

**“Amazing Faith”**  
**Luke 7:1-10**  
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## **I. Introduction**

- A. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).
  - 1. If we are going to come to God, please God, and be rewarded by God, we must have faith
  - 2. No more perfect picture of faith has been recorded for us than that of the centurion of Capernaum. A faith that marveled the Son of God.
  - 3. Let’s look and learn from the man with amazing faith. I want to break down the story into four sections

## **II. The Context of Amazing Faith (Luke 7:1-2)**

- A. Faith’s essence (v. 3)
  - 1. Heard of Jesus
  - 2. Rest on His Word
- B. Faith’s sincerity (vv. 4-5)
  - 1. He had accepted light as far as it had been revealed, so more light will be given
- C. Faith’s humility (vv. 6-7a)
  - 1. He built his hope on the goodness and power of Jesus alone
- D. Faith’s dependence (vv. 7b-8)
  - 1. “Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see” (Hebrews 11:1 NLT).
  - 2. The centurion saw clearly who Jesus was (v. 8)
  - 3. What are you needing to trust God for right now in your life?

## **III. The Commendation of Amazing Faith (Luke 7:9)**

- A. Why was Jesus amazed by this centurion’s faith?
  - 1. His background
    - a) A Gentile living in darkness
    - b) He had a sick slave
  - 2. His occupation
    - a) A Roman soldier
  - 3. His wealth (v. 5)
    - a) (Luke 18:24-25)
  - 4. His certainty (v. 7)
    - a) (Matthew 8:11-12)
    - b) Salvation is for everyone
    - c) Salvation is by grace
    - d) Some who think they are saved will be lost

## **IV. The Consequences of Amazing Faith (Luke 7:10)**

- A. God answers prayers
  - 1. (Matthew 8:13)
  - 2. Jesus has power over sickness
- B. God blesses others in response to prayer in faith
- C. Sometimes God says “no”
  - 1. The danger that we become bitter and angry
  - 2. It’s often because we had faith in prayer
    - a) Prayer in faith looks to God and trusts in God
  - 3. What kind of faith do you have?
    - a) *“Lord give me faith to live from day to day. With tranquil heart to do my simple part. And with my hand in thine, just go thy way. Lord, give me faith to trust if not to know. With quiet mind in all things, thee to find. And child-like go where thou wouldst have me go; Lord give me faith to leave it all to thee. The future is thy gift; I would not life the veil thy love has hung twixt it to me.”* –John Oxenham

## V. Conclusion

- A. We see the centurion
  - 1. Caring and loving
  - 2. Humble
  - 3. Great faith
- B. We see the Christ
  - 1. Compassion
  - 2. Power
  - 3. Marveling
- C. *“Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.”* –Augustine