

## A Centurion's Faith

What is an experience that has strengthened your faith in Christ?

Read Matthew 8:5-13.

Read Luke 7:1-10.

1. What is important about the title, status, and/or ethnicity of the main character?
  - a. He is a centurion.
  - b. He is a Roman.
  - c. He is a Gentile.
  - d. He is rich and powerful.
  - e. He is loved by the Jews.
  - f. He is not of the same faith.
  - g. He is all of the above, but he is still an outsider taking a leap of faith.
  - h. He is hated by the Jews.
  - i. Other.
  
2. What is important about the person who he is interceding for?
  - a. He is merely a servant.
  - b. It shows the caring nature of the centurion.
  - c. It shows the general character of the centurion.
  - d. It shows that the centurion only cares about the rich and powerful like himself.
  - e. It shows that the centurion is a good person.
  - f. He only wanted the servant healed for selfish reasons.
  - g. It shows that he cares about everyone around him, much like Jesus does.
  - h. It shows he cares about those who are suffering.
  - i. Other.
  
3. What is one difference between Matthew and Luke's accounts of this story?
  - a. Matthew didn't speak about the Jews who spoke for the centurion.
  - b. Luke didn't speak about who was ill.
  - c. Luke used more detail in the story.
  - d. Matthew records Jesus' response to the initial plea; Luke does not.
  - e. Luke provides more backstory, but Matthew provides more dialogue.
  - f. They are the exact same retelling.
  - g. Matthew provides more detail in Jesus' response.
  - h. The two stories contradict each other.
  - i. Other.

4. How did the man approach Jesus?
  - a. With tremendous fear.
  - b. Through others because he was a coward.
  - c. Through others because he thought it would help his cause.
  - d. With tremendous faith.
  - e. By himself at the dead of night.
  - f. With a lot of humility.
  - g. Through others because he felt unworthy.
  - h. With faith and confidence.
  - i. Other.
  
5. How did the man relate his job to Jesus' job?
  - a. He considered it the same.
  - b. He related their positions of authority.
  - c. He related their positions of authority, but recognized Jesus' superior authority.
  - d. He thought himself at the same level as Jesus.
  - e. He showed he understood the system Jesus operated with.
  - f. He used his job to justify his faith.
  - g. He used it to explain why he wanted his servant back.
  - h. He used it to explain his knowledge on Jesus' authority.
  - i. Other.
  
6. What is significant about Jesus' response to the man?
  - a. He thinks this man is better than the Israelites.
  - b. He sees more faith in this man than He sees in the Jews.
  - c. He uses it as a threat to force others to believe in Him.
  - d. He is amazed at the faith this man has.
  - e. He uses it to warn the people around Him about the consequences of lacking faith.
  - f. He uses it as a lesson to the others about what true faith is like.
  - g. He uses the situation to speak on the importance of faith.
  - h. He uses it as a lesson, but never ends up healing the servant.
  - i. Other.
  
7. What does this story teach you about faith? Does it matter that you are part of a church? Does that automatically give you faith? What is the true definition of having faith to you?
  
8. Once you know what exactly it means to have faith, you must develop it. What are other factors that you can infer from the centurion's behavior that can help you develop your own faith?