



**Revealing the Messiah #6:
"The Powerful Reach of Christ's Compassion"
February 8 & 9, 2025
Luke 7:1-17 & Matthew 8:5-13**

Opener:

In today's lesson Jesus reveals His divine authority as the long-awaited Messiah, responding to the Centurion's remarkable faith by healing his servant from afar, and by raising a widow's son from the dead. "He sent forth His word and healed them ; He rescued them from the grave." What has happened in your life that has left you in awe?

Go Deeper:

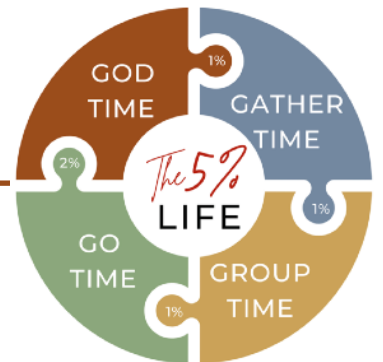
1. What was it about the centurion's faith that left Jesus amazed? (Luke 7: 9-10)
 2. What does the Bible say about faith? (Here are a few: Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 5:7, James 1:2-3, Psalm 4:8, Proverbs 3:5, Matthew 17:20, Matthew 21:22)
 3. Jesus healed the Centurion's slave and the widow's son at Nain by the power of His Word (Luke 7:1-15) What are some other examples in the Bible of the power of Jesus' word?
 4. Jesus says that our sins are forgiven. (1 Corinthians 15:3) What do we need to do in order to have our sins forgiven? (Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38, Luke 15:7, Luke 5:32)
 5. There is power in God's Words. When God says it, it happens. Examples are, "This IS my body. This IS my blood." What are some other examples in the Bible of God speaking something into existence?
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Live It:

1. What does having faith mean to you?
2. What is your favorite Bible passage about faith? What about this passage gives you comfort?
3. What in your life right now is testing your faith? Which Bible passages can you refer to when your faith is faltering?



GOD TIME:



Daily Bible Readings (February 9-15)

Sun:	Luke 7:1-17	Healing the Sick/Raising the Dead
Mon:	Luke 8:40-56	A Girl Raised/A Woman Healed
Tues:	John 11:38-44	Jesus Raises Lazarus
Wed:	Luke 18:1-8	The Widow and the Unjust Judge
Thurs:	Acts 10:1-16	Peter and Cornelius
Fri:	Deut. 24:17-22	Treating Those in Need
Sat:	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.