

## Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus.

**This week** – continuing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

*The Centurion said to the Lord Jesus,  
“Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to  
come unto Thee: but say in a word, and my  
servant shall be healed.” Luke 7v7.*

### Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 7v1-10 (The Centurion’s Servant Healed)	
Monday	Luke 4v1-13 (The Lord Jesus’ Victory Over Satan)	
Tuesday	Luke 4v14-32 (The Lord Preached With Power)	
Wednesday	Luke 5v1-11 (Peter Sees Himself As A Sinner)	
Thursday	Romans 3v10-31 (None Are Righteous of Themselves)	
Friday	Romans 10v1-21 (We Must Speak of The Risen Christ)	
Saturday	Psalm 71 (God is My Hope From My Youth)	

**Important Question for us Today:** Do we expect God to answer our prayers for help? We must first ask, ‘What is our greatest problem?’ If you do not yet know the Lord as your personal Saviour, then your greatest problem is your sin which separates you from Him. **This is the first issue** that you must seek help from God to resolve. Graciously, the Holy God has sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to die on Calvary – as a substitute, in our place, taking the punishment we fully deserve for our sin. He will hear and answer our earnest prayers for help as we sincerely look to Him in repentance and faith. Once our sins are forgiven, and we are saved, **then** we can bring any unselfish concern we have to Him for His attention. He will always answer according to His Sovereign Will and Purpose.

**See Romans 8v28. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”**

**Hymn 396 - reminding us that we must fully trust in Jesus Christ for Eternal Salvation:**

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| 1. Jesus, I will trust Thee,<br>Trust Thee with my soul,<br>Guilty, lost, and helpless,<br>Thou canst make me whole.<br>There is none in Heaven<br>Or on earth like Thee:<br>Thou hast died for sinners –<br>Therefore, Lord for me. | 3. Jesus, I do trust Thee,<br>Trust without a doubt;<br>Whosoever cometh<br>Thou wilt not cast out.<br>Faithful is Thy promise,<br>Precious is Thy blood:<br>These my soul’s salvation,<br>Thou my Saviour God! |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.*

## An Army Officer.

- **The Centurion – A High-Ranking Roman Army Officer.**
  - Well Educated, Trained - Commanding the Roman Garrison at Capernaum.
  - He was a kind, caring, man. He had even built the local Jewish Synagogue.
- **The Centurion’s Need – His Trusted Slave Was Seriously Ill.**
  - **A situation over which he had no control.** He felt small and helpless.
  - Sometimes the Lord, in His kindness, has to send a tragic event into our lives to make us stop and realise that we cannot live our lives without His help.
- **The Centurion’s Trust - He Recognised that Jesus Christ was God.**
  - He had heard Christ preach and was aware of His powerful healing miracles.
  - He believed that Jesus, being God, only needed to speak to heal his servant.
- **The Centurion’s Shame – Overwhelmed by His Own Unworthiness.**
  - He knew that God could see his heart. “Who am I to ask the Lord God a favour?”
  - He knew that the Lord God is awesome, holy and hates all our sin.
  - Feeling unworthy, he asked the Jewish elders to approach Jesus with his request for help, and they were glad to do it - they saw him as a good man.
  - Amazingly, the very Lord he was afraid to face was now coming to his house.
- **The Centurion’s Great Faith – He Sends A Message to The Lord.**
  - He believed that the Lord could command from a distance such that his servant would be healed, just as he commanded the men under him.
  - The Lord Jesus, marvelling at the Centurion’s words of faith, said to the crowd, **“I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel!”**
  - The Centurion’s Servant was healed immediately when Jesus said these words.
- **Let Us Examine Our ‘Faith’ – Is it Real? Or, Is It Mixed with Unbelief?**
  - **What would the Lord Jesus say to us today?** He knows our sinful hearts.
  - Do we underestimate our sinfulness? Do we fail to believe that God is Holy?
  - Are we mistaken, believing we are Christians based on our imagined goodness and works (e.g. church attendance, good deeds, my parents are Christians), without repentance of our sin, and without trust in Christ alone?
  - Do we allow proud excuses to stop us from truly repenting, and trusting only in Christ? – ‘I am not sinful’, ‘I am too sinful’, ‘I want my own way’, ‘I cannot give up loving the world’, ‘My coming would be a ‘work’, I’ll wait for God.’

True saving faith is summed up by the Apostle Paul when he answered the Philippian Jailer’s question, **“What must I do to be saved?” .... “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”.** Acts 16v30-31.