

Message from God’s Life Giving Word

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Risen: Belief In-Spite-Of

Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

What do you believe?

Now Jesus **did** many other **signs** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this **book**; but **these** are written so that you may **believe** that **Jesus** is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing** you may have **life** in his name. Luke 20:30-31

Notes on Jesus Healing the Official’s Son (John 4:46-54), Sign #2:

Next Steps

1. Journal about an example of something you believe (or believed) based solely on what someone else told you about it? Tragedy can often cause people (even those who claim to not believe in God) to look up—whether it is questioning or shaking our fists. Why is that?
2. Read John 4:46–54. How familiar is the account of this healing to you? Is there anything you just read which stands out as new information? What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened? In verse 48, what seems to be Jesus’ main motivation for performing this sign? In verse 53, what type of emotion do you think the official had when he realized his son was being healed at the same time he had been talking to Jesus? John tells us that the official and his entire household believed. How was this miracle not just a random act of kindness, but more of a strategic plan by Jesus?
3. The official was desperate for Jesus to personally come to his son, but instead he ended up going home without Jesus. He did not know for sure his son was healed until he was told later. In what ways does our entire life mirror this one day the leader had to wait until he got word his son was healed? Who needs to hear the hope you have in Jesus?

**REMEMBER:** Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It’s also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.

\* Walking by \_\_\_\_\_ looks like:

We walk by **faith**, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed** are those who have **not seen** and **yet have believed**.” John 20:29