

God Of Miracles | Jesus Heals From Distance | Pastor Steve Wells | 02.20.2022
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This week Pastor Steve spoke on the passage in John 4, where Jesus heals the government official's son from over 20 miles away. Jesus was in Cana of Galilee and the man's son was in Capernaum. In this week's GoDeeper we will take a look at a very similar miracle in Matthew 8:5-13 – Jesus heals a Roman's Officer's servant.

Matthew 8:5-13 New Living Translation

The Faith of a Roman Officer

“5 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with Him, 6 “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.”

7 Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.”

8 But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. **Just say the word from where you are,** and my servant will be healed. 9 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.”

10 When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to those who were following Him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel! 11 And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. 12 But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.”

Questions:

- What are the similarities between Matthew 8 & John 4?
- What observations can we make about these two men's faith?
- What role does our faith play in our prayer for healing?
 - Use your Bible Concordance and find verses that connect faith & healing.

Truth about Miracles:

God is the God of Miracles – absolutely! We must never forget that God created EVERYTHING out of NOTHING. It is illogical and unbiblical for us to think that God no longer performs miracles or heals today. Although, we must pay careful attention to the intentions of our heart when we pray for God to heal or perform miracles. We cannot bend God's will to resemble or fit our own (as painful as that may be for us). We must never forget that while God **can heal us, we must never presume that He must heal us.** Barnes says, “*Death is the consequence of the fall. It overtakes us all, and most commonly recruits illness as its vehicle...We may perceive our healing to be the greatest good, but God's wisdom surpasses even the most impressive reaches of our understanding (Isaiah 55:8).*”

Miracles are the exception to the natural rules of this world. They are not common. They are extraordinary. God does not perform miracles solely for the benefit of the individual, but rather to display His Glory and for His Divine Purpose. The best way for us to pray for God's divine intervention is to pray a “so that” prayer.

Example:

(Father I pray that you will _____ so that you will be Glorified in _____ and your Purposes and Plans will be fulfilled in _____.) Lord, I know that you can! I pray that you will! I trust you even if you don't!