

Introduction and Review:

I. The Willingness of Jesus to Save

A. He hears our prayers...

B. He Forgives our sins...

II. The Centurion's Astonishing Faith Illustrated...

A. Faith is the Primary Grace and it...

1. Seeks mercy of Christ...

2. Seeks grace from Christ...

Lesson: Faith is always found in those who are humbled before God... *Matthew 5:3; Psalm 51:17; 34:18*; and this centurion came to Christ knowing his unworthiness...

3. Sees the excellence, perfection and preeminence of Christ...

Lesson: His sense of unworthiness did not prevent him... Christ is a great Savior who delights in mercy... *Micah 7:18; I Corinthians 6:9-11; Psalm 130:1-4*.

4. It finds hope in Christ's Word alone... *Psalm 130:5; John 4:10*

5. It rests upon Christ's authority and power... *Matthew 28:18-20*

Observation: Do we really believe it? *John 11:26*

6. Is always rewarded... *Hebrews 11:1ff*

III. A Contrast Observed cf. Mark 6:1-6

A. Jesus was astonished at the absence of faith...

B. Four observations where faith is absent...

Application: