



## Words Create Worlds

Speak the Word

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*Matthew 8:5-10 (NRSV)*

5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him 6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." 8 The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also 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 slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." 10 When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.

*Matthew 8:8 (NRSV)*

8 The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.

*John 1:1 (NKJV)*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*Job 22:28 (KJV)*

28 *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.*

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)*

12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

*Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)*

8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

*Romans 10:8 (NIV)*

8 *But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:*

*Ezekiel 12:25 (ESV)*

25 *For I am the LORD; I will speak the word that I will speak, and it will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it, declares the Lord GOD."*

Acts 4:31 (ESV)

31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

## WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM A ROMAN CENTURION?

### 1. It Takes \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 8:10 (NRSV)

10 When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

### 2. It Takes \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 8:5 (NIV)

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.

Psalms 34:6 (NKJV)

6 This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

### 3. It Takes \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 8:9 (ESV)

9 "For I too am a man under authority..."

ANSWERS:

1. FAITH

2. HUMILITY

3. AUTHORITY