



## Great Faith

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Key Scriptures : Matthew 8:5-13

# LECTIO DIVINA/ STUDY GUIDE

## Reading & Prayer

### Matthew 8:5-13

**5** And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, **6** and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented.” **7** Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” **8** But the centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. **9** For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ And he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”

**10** Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. **11** I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; **12** but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**13** And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed that very moment.

## start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

### reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

*What do you hear or learn from Jesus in these Scriptures?*

*Is there one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses upon you? Meditate on that.*

## start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

What are your thoughts on the Centurion's "great faith" and "belief" regarding Jesus' authority.

Why do you think Jesus was amazed at the Centurion's faith?

How do you understand Jesus' authority?

How do you understand Jesus' power?

Read Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:6-8. What do these verse teach about authority and power?

## start sharing. engage it with your story

*What specific situation in your life relates? Write down or pray.*

*What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?*

Is there a place in your life that you recognize this divide between belief and faith?

Confessing Jesus as "Lord" assumes your submission to His authority and power. **How have you, or how can you, trust in Jesus authority and power over your life today?**

## start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

How can you "practice" faith this week in that place of your life that you identified as having a gap between belief and faith.

## start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: