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Not a priest,  
scribe, Pharisee or  
even a Jew

A Roman soldier,  
a man with means  
and power.





# Luke 7:1 – 10 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup> And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. <sup>3</sup> So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup> And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, <sup>5</sup> "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

# Luke 7:1 – 10 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. <sup>7</sup> Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I also am a man placed under authority, having 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*.”



# Luke 7:1 – 10 (NKJV)

9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!” 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.



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*“Insight Into An  
Amazing Man”*

(Luke 7:1-10)

A man with great authority - vs. 2, 8

Cared About Others - vs. 2-5

Supportive of God's people & God's work - vs. 4,5

Had a remarkable reputation - vs. 4,5

Demonstrates Genuine Humility - vs. 6-8, 2



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## *The Centurion Saw His Need...*

- ➊ Had a need he could NOT remedy without the Lord — Lk 7:2; Mat 8:6
- ➋ Cared enough about it — vs. 2
- ➌ Honest enough to know he was powerless against it and needed the Lord — vs. 7
- ➍ Trusting enough to seek help from the ONLY one he believed could help — vs. 3, 7





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*Do We See Our Need?*

- ➊ We have a need that CANNOT be remedied without the Lord — Rom. 3:23,24; 6:23; Eph 2:8,9
- ➋ Do we care enough — Mat 16:26
- ➌ Are we honest — Mat 13:18-23
- ➍ Do we trust the Lord enough to seek salvation from our sin by submitting to His way — Heb. 5:8,9; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; etc.





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## *The Centurion's Humility ...*

- ➊ Recognized he was undeserving  
— Lk 7:2; Mat 8:6
- ➋ Appealed to the Jewish elders to mediate on his behalf — vs. 3,7
- ➌ Sent messengers to prevent Jesus from coming to his home  
— vs. 6,7
- ➍ Understood the nature of the Lord's authority — vs. 7,8



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## *What About Our Humility?*

- Do we realize how undeserving we are — Job 42:5,6; Ps 16:2; Is 6:5; Luke 17:10; 1 Pet 5:5
- No one deserves salvation — John 3:16; Mat. 26:28; John 14:6
- Humility is essential — Mat 5:3; James 4:6-10
- MUST recognized the authority of Jesus — Luke 6:46; Rom 10:13





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## *The Centurion's Great Faith*

### **Luke 7:9-10 (NKJV)**

9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “**I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**” <sup>10</sup> And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.





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## *The Centurion's Great Faith*

- ➊ When Jesus heard these things - vs. 9
- ➋ How he viewed himself as being unworthy - vs. 6,7a
- ➌ How he trusted Jesus' authority - vs. 7,8
- ➍ He marveled - vs. 9; cf. Mk 6:6





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*What About Our Faith?*

- ➊ Does Jesus see our:
  - ➋ Desperate hunger for His provision?
  - ➌ Attitude of hopelessness without Him?
  - ➍ Humility? Our complete bowing to His authority?
  - ➎ Complete trust in His word?





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## *Another Centurion - Acts 10*

- 📌 The First Gentile Christians:
  - 📌 A God fearer: 10:1,2
  - 📌 Sought salvation ~ 10:3-8
  - 📌 Wanted to hear what God commanded him ~ 10:24-33
  - 📌 Heard gospel ~ 10:34-43
  - 📌 Divine confirmation of God's desire to save gentiles ~ 10:44-46
  - 📌 Gentiles receive salvation by faith through Jesus' name ~ 10:47,48





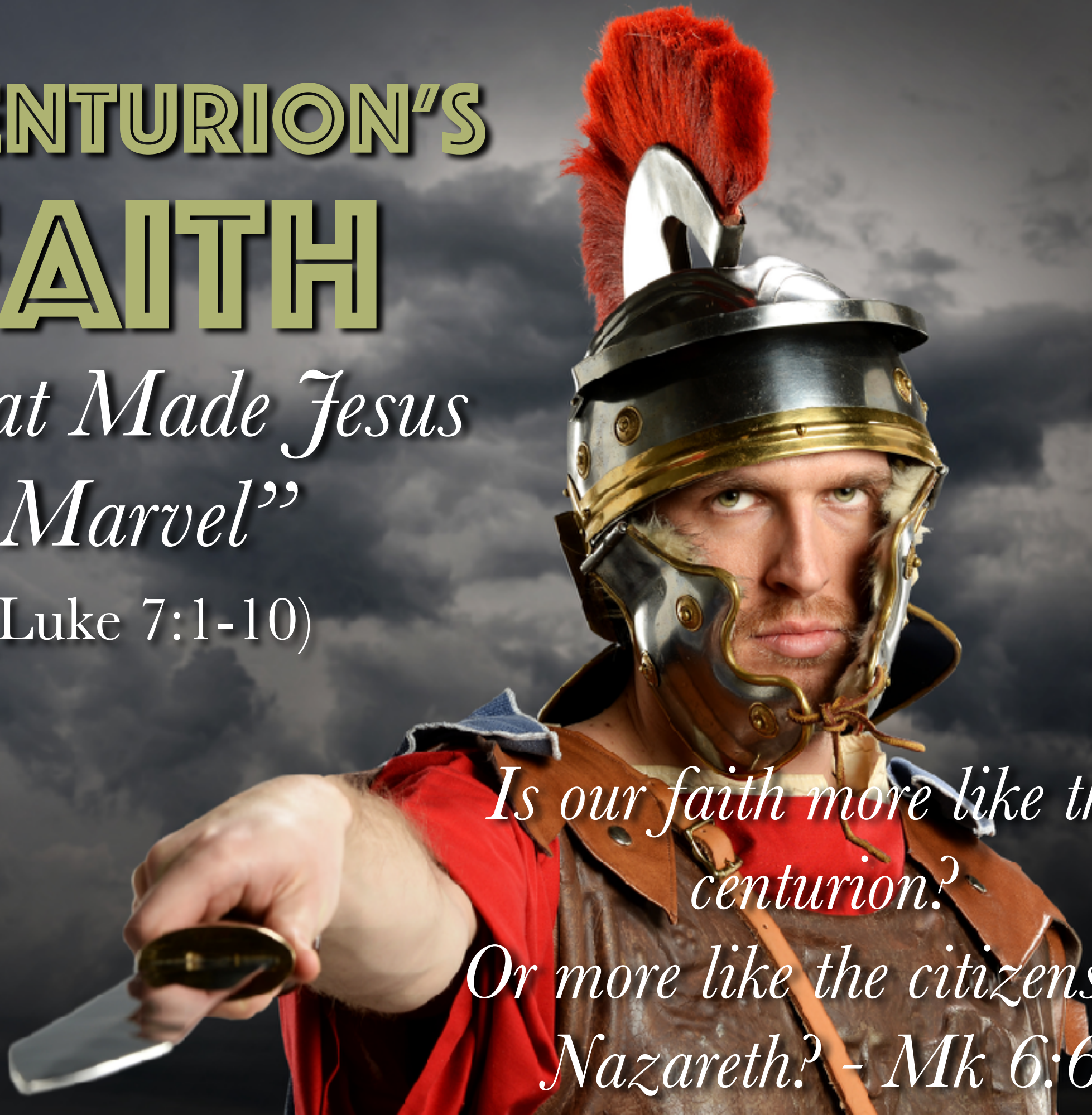
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*Is our faith more like this  
centurion?*

*Or more like the citizens of  
Nazareth? - Mk 6:6*











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# Matthew 8:5–13 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, <sup>6</sup> saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” <sup>7</sup> And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” <sup>8</sup> The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.



# Matthew 8:5–13 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.” <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

# Matthew 8:5–13 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, *so* let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.