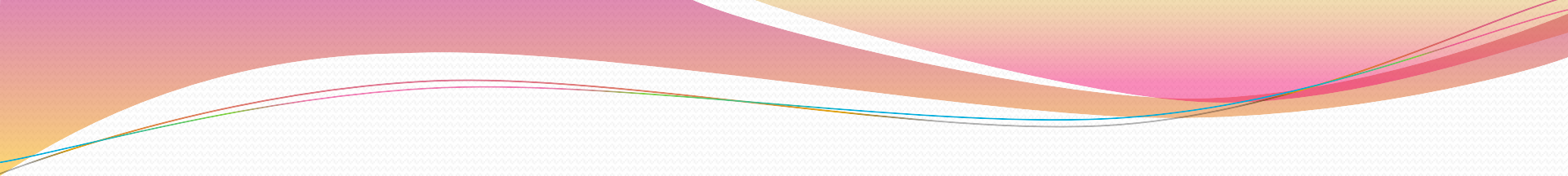


Gotta have Faith

Luke 7: 1-10

7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. **2** There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. **3** The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, **5** because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." **6** So Jesus went with them.



He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.



An unusual Centurion

- Over 100
- Likely but not nec Roman.
- Total control over slaves.
- Likely to have come from another area.
- Has authority from Rome
BUT
- Kind
- Shows love to his slave
- Built synagogue – gave planning permission.
- Humble
- Respected by community



Servant

- Valued by his master
- Very ill
- Gets healed
- Likely to be Jewish.



Elders

- Not necessarily synagogue leaders
- Respected in the community
- Respected the centurion


Friends

- Faithful to their friend
- Probably not Jewish
- Heard Jesus amazement.
- Witnessed healing

The Ripple Effect



One small change
can have an enormous impact



**Exercise your
faith;
it grows your faith
and that of
others.**



**LORD,
I BELIEVE;
HELP
MY UNBELIEF!**

Mark 9: 24



Mark 4: 35