

Great Faith – The Centurion (Luke 7:1-10)

The words that grab our attention in this current series we see in 7:9

Jesus “marveled at his faith”: only other time Jesus marveled (Mk 6:6)

I. An Important Background & Context to Great Faith (7:1)

Vs 1 Now when He concluded all His sayings... He entered Capernaum

We have a 3 fold context: chronological, geographical & content context

II. Great Faith Cares Deeply for People (7:2)

A certain centurion: ‘servant/ slave’ he ‘cared dearly for’ ‘near to death’

Compare Matt 8:5-13 & Luke 7:1-10 centurion cared deeply for the slave

III. Great Faith Feels Unworthy in Approaching Jesus (7:3,7)

Like all men under conviction of sin, the Centurion felt his unworthiness

He sent a delegation of Jewish elders to ask Jesus to heal his servant

IV. Great Faith Seeks the Power of God in Jesus Christ (7:4,5)

Jewish elders, pleaded for the centurion on the basis of his worthiness

Centurion did not see it that way (6,7), he knew his only hope was Jesus

V. Great Faith is Centered in Two Sources (vv 6-8)

Seeing Oneself

Seeing Christ

VI. Great Faith Stirs the Matchless Power of Jesus Christ (7:9-10)

The man himself, his occupation, his certainty: do we see Jesus as he did?