

**“Not Even in Israel Have I Found Such Faith”**

*Sermon Notes*

*Reading: Hebrews 11:1-40*

□ **Jesus marvels at a centurion's profession of faith in the Lord's authority over life and death.**

1. The centurion's faith is not based on his own \_\_\_\_\_, but on his recognition of the sphere of God's interest.
  
2. The centurion reasons that Jesus' authority comes, not from the \_\_\_\_\_ of miracles and signs, but from his position and responsibility.
  
3. The centurion gets his assurance not from what he has seen or heard, but directly from his inner \_\_\_\_\_ of the sovereignty and power of God.

**Next Week**

***Music and Drama Camp: “Splash Kingdom”***

**Following Week**

**8/13/17: “Young Man, I Say to You, Arise” – Luke 7:11-17**

**Community Group Study Guide**  
For the Week of August 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Study Questions for Luke 7:1-10

1. In verse 3, the centurion sends a delegation of Jewish elders to Jesus.
  - a. Why did he send Jewish elders rather than his soldiers or go to Jesus personally??
  - b. Why might the Jewish elders think it necessary to convince Jesus that this man's request was worthy of consideration?
  - c. Does the fact that the Jewish elders begged Jesus for help indicate that he was reluctant to heal the centurion's servant?
  
2. In verse 6, the centurion sends friends to Jesus.
  - a. Who is speaking in verse 6 - the centurion or his friends?
  - b. If it is the centurion, how can he say, "I did not presume to come to you", in verse 7?
  - c. If it is the friends, why do they say "I" instead of "we"?
  - d. What does this say about the relationship of the centurion and his friends?
  
3. Why does the centurion feel that he was unworthy to have Jesus come under his roof?
  - a. Do you think it has something to do with the centurion's personal feeling of unworthiness?
  - b. Do you think this indicates respect for the reluctance of an orthodox Jew to enter the house of a Gentile?
  - c. Do you think that this indicates an appreciation for Jesus' status personally?
  - d. Does the fact that he considered it presumptuous to approach Jesus outside - in verse 7 - help to clarify this? If so, how?
  
4. The centurion, likening himself to Jesus, highlights that his authority stems from being under authority.
  - a. What authority is the centurion under?

- b. Based on the source of his authority, what are the limits under which his authority is recognized?
- c. What authority is Jesus under?
- d. Based on the source of Jesus' authority, what are the limits under which his authority is recognized?
- e. Based on the centurion's statement, did he recognize the extent of Jesus' authority?
- f. Based on the pleading of the Jewish elders, did they recognize the extent of Jesus' authority and the limits of his interest?
- g. What does this say about the faith of the centurion as compared with the Jewish elders?  
(See verse 9)