

April Teaching Series

THE FAITH THAT ASTONISHED THE LORD

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Key Scriptures:

Matthew 8: 5-13; Hebrews 11:6

“When JESUS heard this, he was astonished and said told those who following him, ‘I tell you the truth, **I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.**’ ” Matthew 8:10

The Centurion

” When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a Centurion came to him” (v. 5a)

1. His Position
2. His Character
3. His Concern

The Petition

”...came to him, asking for help”

Beseechingly – not demanding it as his “right.”

- **Humbly** – came ...asking for help...”**Lord**”
- **Unselfishly** – for another

The Response

“I will go and heal him.”

- **It’s Promptness** ... I will go (Isaiah 65:24; Jeremiah 33:3)
- **It’s Certainty** ... I will go and heal him

The Faith He Displayed

- **He took the right place in the presence of the Son of God.** “Lord, I do not deserve to have you under my roof” (V.8a)
- **He feels the Lord can heal the servants without even going to his home.** “ Just say the word ... and my servant will be healed” (v.8b)
- **He had a personal faith on Jesus.** “ just say the word”

The Commendation

Jesus commends him for so much faith!

- A faith that Recognized his authority
- A faith that was humble before his person.
- A faith that trusted in his mere word.

The Result of Faith ...

“And his servant was healed at that very hour.” (v.13c)

- Great faith, great blessing !
- “Just as you believed it would”
- Mark 11:22

Lessons for us Today

1. What Jesus is after is Faith.
2. True faith is demonstrated in a humble approach to God.
3. He loves and ministers to all classes of people.
4. The amount we receive depends on our faith in Him.
- 5 Faith in the authority of God’s word brings results.