

Refrigerator Notes 29 May 2016  
The Greater Faith is Saving Faith  
Luke 7:1-10

1. Faith is never a measurement of quantity, but quality
2. First lesson learned from the scripture is 'we must trust the Word of God'
3. God's direction for our faith and His standards are found in the bible, the Centurion put his beloved servant ahead of himself, although a slave in Christ's day was less than the value of the owner's animals
4. The Centurion sent the Elders' to plead his case before Jesus, knowing full well who the Master was
5. The second lesson we learn from the scripture was great faith begins as a follower of Christ
6. It's about the attitude of your heart and not aptitude of the mind, don't make this mistake (your attitude will determine your altitude)
7. Knowing Jesus personally (in your heart), realizing Jesus has divine authority, as oppose to man having authority over another
8. One's faith will depend on one's relationship with our Lord and Savior, when it comes to believing, believing is key to faith
9. The third lesson we learn from this scripture this morning is 'The motives of great faith are pure, and are in harmony with the will of God'
10. The Centurion boldly brought his need to Jesus, to find Jesus' will - concerning the afflicted servant, scriptures clearly indicate that God answers those prayers, which are in accordance to His will, not just our own will
11. To have faith's assurance for the desired results of our prayers, our requests must be based upon the criteria of God's desires. Prayer should not be viewed as merely a way to obtain our wishes, but a means that God uses to perpetuate His will for our needs. The Bible says, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15)
12. The forth lesson is 'Great faith has a humble heart'
13. There was no doubt of the sincerity and humility of the centurion, and his apparent high esteem and honor placed in the person of Jesus. The Centurion confessed his unworthiness, his lowly undeserving status, even for Jesus to come into his home
14. The scripture states that "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6), the word "humble" means self-abasement. We are totally dependent upon God, for His grace and His strength (unmerited favor)
15. It's never about what we can do for God, but what God can do for us when we are faithful and obedient
16. A fifth lesson that we can learn is — 'Great faith has a complete trust in the dependability of God's Word, and accepts it as fact above any other evidence or circumstance that is external to the world'
17. The centurion was so thoroughly convinced of the authority of Christ's Word that he did not find it necessary for Jesus to personally visit the servant. He felt assured, if Christ would only just give the command, the healing would be the response
18. The difference between great faith and little faith is not one of quantity. Great faith does not have lots and lots of faith, whereas little faith has hardly any. It's not about percentages or degrees of faith, but it is believing 100% with your heart who Christ is
19. In conclusion, the Centurion believed in his own lack of merit (grace), Second, he believed in the power of Jesus, and he believed these things, when almost nobody else did, and third, so he had greater faith
20. Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation — is a Saving faith!