

Just Say the Word

What qualities identify a person of faith? Who is someone who has modeled great faith to you? See how Jesus recognizes “great faith” in a man who approached him to heal his sick servant.

Read Luke 7:1-10 (NIV)

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” ⁶ So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

A Nursing Assessment

- What needs do you identify among the various people in this story?
- What surprises you about Jesus’ “intervention” with the sick servant?
- What do you notice about the role of faith in this healing encounter with Jesus?

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- What qualities of the centurion do you most appreciate? How does his response to Jesus provide an example for you?

Putting Faith into Practice

- What are you doing right now that requires great faith? What opportunities is Jesus giving you to deepen your faith in him -- in nursing school, in patient-care settings, or in your personal life?
- What bold step of faith can you or your small group take this week? Ask a friend to pray with you.