



# THE ROMAN CENTURIAN

*Matthew 8:5-13*

Big Moments of Faith

**1. People who had the expectation that he should perform miracles on command.**

**2. People who were doubters who kept wanting to move the goal post of what it would take them to believe.**

**John 4:48**

**Unless you people  
see signs and  
wonders, you will  
never believe.**

**Matthew 13:13**

**You will be ever  
hearing, but never  
understanding;**

**You will be ever seeing  
but never perceiving.**

## Matthew 8:5-6

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

**Matthew 5:7-9**

**Jesus said to him,  
“Shall I come and  
heal him?”**

The centurion replied,  
“Lord, I do not  
deserve to have you  
come under my roof.  
But just say the word,  
and my servant will  
be healed.”

**“For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.**

**1. Jesus was willing  
to come and to heal  
the servant.**

**2. “I’m not worthy. I don’t deserve for you to come to my house.”**

**He is utterly humbled before Jesus.**

**3. He understand and acknowledges Jesus' power and authority.**

## Matthew 5:10-12

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”

**“I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Issac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

## **Matthew 5:13**

**Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.”**

**And his servant was healed at that moment.**

**1. Do Nothing Out of  
Self Serving Ambition  
or Attitude**

## Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others.

# James 4:3

When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

## **2. Submit to God's Authority in Your Life**

**It's God's word and  
we're just living in it.**

## Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God- this is your true and proper worship.

**3. Don't  
Overcomplicate It**

## 2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds would be led astray from the simplicity that is in Christ.

# It Was Simple

1. He heard about Jesus and so he believed.
2. He approached Jesus with no selfish ambition in his heart.
3. He believed that if Jesus said it, so it would be so.
4. He was willing to submit to whatever Jesus wanted to do.

**1. Do nothing out of Selfish  
Ambition or Attitude**

**2. Submit to God's  
Authority in Your Life**

**3. Don't Overcomplicate It  
(It really is simple)**

