

I. Case Study: Just Say The Word

Description: Way too often God's people are looking for someone to speak a word of knowledge over them to receive their healing; when all we need to do is hear the Words the Jesus has already spoken over us.

And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. **When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.** When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, **"He is worthy for You to grant this to him; for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue."** 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; 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."** 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." 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."** When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. - Luke 7:2-10 NASU

1. Turn your ear to Jesus

"...When he heard about Jesus..."

- i. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. - Romans 10:17 KJV
- ii. But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." - Luke 10:41-42 NASU

2. Our worthiness to be healed is not works based.

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- i. The Centurion sent the Jews first to say he was worthy to be healed.
 1. Not our performance
 2. Not our giving to the church
 3. Not our service to the church
 4. Not our association with the right people
- ii. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. - Ephesians 2:8-10 NASU
- iii. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. - Romans 11:6 NASU

3. Know our worth in Jesus

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- i. Sent friends to say I am not worthy to be in your presence.
 - 1. We are valued as a white pearl. (Matthew 13:45-46)
 - 2. We are valued as a lost coin. (Luke 15:8-9)
 - 3. We are valued as much as the other 99 sheep who didn't go astray. (Luke 15:3-7)
 - 4. We are valued more than animals of the earth. (Luke 12:24)
 - 5. We are more valued than angels. (Hebrews 1:14)

4. Are you under the authority of Jesus?

“...just say the word, and my servant will be healed. "For I also am a man placed under authority..."

- i. The Centurion understood delegated authority
 - 1. The pharisees questioned where Jesus got his authority. (Matthew 21:23-27)
 - 2. Blasphemers stated Jesus got his authority from the devil. (Mark 3:22-30)
 - 3. Hearers marveled at a teacher who also had authority. (Matthew 7:28-29)
 - 4. The disciples asked how a man could have authority over the wind. (Mark 4:41)
 - 5. Jesus stated to Pilot that no man has authority over Him unless it was given to him by God. (John 19:11)
 - 6. This centurion knew Jesus could have no authority unless God the Father delegated it.
- ii. Believe the authority of scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)
- iii. We are not our own. We are bought with a price. (1 Corinthians 7:23)

5. Believe the Words of Jesus over your sickness

- i. Just say the word
 - 1. and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. - 1 Peter 2:24 NASU