

A classical painting depicting Jesus surrounded by his disciples. Jesus is in the center, wearing a white robe, looking down at a book. The disciples are gathered around him, some looking at the book, others looking at each other. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with warm tones. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Four Voices, One Story

A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Faith That Amazes

(Mat 8:5-13 / Jhn 4:46-54)

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

call to the word / Mat 8:8-10

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

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intro



Two Examples of Faith that Amazes

One is the **confident conviction** of a Centurion and
One is the **surrendered hope** of a desperate father.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” —Heb. 11:6

intro



background

The centurion was powerful, yet humble. A leader, yet tender. That's exactly the kind of ground in a heart where real faith takes root.

Mat 8:5-6

“Lord, please, say the word.”

The centurion understood more of Jesus’ divine authority than many Jews who had seen His miracles firsthand.

Mat 8:7-10

“Don’t assume you’re in just because of your background—and don’t assume you’re out because of your past. What matters is faith.”

Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8; 1Co 6:11; Heb 11:6

Mat 8:11-12

Do we only trust Jesus when we feel Him near... or do we trust Him enough to say, “Lord, Your word is enough—even if I don’t feel a thing”?

Sometimes faith means believing before the breakthrough.

Gen 15:6; Heb 11:7, Mrk 5:25-34

Mat 8:11-12

the **surrendered hope** of a desperate father.



John 4:46-54

“This man had power, position, and servants—but when his child was dying, none of that mattered. His status couldn’t heal his son—he needed Jesus.”



John 4:46-47

Real faith kicks in when everything else falls apart—
when there's no plan B, no help left, and all you've got
is Jesus.

*“You may never know Jesus is all you need until He's all
you have.” (Corrie ten Boom)*

John 4:46-47



Real faith isn't built on
spectacles—
it's built on trust in who
Jesus is.

John 4:48

Jesus speaks a word of power that demands a step of faith. *“Go your way – your son is living.”*

It’s not a rebuke. It’s a release.

It’s not a test. It’s a quiet miracle in motion.

And it’s said with the calm certainty of the One whose words hold life itself.

John 4:49-50

The nobleman is met on the road with confirmation:
the healing happened at the exact hour Jesus spoke.

**V53: And he himself believed, and his whole
household**

John 4:51-53

Obedience comes before understanding—and that's where real faith starts to grow.

His faith became complete—from chasing a miracle to surrendering to the Messiah.

John 20:31 Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 4:51-53

“As urgent and heartbreaking as physical suffering may be, there is no greater need, no weightier matter, no more eternal issue than the salvation of a soul. The greatest miracle is not when the sick walk—it’s when the lost are found, when sinners are forgiven, when a soul is transferred from death to life.”

John 4:54

Desperation Brings us to Jesus

“No one stumbles into real faith casually. Most of us are dragged there by desperation.”

reflections

Faith is Tested Before it's Confirmed

“Faith that’s never tested can’t be trusted. God allows a gap between His promise and the proof—not to punish us, but to grow us.”

reflections

God's Word is Enough—Before the Results are Seen

“Real faith doesn't wait to see the outcome—it walks because of the promise.”

Oswald Chambers: “Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time.”

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