Amazing Jesus With My Faith

Meeting Jesus #12 of 13 Tim Gill - November 15, 2015

Luke's details concerning the Centurion:

- He is *compassionate to the weak*. (v.2-3)
- He is *kind to his enemies*. (v.4-5)
- He is *deeply religious*. (v.4-5)

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." Luke 7:9 (NIV)

I amaze Jesus with my faith...

1. When I believe in God's greatness. (v.6-7a)

• Great faith produces humility.

Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you... (v.6-7a)

Lord GOD, you have begun to show me, your servant, <u>how great you</u> <u>are</u>. You have great strength, and no other god in heaven or on earth can do the powerful things you do. There is no other god like you. **Deuteronomy 3:24 (NCV)**

Do not be quick with your mouth; do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. <u>God is in heaven and you are on</u> <u>earth</u>, so let your words be few. **Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV)**

It wasn't their swords that took the land. It wasn't their power that gave them victory. But it was <u>your great power and strength</u>. You were with them because you loved them. **Psalm 44:3 (NCV)**

You are the God who does amazing things. You showed the nations your great power. Psalm 77:14 (ERV)

...for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power. Philippians 4:13 (TLB) 2. When I depend on God for help. (v.3)

The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. (v.3)

Then Jesus said to the officer, "Go home. Your servant will be healed the way you believed he would." Right then his servant was healed. Matthew 8:13 (ERV)

I look up to the hills, but where will my help really come from? ² My help will come from the LORD, the Creator of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2 (ERV)

Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace. There we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it. **Hebrews 4:16 (NCV)**

3. When I trust His word. (v.7b-8)

But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ 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. (v.7b-8)

Great faith <u>obeys the orders of God</u>.

I will bow down facing your holy Temple, and I will thank you for your love and loyalty. You have made your name and your word greater than anything. Psalm 138:2 (NCV)

Everything he does is good and fair; all his orders can be trusted. Psalm 111:7 (NCV)

The orders of the LORD are right; they make people happy. The commands of the LORD are pure; they light up the way... ¹¹ Keeping them brings great reward. **Psalm 19:8, 11b (NCV)**

Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:10 (NIV)