

jenaministries – Part 6 Bible Miracles

3. Faith of the Centurion – Servant Son Healed

The miracle of the Centurion's servant (or son) was documented in three different books of the Bible: Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 4:1-10, & John 4:43-54. Each of the writers had a different experience or memory of the event. But all three of them teach the same outcome – Jesus does not need to touch a person (or even be in close proximity) to heal them.

For the most part, Jesus only ministered to God's chosen people (descendants of Abraham). So when the Centurion (a Roman Military Officer) came to Jesus, it was highly unusual. But the Centurion came very humbly and respectfully. He believed Jesus was the Messiah.

The Centurion begged for healing of his servant (or son) who was paralyzed and suffering (**Scriptures Matthew 8:5-13 Luke 7:1-10 John 4:43-54**). Jesus asked him to take him to the boy, but the Centurion responded with something that surprised everyone. He told Jesus that he is not worthy of Jesus to come into his home and admitted he is a sinner. Being an officer, he sends people to go fight and a lot of them died; so he sends people to their death.

Being full of faith, the Centurion told Jesus that he doesn't have to touch the boy to heal him. Just say the word, and the boy would be healed. Nobody had spoken like this before. People traveled long distances to be where Jesus could touch them and heal them. The bleeding women had faith that if she could just touch Jesus' garment, she would be healed. But nobody had faith that all Jesus had to do was say the word and not physically touch to heal.

Jesus was amazed by the Centurion's faith and said out loud to everyone who could hear that he had never seen such strong faith, not even in Israel. Even Jesus' disciples who had seen many miracles did not have that much faith.

He told the Centurion to go home, his servant was healed. The Centurion went home and found his servant healed. The boy was healed at the exact moment Jesus spoke the word.

Even though the story is told a little differently by the different writers in Matthew, Luke, and John (**Scriptures Matthew 8:5-13 Luke 7:1-10 John 4:43-54**), it still has the same message for us. Jesus has no boundaries. He only needs to speak the word, and any miracle can happen.

We just need to have that kind of faith. A faith like the Centurion's.

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Matthew 8:5-13 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. **But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.** 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." **When Jesus heard this, he was amazed** and said to those following him, **"Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.** I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

Luke 7:10 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 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. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. **But say the word, and my servant will be healed.** 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." **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."** Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

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John 4:43-54 After the two days he left for Galilee. (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there. 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. 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. "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "You will never believe." The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 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." 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. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.