MATTHEW 8:5-13 - THE FAITH OF THE CENTURION

OPEN IN PRAYER

Prepare your heart to engage with the text through prayer.

"Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things in your law" (Ps. 119:18). Pray to God to help you understand and see wonderful things that build you up in the faith.

INTRO

Just after Jesus encounters the woman at the well who helps bring many Samaritans to believe in Jesus, He continues on His way to Galilee. As he comes to Cana we read this encounter with the official.

HIGHLIGHT

Read the passage and highlight, circle, or underline any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Matthew 8:5–13 - When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Summarize the passage. What are the key words or thoughts? What would you title this passage (one word or short phrase)?

EXPLAIN AND APPLY

What does this passage show you about God (Father, Son, or Spirit)?

What would it look like for you to have faith like the Centurion?

RESPOND

Respond to God in prayer with how this passage has encouraged you or challenged you.

Pray to God praising Him as the healer not only of the physically sick but of the spiritually sick. Confess where you have failed to believe like the Centurion, and pray for God to reveal how you might trust Him more.