



A CERTAIN NOBLEMAN

John 4:46-54

FAITH IS REVEALED IN OUR APPROACH JESUS

John tells us of this certain noble man who had a sick son. His faith began as a very simple belief, that created an interest in Jesus Christ. Something gave this nobleman the idea that Jesus was greater than his son's sickness. Undoubtedly, he had heard of the great works of Jesus and may have even seen Him perform a miracle. With this simple knowledge of who Jesus was, he approached Jesus and made His request.

Key Doctrine: Faith is required to approach God. Hebrews 11:6 says "*He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*"

FAITH IS TESTED IN OUR RESPONSE TO JESUS

In most cases our faith starts simple, but it is tested when we are presented with the Word of God. We are forced to ask ourselves, "I know what others have said about Jesus, but do I believe what he says to me?" The nobleman came to Jesus believing He could heal the disease if He would come to his house. Instead Jesus sent the man away and told him that his son was healed. With no doubt, the Bible says, "*the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.*" When God speaks to us, we have a choice to believe or reject His word. May we be like the nobleman who believed the word of Jesus and obeyed.

FAITH IS STRENGTHENED WITH THE WORKS OF JESUS

As the nobleman went his way back to his home, he was met by the servants of his house with the good news that his was healed. With the words of Jesus still fresh in his mind, the nobleman asked his servants what time his son began to heal. The servants answered "at the seventh hour." It was then that the simple faith of the nobleman was strengthened, and as John records, he knew that it was the same hour that Jesus spoke. In other words, He knew that it was Jesus that healed his son. Our faith will, most likely, start very simple, it will be tested with our response to His word, but will be strengthened when His word is proven to be true in our lives.

*The most
personal faith will
always be the
strongest faith.*