

Where did that come from?

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Luke 7:1 - 10

THE SCENE

- WHEN? Right after preaching the Sermon on the Plain
- WHERE? Capernaum
- WHO? Unnamed centurion
 - He was very sympathetic to the Jewish religion
 - He financed the construction of the local synagogue
 - He was unusually compassionate toward his servant

PRINCIPLE #1: Faith is generally birthed out of a desperate need.

- WHAT? Healing at a distance

REMARKABLE FAITH

- He had opportunity to hear about Jesus
- He knew about Jesus' miraculous power
- He had witnessed Jesus change people's lives
- He knew of a case when Jesus had healed at a distance

PRINCIPLE #2: The value of your faith is dependent upon how well you know the object of your faith. (cf. 2 Peter 3:18)

PRINCIPLE #3: When you have true faith, you are willing to live for God's purposes as you trust Him to take care of your needs.

LET'S AMAZE JESUS TODAY

(Mark 6:5-6 ; Luke 7:9-10; Matthew 8:10-13; Hebrews 11:6)

- Deep humility

+ confident trust in Christ

+ leaning into spiritual authority

= Pleasing / Amazing God



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding and application of what it means to have a growing faith in our great God.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

1. A central part of today's passage from Luke 7 is the faith of the Roman centurion. **READ Matthew 27:26, 54; 28:4, 11-15; Acts 10:2; 23:17-18; 27:43.** How are Roman centurions portrayed elsewhere in Scripture?
2. **READ Luke 7:1-10.** In your own words, describe the centurion in this story.
3. On what basis did the elders request help from Jesus?
4. How did their approach differ from the centurion's (vs. 6-8)? How does this relate to what Jesus says in verse 9?

5. Why do you think the Centurion said, "I do not deserve to have you come under my roof"? What things has Jesus done for you that you didn't deserve?
6. What are some things that people sometimes think they deserve from God? Are they right or wrong? Why?
7. The Centurion's authority was over soldiers, and they had to do what he told them. Over what did he think Jesus had authority? Was he right?
8. Describe a time when you surrendered control of a situation and let God accomplish His purposes.
9. Are there any areas of your life from which you need to release control to Jesus? How might you go about doing that? What is one step you could take in the right direction?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

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