

## AMAZING FAITH *Luke 7:1-10*

The gospels indicate that Jesus often amazed others, but He “marveled” or “was amazed” only \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Jesus was amazed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of his hometown people after He had preached in their synagogue
- 2) Jesus was amazed at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the centurion whose servant was so sick he was ready to die

***When life and death hang in the balance, how can we approach the Lord Jesus successfully?***

### I. WHAT THE LORD JESUS DOES NOT RESPOND TO *Luke 7:1-5*

- A. Jesus’s Response Is Not Based on Our \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) Today people identify as \_\_\_\_\_ or conservative, straight or \_\_\_\_\_, male, female or transgender
  - 2) In the culture in which Jesus lived, people identified as \_\_\_\_\_ or Gentile (non-Jew)
  - 3) Luke’s gospel emphasizes that Jesus is the Savior of ALL, not based on our \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Jesus’s Response Is Not Based on Our \_\_\_\_\_ or Our Financial Status
  - 1) A centurion commanded \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers and he enforced the will of Rome on the people of Israel
  - 2) A centurion could be paid as much as \_\_\_\_\_ times what the lowest ranked soldier was paid
  - 3) Jesus did not respond one way or the other to job or money: no one can \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God
- C. Jesus’s Response Is Not Based on Our \_\_\_\_\_ or Our Worthiness
  - 1) This centurion may have been a God-\_\_\_\_\_, not a convert to Judaism, but a believer in their God
  - 2) The Jewish leaders he sent claimed that he was \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’s help because of his good works
  - 3) This story as well as Paul teach that it is not by our \_\_\_\_\_ that we can ever be worthy before God

### II. WHAT THE LORD JESUS DOES RESPOND TO *Luke 7:6-10*

- A. Faith Rooted in \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) The Jewish leaders apparently had composed their message to Jesus, for when the centurion sent friends with his own words to Jesus, he claimed that he was \_\_\_\_\_ to have Jesus in his home
    - a) Jesus responds when we understand we are beggars who have \_\_\_\_\_ that can please God
    - b) Confessing this truth runs counter to our culture’s emphasis on having a good self- \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) It is impossible to depend on Jesus without first turning away from depending on \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God—in the Promise of God
  - 1) We often envy those who walked and talked with Jesus because they saw Him with their own \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) The centurion had the opportunity to see Jesus and volunteered to depend rather on His \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Jesus responds when we put faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ He made recorded in the pages of the NT
- C. Faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - 1) As a Roman centurion this man knew what it was to take \_\_\_\_\_ and to give \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) The centurion applied this understanding to Jesus: He had that authority in matters of \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) Jesus’s healing of the servant foreshadowed His victory over \_\_\_\_\_ by means of His resurrection

CONC: The principles in this story apply not only to matters of physical life and death, but also to the question of \_\_\_\_\_ life and death: Jesus responds to this kind of faith to save our souls