



TALK IT OVER

Amazing Faith

BOTTOM LINE

Christian maturity is measured by your authentic faith in God.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's a courageous action you have witnessed, or one of your own?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant](#) (3.5 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading with him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! ... Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour. Matthew 8:5-10, 13 NKJV

Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Mark 6:4-6 NLT

"Only two things amazed Jesus – great faith and lack of faith."

"Faith is not wishful thinking; it is aligning ourselves with God's will."

"Faith rests in the right object (Christ), grows through the right source (God's Word), and results in the right outcome (God's will)."

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Have you ever known anyone whose faith utterly amazed you? What was particularly striking? What most stands out to you about the centurion's faith? Do you find the people of Jesus' hometown's lack of faith understandable or shocking? Discuss. Believing in God is more than believing He exists. It is actively putting your full trust in Him. He is the object of your faith. What does it mean for Jesus to be the object of your faith? The root of our faith comes from the Word of God. Think about this – we think of the Bible as the Word of God. John repeatedly tells us that Jesus is the Word. Jesus said if you want to know what God is like, study Me. Discuss what all this means as far as rooting your faith? What do you learn about God from Jesus? What does faith that is mature look like in daily living and responding? How does mature faith result in God's will being accomplished?

ACTION STEP

I want to have a mature, amazing faith that causes Jesus to rejoice and God's will to be accomplished. I see my need to mature in this way:

