

Matthew 8:5-13

The Faith of a Roman Officer



Category	Details	Spiritual Insight	Cross References	Application
The Approach v. 5	Centurion comes to Jesus in Capernaum	Shows humility – though a man of authority, he seeks help.	Luke 7:1-10 (parallel account), James 4:6	Come to Jesus with humility
The Request v. 6	He pleads for his paralyzed servant who is suffering	His concern for his servant reflects compassion.	Philippians 2:3-4	Pray for other's needs with genuine love.
Jesus Response v. 7	Jesus offers to come and heal	Demonstrates willingness and compassion.	Matthew 7:7-8; John 14:13-14	Trust that Jesus is willing and able to help.
The Centurion's Faith v. 8-9	"Just say the word..." He understands authority and applies it to Jesus' power.	Recognizes Jesus' authority as divine.	Psalms 107:20; Hebrews 11:1	True faith trusts Jesus' word even without physical evidence.
Jesus' Amazement v. 10	Jesus marvels at his faith, greater than in Israel.	Faith is not about heritage but trust in Christ.	Romans 10:9-13	Faith that pleases God comes from the heart, not background.
The Kingdom Picture v. 11-12	Gentiles will join the banquet, while some Jews will be cast out.	Foreshadows inclusion of Gentiles and warning to the unfaithful.	Isaiah 25:6; Revelation 19:9	Salvation is through faith in Christ, not nationality or religion.
The Healing v.13	Jesus declares it done, and the servant is healed instantly.	Power of Christ's spoken word.	John 4:50-53	Believe Jesus' word – His promises are certain.



CROSS REFERENCES

James 4:6

But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

John 14:13-14

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

Psalms 107:20

He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 10:9-13

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Isaiah 25:6

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

Revelation 19:9

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

John 4:50-53

Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering.

So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household.