

Great Faith
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Psalm 34:19 (AMP)

*Many hardships and perplexing circumstances confront the righteous,
But the LORD rescues him from them all.*

- Whatever it is you and I are going thru today. They are just a temporary setback.
- We can't let our setbacks prevent us from being able to come back and enjoy the life that God promised.
- Your comeback all starts with knowing Jesus and the Word & having **GREAT FAITH** in Him and His Word.

Main Text: 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.

- **What we hear and know of Jesus is important.**
 - The centurion knew that Jesus had authority over sickness & disease.
 - The diagnosis, the lateness of the situation never came into play.

Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

"Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

- He knew that when Jesus spoke, things changed. The blind saw, the lame walked, those who were bound by unclean spirits were set free. He knew the words that came out of the mouth of Jesus carried weight.

Hebrews 11:11 (ESV)

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- Take The Limits Off!

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- **Our response to what we hear and know is important.**
 - We pursue what we believe in. We go after & get aggressive about what we believe in.
 - The centurion internalized and meditated on what he heard.
 - He became fully persuaded.
 - **The Truth** became his truth. So go after Jesus. Go after His Word!

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

- **He did not let his sense of unworthiness keep him from pursuing God.**
 - God's faithfulness is not dependent on our faithfulness.

Romans 3:1-4 (ESV)

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?² Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³ What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴ By no means! Let God be true though everyone were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

Lamentation 3:22-23 (ESV)

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

- **Believe and acknowledge that there are no limits on the power of God and His Word!**

Romans 10:8-13 (ESV)

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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