

'THE REST OF THE STORY'
(Going Deeper - Luke's Gospel Record of Jesus)
The Centurion's Faith / Luke 7:1-10

Review & synopsis: Luke's masterpiece gospel of the life of Christ is written in the literary style of a brilliant Greek drama:

Act 1 (*Chapters 1-3*)

The Incarnation & Inauguration of Jesus, the Messiah

Act 2 (*Chapters 4-6*)

The Public Proof & Prophetic Ministry of Jesus, the Messiah

Act 3 (*Chapters 7-9*)

The Training of The Twelve / Discipleship...

All along the way **'faith'** has been the spiritual fuel that moves God to bless Jesus and those who follow Him. Faith, biblical faith (**Hebrews 11:1, 6**) was, is and always will be, the supernatural energy of God that victoriously overcomes the world (**John 16:33, 1 John 5:4**). Faith is still the thing that greatly blesses God and moves Him to bless those who have it...

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

1 John 5:4-5

'Such Great Faith!'
(True faith: The Gift That Keeps on Getting)
Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13

In the first healing miracle of Jesus after He chose the twelve disciples was the healing of the centurion's servant. In both texts Jesus commends **'such great faith'** (**Matthew 8:10, Luke 7:9**). Throughout His ministry and even now as He intercedes for us in heaven, Jesus loves to hear prayers of **'great faith'** which He gladly presents to the Father and then, the Spirit gladly blesses on earth.

Study the two accounts above, seeking to derive specific things that are true of **'great faith'** and those who have it.

- What is **'great faith'**?
- What kind of person has **'great faith'**?
- Have you ever seen it in someone? (Who? About what?)
- Have you ever had to exercise **'great faith'**? (What is it like?)

What does Jesus say about **'faith in these last days'** (**Luke 18:8**)? Why do you think there is a lack of **'great faith'** in the last days? (*will Romans 10:17 help?*)

Share examples of **'great faith'** you have seen at CBF. What are some things at CBF that require **'great faith'** to be accomplished by God's grace?

What are some things in your life that require **'great faith'** on your part?

What things about the centurion need to be true of any disciple of Christ if he or she expects **'great faith'** to rise up in him or her to experience **'great answers'** from the Lord?