



CELL GUIDE

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel of John records several miracles performed by Jesus. A miracle is a supernatural event that involves an act from God. These miracles are not merely demonstrations of divine power. They are signs intended to reveal Jesus' identity as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. The repeated emphasis throughout the Gospel is the call to believe. Through belief in Jesus, we are promised not only eternal life but also abundant life.

Today, we will examine one of these miracles — the healing of the royal official's son — and reflect on what it teaches us about faith.

FOUR TRUTHS OF GOD

The Desperation of the Royal Official

The story begins with an official whose son was gravely ill. Though he held influence, wealth, and access to resources, none of it could save his child. In desperation, he travelled a significant distance to seek Jesus; an act that required humility and courage. He was willing to lay aside his dignity and reputation for the sake of his son. His story reminds us that there are many moments when human strength and resources are not enough, and we are confronted with our deep need for God.

The Challenge of Faith

When the official pleaded with Jesus to come and heal his son, Jesus instead challenged the crowd's dependence on signs and wonders and simply told the man to return home, for his son would live. At that moment, the official had a choice: demand proof or trust Jesus' word. He chose to believe and began his journey home. The turning point of the story was not the confirmed healing, but the decision to trust what Jesus had spoken.

The Confirmation of the Miracle

As the official journeyed home, his servants met him with news that his son had recovered. When he asked about the timing, he realised it happened at the exact moment Jesus spoke. This confirmation strengthened his faith, and as a result, not only did he believe, but his entire household also came to faith.

God's Greater Purpose

Though the official initially sought physical healing, Jesus accomplished something greater. The miracle restored not only the son's health but brought spiritual transformation to the whole family. This reveals a deeper principle: while God answers our immediate needs, His ultimate purpose is to draw us into deeper faith and relationship with Him.

Application for Our Lives

There are three practical lessons we can apply from this passage.

1. Tell God

Like the royal official, we are invited to bring our needs, fears, and struggles honestly before God. Prayer is an expression of dependence on Him. We do not need perfect words; we only need sincere hearts.

2. Trust God

Faith requires us to trust God's word even when we do not immediately see results. The official demonstrated faith by returning home without visible evidence of healing. Similarly, we are called to trust God's promises in Scripture and hold onto His faithfulness.

3. Testify About God

The official's testimony led his household to believe. When God works in our lives, sharing our testimonies can encourage others and lead them toward faith. Our stories of God's faithfulness become powerful tools for ministry.

CONCLUSION

This passage teaches us that true faith is believing before seeing. The royal official moved from desperation to faith, and through his faith, his family experienced both physical healing and spiritual transformation.

Today, we are reminded that God is still at work. He calls us to bring our needs to Him, trust His word, and share His goodness with others. When we place our faith in Him, we discover that He gives not only answers to our prayers but also the gift of eternal and abundant life.

May we learn to trust God deeply, believe in His promises, and boldly testify of His work in our lives.

QUESTIONS

1. Share about a miracle you have personally experienced for yourself or witnessed in another person's life. How did that strengthen your faith?

2. In the account of the royal official in the **Gospel of John**, he trusted the word of **Jesus Christ** before seeing the result. What is one situation in your life where God may be asking you to trust Him even though you cannot yet see the outcome?

3. After experiencing the miracle, the official's testimony led his household to believe. How can you intentionally share a testimony of God's faithfulness with someone in your family, workplace, or community this week?