

Text: Luke 7:1-17(ESV)

"After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well. Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country."

Big Idea: We are frail and Jesus comes in authority to heal and give life with compassion and power.

Outline:

1. Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
2. Jesus Heals the Widow's Son

Observations & Questions:

1. What do we learn about the Power and authority of Jesus here?
 1. Do we limit what we think God can do in us, for us, and through us because of geography, or distance, or ability, or worthiness?
2. Do we rely on a formula for how we expect Jesus to work?

** The only "requirements" for receiving the blessing of Jesus are:

- Deep Humility &
- Sincere Faith in Jesus

Sermon Notes
A Tale of Two Healings

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3. Are you prone to doubting that God hears you? That he KNOWS you? That he is near to you?
4. Are you able, in your grief to trust that God is working all things for your good and His glory?

** Faith in Jesus is faith that our greatest enemies (sin, death, hell, Satan) are defeated.

** What Jesus did for this dead man (resurrection) he will one day do for ALL of those who are His... in a final, perfect, resurrection from the dead.

Other Scriptures:

- Mark 6
- 1 Kings 17
- Ephesians 2:4-7

“Unlike others, Jesus doesn’t simply comment on the enemies of mankind; he overcomes them — sin, sickness, and death.” — Alistair Begg

“We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us; we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be.” — C.S. Lewis