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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

- 01** Print the PDF.
-or-
- 02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.
-or-
- 03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of May 8th // Conversation: May 14th

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant and a Widow's Son





Jesus healed many people during His ministry on earth. Let's look at two of these healings today from Luke chapter 7.

pray.

Psalm 119:89 says, "Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens". The words you are about to study are eternal. They are fixed in the heavens. Spend some time praying to their author and ask Him to speak to your heart intimately and personally.

observe.

Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text that has been printed out for you below. Make sure you mark only 1 word at a time as you read through. When you're finished, you should have read through this section several times.

- 01** Mark every reference to Jesus with a cross , including pronouns like He and Him.
- 02**  every mention of the Centurion, including pronouns.
- 03** Put a  around every mention of the word heal(ed).
- 04** Put a  around every mention of death, died, and dead.

Luke 7:1-17 (ESV)

A “centurion” is a Roman soldier who is in charge of 100 men. In general, Romans and Jews didn’t get along very well, but this centurion was different. Let’s see why.

After he [Jesus] had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵ for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.” ⁶ And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.⁷ Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the

crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

The widow of Nain had no protection once her son died. She was vulnerable and alone. She had lost her husband, and now her only son.

¹¹ Soon afterward he [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.



interpret.

01

How badly sick was the centurion's servant?

02

What had the centurion done for the Jews? What were their feelings towards him?



interpret.

03

How would you describe the attitude the centurion had towards Jesus?

04

How did the centurion demonstrate his faith and belief in the healing power and authority of Jesus?

apply.

01 Do you feel like you need help believing Jesus has authority over certain circumstances in your life?

02 Does your faith in Jesus bless others, like the faith of the centurion blessed his servant?

03 Do you believe that Jesus can resurrect things that you thought were dead in your life, just like the widow of Nain's son?

bring it together.

The centurion in this passage is quite unique. Instead of living in animosity with the Jews, he loved them and even built a synagogue for them.

He also understood the authority of Jesus because he, himself, was in a position of authority. Despite that, he demonstrated great humility in saying that he wasn't worthy to have Jesus come under his roof.

His faith in believing Jesus could heal his servant just by saying the words, made Jesus marvel!

Just as Jesus had the authority to heal the centurion's servant, so he had the power to heal the widow of Nain's son and bring him back to life. Jesus had compassion on the widow because he knew she was vulnerable and alone. Immediately when he was brought back to life, the son sat up and began to speak. Talk about a complete healing!

Do you believe this is the same Jesus you worship today? Does He have authority over the circumstances of your life? Does He see you like He saw the widow? Do you believe He knows when you feel alone and vulnerable? He will not forsake you or abandon you. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8).

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