

Living A Life of Faith

Sunday Morning, April 19, 2015

Thesis:

A Life of Faith That Comes From Our New Life in Christ Is Evident To Those Who Know You

Introduction:

I. Amazing Faith! (Luke 7: 1 – 10)

1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

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6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having 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 turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

✝ Faith to believe in Jesus without meeting Him.

✝ Faith to be involved in God's work.

✝ Faith that crossed cultural barriers.

✝ Faith to believe in the power of God's Word.

II. Faith Made Alive? (Luke 7: 11 – 17)

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

17 And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

- ✚ Compassion for a widow and her deceased son.
- ✚ Giving hope to the hopeless
- ✚ God's power displayed against all odds.
- ✚ Left the dead to live in obedience to God.

III. Evidence of Living A Life of Faith (Hebrews 11:6)

But 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.

Impossible to please God without faith.

(Philippians 1:21)

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Without Christ it is impossible to live.

(John 10:10)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

There is no abundant life outside of Christ.

(Ephesians 4:17)

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

Evidence of our new life of faith is seen in our walk.

Conclusion:

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