

**Review: Luke 7:1 - 17 (NASB) -- --- Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant**

<sup>1</sup>When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.

<sup>2</sup>And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

**MATTHEW 8:6 (NASB) <sup>6</sup>AND SAYING, "LORD, MY SERVANT IS LYING PARALYZED AT HOME, FEARFULLY TORMENTED."**

<sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

**MATTHEW 8:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup>AND WHEN JESUS ENTERED CAPERNAUM, A CENTURION CAME TO HIM, IMPLOING HIM,**

<sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

<sup>5</sup>for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue."

**MATTHEW 8:7 (NASB) <sup>7</sup>JESUS SAID\* TO HIM, "I WILL COME AND HEAL HIM."**

<sup>6</sup>Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

<sup>7</sup>for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just* say the word, and my servant will be healed.

<sup>8</sup>"For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

<sup>9</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."

<sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

**MATTHEW 8:13 (NASB) <sup>13</sup>AND JESUS SAID TO THE CENTURION, "GO; IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED." AND THE SERVANT WAS HEALED THAT VERY MOMENT.**

Where did this faith come from?

- a) He heard about Jesus – v.3 (Rom. 10:17: hearing + Word = Faith)
  - *Perhaps he heard about Jesus' healing power from the nobleman whose son Jesus had healed, also at a distance (John 4:46-54).*
  - *His soldiers may also have brought him reports of the miracles Jesus had performed, for the Romans kept close touch with the events in Jewish life.*
- b) He asked Jesus for help – v.3 (Ja. 1:6: let him ask in faith, nothing wavering)
- c) He was humble – v.6-7 (Ps.10:17: O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear) NASB
- d) He understood authority – v.8 (Matt. 28:18 – All authority has been given to Me...)

## The Syrophenician Woman

**Mark 7:24 - 30 (KJV) comp. passage Matthew 15:21 - 28 (KJV)**

<sup>24</sup>And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know *it*: but he could not be hid.

<sup>25</sup>For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

<sup>26</sup>The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

**<sup>23</sup>BUT HE ANSWERED HER NOT A WORD. AND HIS DISCIPLES CAME AND BESOUGHT HIM, SAYING, SEND HER AWAY; FOR SHE CRIETH AFTER US.**

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

**<sup>24</sup>BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID, I AM NOT SENT BUT UNTO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.**

**<sup>27</sup>AND SHE SAID, TRUTH, LORD: YET THE DOGS EAT OF THE CRUMBS WHICH FALL FROM THEIR MASTERS' TABLE.**

<sup>28</sup>And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

**<sup>25</sup>THEN CAME SHE AND WORSHIPPED HIM, SAYING, LORD, HELP ME.**

<sup>29</sup>And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

**<sup>28</sup>THEN JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HER, O WOMAN, GREAT IS THY FAITH: BE IT UNTO THEE EVEN AS THOU WILT. AND HER DAUGHTER WAS MADE WHOLE FROM THAT VERY HOUR.**

<sup>30</sup>And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

### Notes:

1. It is significant that the two times in the Gospel record when Jesus commended "great faith," He was responding to the faith of Gentiles and not Jews: this Syrophenician woman and the Roman centurion (Matt. 8:5-13).
2. It is also worth noting that in both situations, Jesus healed *at a distance*, proof that time, space and circumstance are NOT a limitation to God.
3. The people of Tyre and Sidon were not known for their faith (Matt. 11:21-22), yet this woman dared to believe that Jesus could deliver her daughter.
4. Great faith = faith that takes God at His Word and will not let go until God meets the need.

**Monday Morning Moment:** "Your faith grows in direct proportion to your knowledge of the Word!"  
**Romans 10:17 (NASB)** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.