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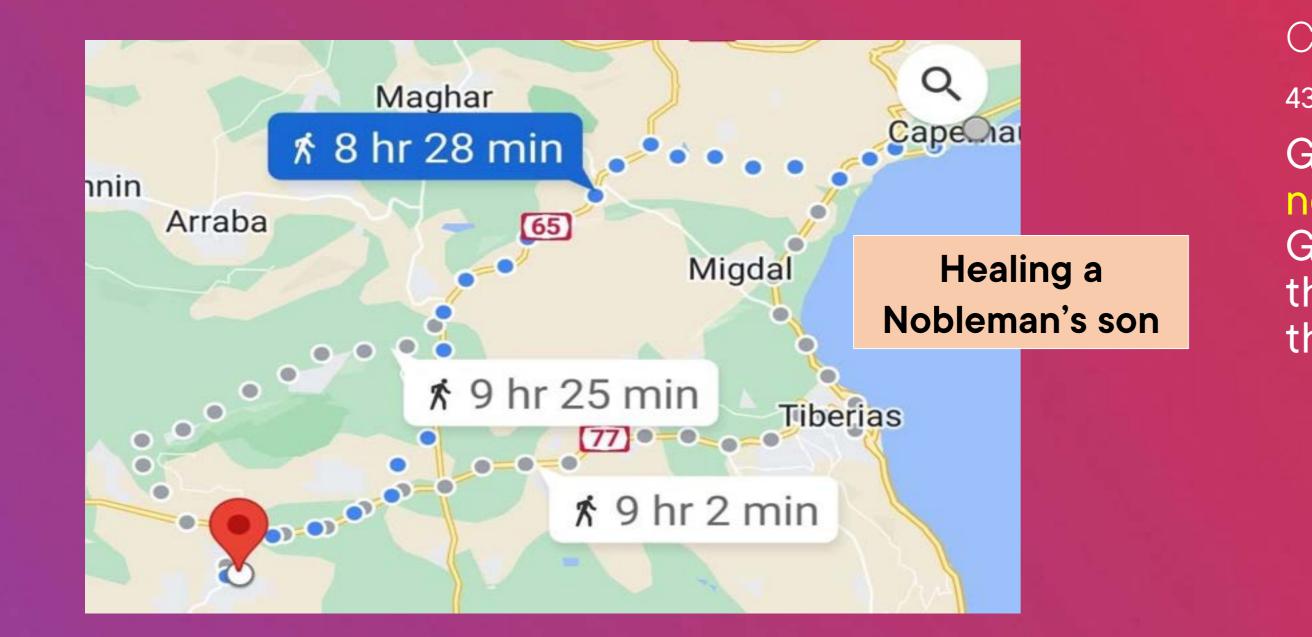
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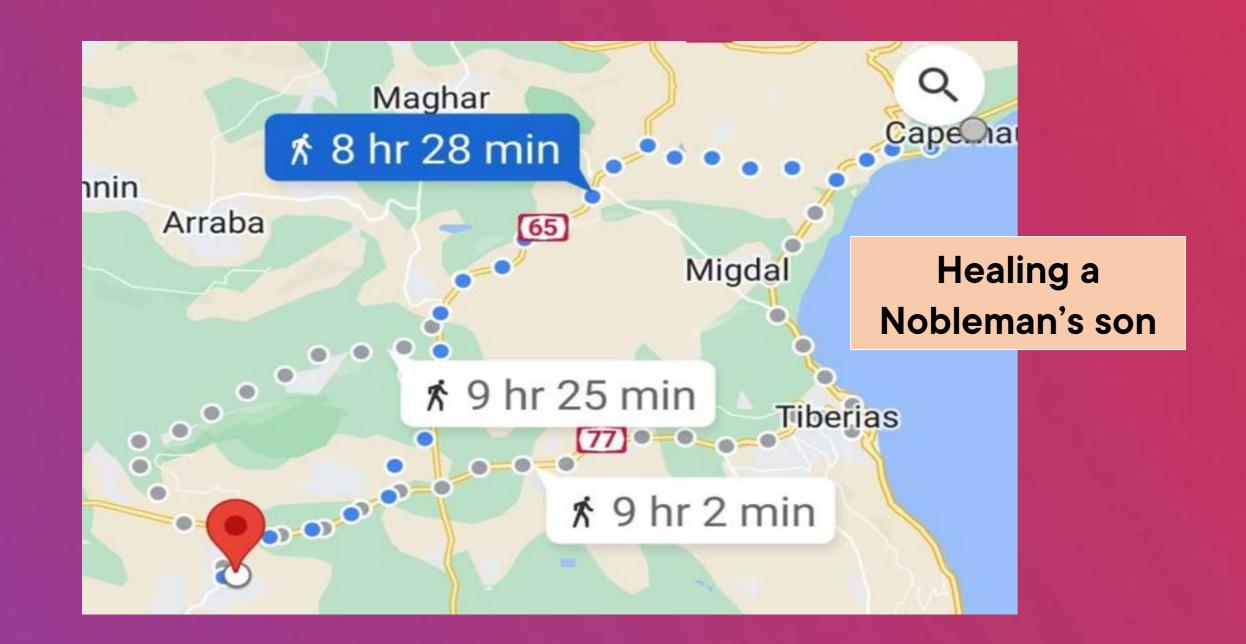
Believe without seeing.

- David Pawson



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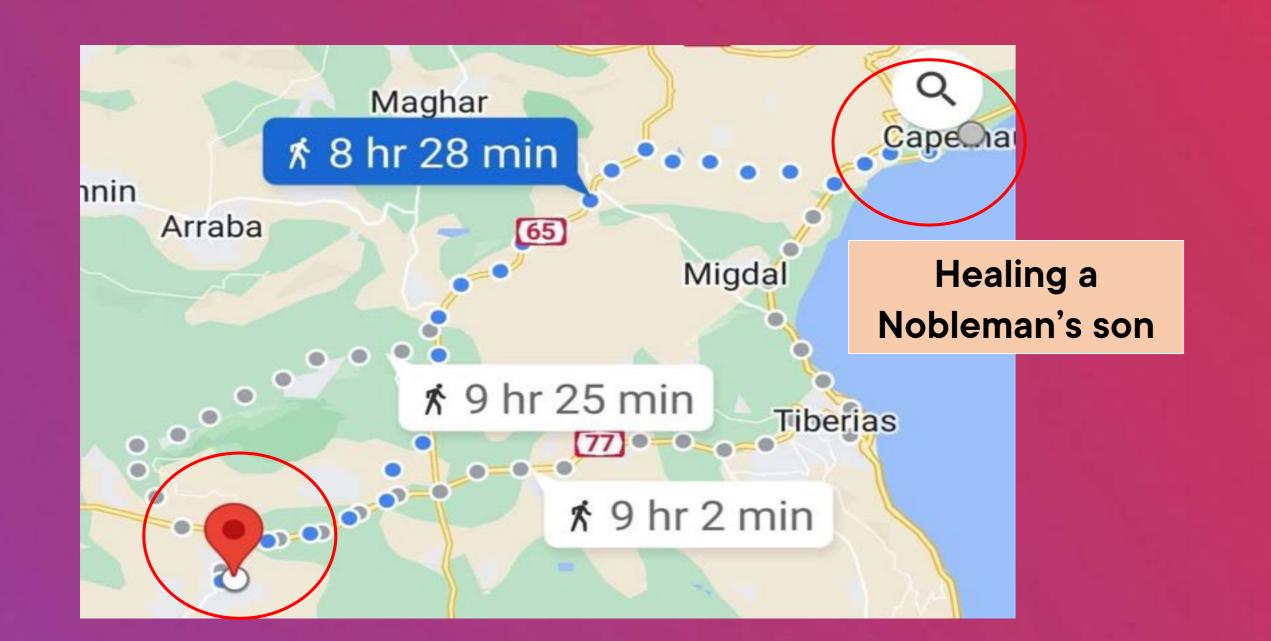
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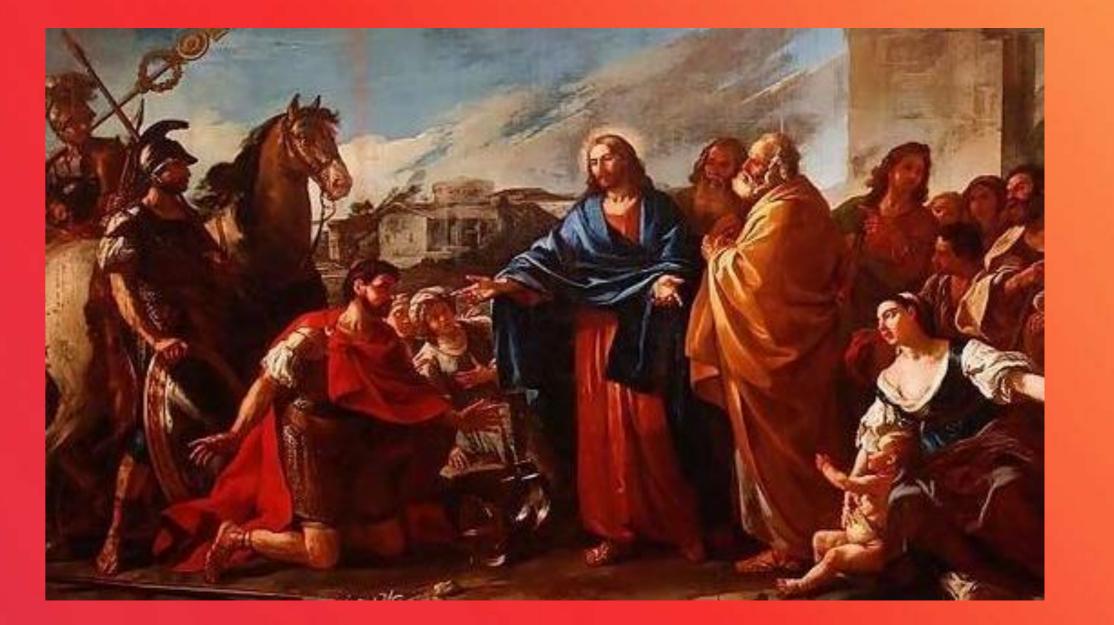
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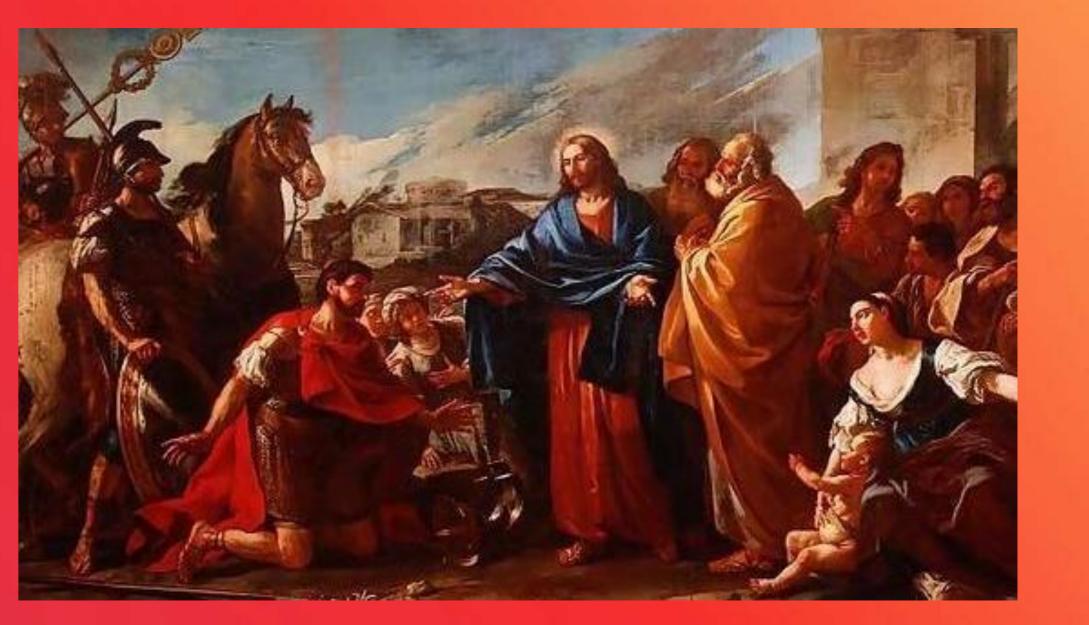
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The nobleman believed that Jesus could heal his son, BUT only through physical touch.

His faith lacked two things:

He limited God's power over <u>distance</u> & <u>death</u>



If we set limits on what Jesus can do, our faith is no greater than the nobleman's.

- How is your faith today?
- Are you limiting the power of God in your life?

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Faulty Faith
Limited God's power



Watch their stories here.

Four doctors pronounced him dead. How do you explain what happened next?



Suzanne Chin's Testimony: God raised her from the dead!



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// a better translation //
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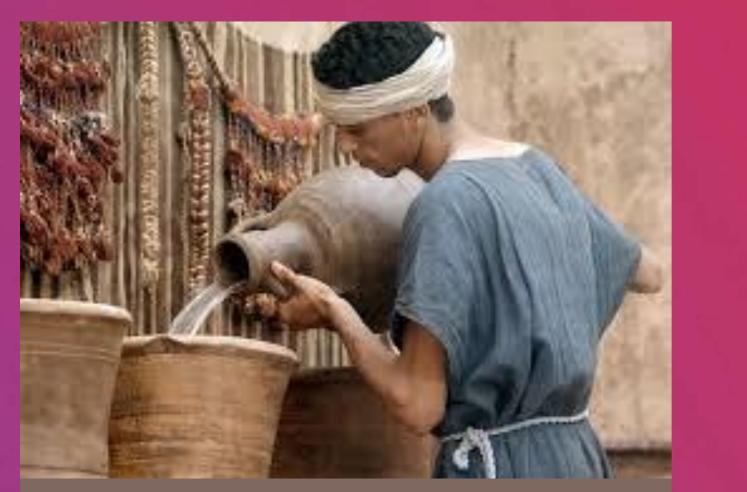
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The father said "Come"

Jesus said "Go"

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Just a word (God's word) – that is all he had and he believed it.



John 2:7
Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

God's word is all you need.

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His journey home was an act of FAITH.

Pure Faith/Belief → trust in the Lord → action

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Sharing Faith

They had never met Jesus YET they believed.

Even when you cannot see, BELIEVE.

John 20:29

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

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2 Corinthians 5:7

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