

# WONDERS

Title: **GREAT FAITH**

Date: **July 7, 2024**

## Leader's Tips:

- S** - Sensitivity with others. No one should feel left out.
- P** - Participation is encouraged during discussion.
- A** - Acknowledge guests. Make them feel welcome.
- C** - Confidentiality is key. What is shared stays in the group.
- E** - Encourage the group to pray for one another.

## WORSHIP: (15 mins)

### Venue Option 1: Home gatherings

*Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.*

**Venue Option 2: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online, ask, "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past we.**

## WELCOME:(15 mins): Welcome everyone in the group.

**Ice-breaker:** *A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."*

**Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:6**

## WORD (30–45 mins) - Text: Luke 7:1-10 NIV

The centurion, a Gentile, recognized that he was considered unworthy to have Jesus enter his home due to Jewish laws that do not allow close association with Gentiles. Despite his high status and recognition for his generosity, he humbly acknowledged his position. His remarkable faith, crossed cultural boundaries and made an impact on Jesus Himself. His extraordinary faith earned him a reputation of a man with great faith!

### 1. He submitted to the authority of Jesus - Luke 7:8

The centurion's situation required Jesus to exercise power and authority. By submitting himself and his dying servant under Jesus' authority, he acknowledged Jesus has power to perform the miraculous. From this kind of situation, we can learn that we as followers of Jesus, we should submit to His authority and acknowledge that there is nothing that He cannot do if we only believe.

**Q: What do you think made the centurion trust in Jesus' power to heal his servant?"**

**Q: Was there ever a time when you have doubted God to perform something impossible in your life? Would you be able to share that story?**

**Q: Would you share a time you asked God for someone's miracle?**

## 2. And trusted the power of the Lord's word - Read Luke 7:7b **"But say the word, and my servant will be healed."**

Understanding Jesus' authority, the centurion recognized that "His word carries weight," signifying that His words are credible, reliable, and trustworthy. All the centurion awaited was for the Lord to speak. While others sought to touch the hem of His garment or have Him lay hands on the sick, the centurion understood the power inherent in authoritative speech.

**Q: What can we learn from the centurion's strong confidence and faith in Jesus authority to only "say the word" so that his servant would be healed?**

**Q: What does the centurion's humility and faith teach us about trusting God for our own needs?**

**Q: Is there something you're believing God for in your life, but you're struggling with a hint of doubt in your heart?"**

## Conclusion:

Will you yield to the authority of Christ and trust in the power of His word? Is there any rebellion against God though, such as offenses against Him or insubordination to His delegated authority in the home, church, workplace, or government, that we need to repent of?

If yes, please ask God for forgiveness for the rebellion in your heart and decide to fully place yourself under His authority.

**Q: What is your take-away from the discussion?** Partner with someone in prayer.

## WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

**P- Pray** for one another. Ask **"what can I pray for you?"** (7mins.)

**R- Remind** to invite a friend on the next gathering.

**A- Apply** the message during the week.

**Y- Yearn** to share your faith with some one during the week.