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### Great Faith

#### Introduction:

- **Matthew 8:5-10**
- What does it take to have Great Faith?
- Some people do not have any faith (Mark 4:40)
- Some have a little faith (Matthew 6:30)
- Why did Jesus imply this man in Matthew 8 had great faith?

#### 1. **Great When You Think of Who He Was.**

- Roman Centurian (not a Jew)
- At some point he had to hear and believe what was said about Jesus was true.
- (v. 5) This man **came** to Jesus, (v. 6) trusted Him, (v. 8) believed Him...*But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.*
- **Great Faith** is often fostered in the midst of your greatest difficulties.
- If your faith would grow exceedingly it must be exercised abundantly.

#### 2. **Great When You Think of the Occasion of it.**

- The man's **servant** was sick.
- He believed that Jesus was compassionate and concerned with what the world considered small, poor, or discarded.
- Compare and contrast with the Pharisee in **Matthew 9:11**.
- **Great faith** always brings the simple things to Jesus.

#### 3. **Great When You Think of the Need Mentioned.**

- Jesus is concerned with the simple and the hard in our lives.
- The servant was **greatly tormented**.
- This shows the compassion and concern of the Centurian.
- There was a great need, but Christ is bigger.
- **Great faith** lays hold of the Greatness of Christ.
- **Are we concerned with the needs of others?**

#### 4. **Great When You Think of the Request Made.**

- *Speak a word...*
- The belief from the Centurian is to the point .
- **Great Faith** does not seek a sign, but is satisfied with the promise alone.

5. **Great When You Think of the Argument Used.**
  - “I am not worthy.”
  - **Great Faith** is always humble.
6. **Great When You Think of the Results That Followed.**
  - (v. 13) Jesus **Responds** to faith!
  - **Great Results** usually follow **Great Faith**.
7. **Great When You Think of the Commendation Given.**
  - **Great Faith** is something that Jesus recognizes and rewards.
  - “I have not found such **great faith**, not even in Israel.”