

Lesson 5, March 29, 2026, Renewed Health, Luke 7:1-10

Bible Basis: Luke 7:1-10

Bible Truth: The centurion's faith in Jesus caused his servant to receive healing from Jesus.

Memory Verse: ⁹When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Lesson Aims- Key Takeaways

1. Humility Before Honor

The centurion sees himself as unworthy—yet Jesus honors his faith.

2. Faith in Jesus' Word

He believes Jesus can heal with a command.

3. Understanding Authority

He recognizes Jesus' divine authority more clearly than many Israelites.

4. God's Heart for Outsiders

A Gentile soldier becomes a model of faith.

Names that Matter

1. Jesus- performing miracles and teaching. The Messiah and the Son of God.
2. Centurion- A Roman military officer over 100 soldiers, powerful, wealthy, and Gentile whose servant is gravely ill.
3. Centurion's Servant -The servant who is sick and near death, whom Jesus heals from a distance at the centurion's request.
4. Location: Capernaum It is a town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee and served as a central hub for Jesus' ministry in Galilee.

Passage Summary- Background Context

Jesus enters Capernaum, where a Roman centurion's servant is near death. The centurion sends Jewish elders to ask Jesus to heal him. As Jesus approaches the house, the centurion sends friends with a message of deep humility: "I am not worthy... but speak the word only." Jesus marvels at this man's faith—greater than any He found in Israel. When the messengers return, the servant is healed.

The Lesson Text:

I The Elder's Request (Luke 7:1-5)

¹Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

²And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

³And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

⁴And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

⁵For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

What's Happening Here? (vv. 1-5)

1. Jesus enters Capernaum after teaching (v. 1)

Jesus has just finished a major block of teaching (the Sermon on the Plain). Now He returns to **Capernaum**, His ministry base—a place where He performed many miracles.

This sets the stage:

Jesus has authority in word and deed.

Teaching Point:

True faith often begins with recognizing our need.

2. A centurion's beloved servant is dying (v. 2)

A Roman centurion—an officer over about 100 soldiers—has a servant who is:

- dear to him
- gravely ill
- near death

This is unusual.

Most Roman officers treated servants as tools, not people.

But this centurion is compassionate, humble, and deeply caring.

His love for his servant reveals his character.

Teaching Point:

People may measure worthiness by deeds; God looks at the heart.

3. The centurion sends Jewish elders to Jesus (vv. 3–5)

He hears about Jesus and sends respected Jewish leaders to ask for help.

The elders plead with Jesus:

- “He is worthy...”
- “He loves our nation...”
- “He built us a synagogue...”

They argue based on **merit**—his good deeds.

But the centurion himself will take the opposite posture.

People see him as worthy; he sees himself as unworthy.

II The Centurion's Response (vv. 6-8)

⁶Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof:

⁷Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

⁸For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

What's Happening Here? (vv. 6-8)

4. Jesus goes with them (v. 6)

Jesus responds immediately.

He honors the centurion's request and begins walking toward his home.

This shows:

- Jesus' compassion
- His willingness to help a Gentile
- His openness to those outside Israel

But before Jesus arrives, something remarkable happens.

Teaching Point:

Humility is the soil where great faith grows.

5. The centurion sends friends with a message of deep humility (vv. 6-7)

He says:

- "Lord, trouble not Yourself..."
- "I am not worthy for You to enter my house..."
- "I did not think myself worthy to come to You..."
- "Just say the word, and my servant shall be healed."

This is stunning humility from a man of rank and power.

He knows:

- Jesus is holy
- He is unworthy
- Jesus' word alone is enough

This is the heart of great faith.

6. The centurion explains his understanding of authority (v. 8)

He says:

“I am a man under authority... I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes...”

He recognizes that Jesus’ authority works the same way:

- Jesus commands sickness
- Jesus commands creation
- Jesus commands with divine authority

He believes Jesus can heal **from a distance** with a single command.

Teaching Point:

Faith is not believing harder—it is recognizing who Jesus is.

III The Servant’s Renewal (vv. 9-10)

⁹When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

¹⁰And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

What’s Happening Here? (vv. 9-10)

7. Jesus marvels at his faith (v. 9)

This is extraordinary.

Only twice in Scripture does Jesus marvel:

- at **unbelief** (Nazareth) – Mark 6:6
- at **great faith** (this centurion) – Matthew 8:10

And this great faith comes from a Gentile outsider.

Jesus turns to the crowd and says:

“I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”

This is both praise and challenge.

Teaching Point:

God delights in faith that trusts His word without conditions.

8. The servant is healed (v. 10)

The messengers return and find the servant completely well.

No touch.

No ritual.

No physical presence.

Just the power of Jesus’ word.

The centurion’s faith is vindicated.

Teaching Point:

Jesus’ authority extends over distance, disease, and all creation.

 **Symbolism Box**

Symbol	Meaning
Centurion	Outsider with unexpected faith
Servant	Human need that draws us to Jesus
Authority	Jesus’ divine power over all things
Distance healing	The limitless reach of Christ’s word

 **Life Application**

- Identify an area where you need to trust Jesus’ authority more fully.
- Practice humility by acknowledging your dependence on God.

- Pray with the centurion's heart: "Lord, I am not worthy... but speak the word."
- Look for ways to show compassion like the centurion did for his servant.

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the centurion's character?
2. Why is humility so essential to faith?
3. How does the centurion's understanding of authority deepen our understanding of Jesus?
4. Why do you think Jesus marveled at this man's faith?
5. What would it look like for you to trust Jesus' word "from a distance" in your own life?