



## YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

### #9. "JESUS SPEAKS TO THE CENTURION"

*Matthew 8:5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." ... <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour. [Also Luke 7:1-10]*

The centurion understood *authority*; he had personal experience with seeing *instant obedience to the spoken, authoritative word*. Because he himself obeyed the Emperor, and because he had soldiers under him who obeyed his commands, he was convinced that Jesus could do the same thing with his servant's illness. If Jesus would "*just say the word*," the servant would be healed.



What Jesus is suggesting he considers unnecessary; anyone *in* authority can issue orders knowing that what he says will be done even though he himself is not present at the scene of operations ... All that is needed is for Jesus to *say the word* ... the word is the instrument with which the servant will be healed. <sup>Morris</sup>

When your words begin to carry more weight than we typically give them today, you'll begin to understand the faith this Roman officer had in Jesus' words, which were filled with divine power, a power that Jesus gives to those who follow him. <sup>LABC</sup>

THINK ABOUT IT ...



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