



Week of May 30, 2021
Lessons in Luke: Faith
Luke 7:1-10

Day One: Read Luke 7:1-3

¹ When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.

- Roman centurions and Jewish religious leaders were not always the best of friends. In fact, they were often enemies. What do you think made this relationship work?

Day Two: Read Luke 7:4-5

⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

- The way the Jewish religious leaders interact with Jesus is interesting. What do you think contributed to their willingness to collaborate with Jesus in this situation? Also, does the way they beg and not ask Jesus to help strike you as odd? How so?

Day Three: Read Luke 7:6-8

⁶ So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "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. 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."

- This is some fantastic humility on the part of the Roman centurion. Can you think of a time in your life when someone was surprisingly humble towards you? Do you think it was the faith of that person that animated their action?

Day Four: Read Luke 7:9

⁹ 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."

- Jesus is amazed at the centurion's faith and humility. Why do you think that is? What kinds of things do you think Jesus has in mind when he thinks about the faithlessness of Israel?

Day Five: Read Luke 7:10

¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

- We have a lot of situations in our lives when it is easy to doubt the way of Jesus and the power of Jesus. Can you think of one in your life right now? What would it mean for you to trust Jesus?