

**Gospel of Mathew “Amazed”**  
**Matthew 8:5-14**  
**October 23, 2022**

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5 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.

“Things don’t get real until they go wrong.”

Simply telling Jesus about our lives apparently sets his saving work in motion.

Luke 7:3-5

3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him  
to come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him  
earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, 5 for he loves our nation,  
and he is the one who built us our synagogue.”

Matthew 8:8-10

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It is not complicated for the centurion.

Jesus marveled.

Isaiah 43:6-7

6 I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

7 everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

Jesus shows us what He loves.

“Thus by owning himself unworthy for Christ to enter his house, he became worthy for Christ to enter his heart.” - Augustine.

It is always more about who Jesus is rather than how much faith we possess.

The centurion reveals the essence of real faith - to see Jesus' greatness, our own sin, and still come to Him for help.

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- This is the second person Jesus has dealt with in Matthew 8 who is considered unclean or an outsider. Why do you think Matthew includes these two accounts (ie. Leper and centurion)? Why are they important to understanding faith and the gospel?
- “Things don't get real until they go wrong.” Discuss this perspective on how God uses crisis in our lives? Do you have a story of turning to God in the midst of difficulty?
- What do you think Jesus is amazed about regarding the centurion? How is the centurion expressing something that the Israelites are lacking? What is simple and special about the centurion's faith?
- How does the amazement of Jesus reveal what He loves?
- How does Jesus' enjoyment of the centurion's faith create more confidence and assurance that He loves your simple faith? What is something you need Jesus' help with right now?