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Scripture Reading: *Mathew 8:5-13*

In verse 8, the Centurion said to Jesus, **“Speak the Word only and my servant shall be healed.”**

The Centurion was a Roman soldier, in charge of 100 Roman soldiers, **responsible to keep law and order** in the region of Capernaum. (verse 5)

The Centurion had seen the multitudes around Jesus because **he was in charge of all crowd control. He was watching carefully.** *Matthew 4:23,24, 5:1, 8:1.*

The Centurion had observed the **miraculous healings.** *Matthew 4:23,24.* He had watched with awe **the demons being cast out.** *Matthew 4:24, (Matthew 8:16,17).*

He observed that Jesus cast out demons, healed the sick and performed miracles, by speaking a word of command.

The Centurion observed that Jesus exercised authority as he did, by speaking a word of command. The Centurion said to this soldier, “Go”! and he went; to another one, “Come”! and he came; and to another, “Do this”! and he did it.

He knew, as a God-fearing man, that Jesus was healing the sick, performing astounding miracles, and casting out demons, by the authority and power of God. He knew no human being could do these works on his own.

The Centurion recognised that he was similar to Jesus in the exercise of authority and power. He knew that he had authority and power over his soldiers and servants, because he was under the authority of the Ruler of the Roman Empire, Caesar.

The Centurion immediately saw that Jesus had authority and power from God, to perform the miraculous works of God, because, He, Jesus, was totally under the authority of God. *Matthew 8:9.*

Jesus declared this truth many times. He said, **“I only say what My Father tells Me to say. I only do what My Father tells Me to do.”** *John 5:19,30, 6:38, 8:26,28, 12:49, 14:10.*

Jesus was totally under the authority of His Father, and so He carried the Father’s authority and power.

He said what his Father told Him to say, and He did what His Father told Him to do.

Jesus walked in the Holy Spirit. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit revealed to Jesus what the Father was saying and doing. *John 5:19,20.*

That is why the centurion said to Jesus, **“Speak the Word only and my servant shall be healed.”** *Matthew 8:8.*

Jesus was amazed and said, **“I have not found such faith in all of Israel”.** And this was a Roman soldier speaking. Jesus realised that the Roman Centurion understood that His, (Jesus), authority came from God, because He was in total, willing submission to God’s authority.

This is the foundation of faith.

As we yield to the full authority of God in our lives, His full authority rests on us, so that when we speak a word of command that God has given us to speak, we do so with full assurance that what we have said will come to pass. This is “the work of faith with power.” *2Thessalonians 1:11*

This is Jesus’ message to us in *Mark 11:22,23,24.* **“Have the faith if God”. “Whosoever will say unto this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into the sea” and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things that he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he says”. “Therefore I say unto you, “What ever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them”.**

The aim of Jesus' life was to do the will of the Father. He said that for Him, this was His bread. *John 4:34.*

The foundation of faith is total surrender to the authority of God.

This means that we seek to say only what God is telling us to say and to do only what God shows us to do.
John 12:49, John 14:10.

Jesus said, "If anyone wills to do the will of God, he shall know what God's will is." *John 7:17.*

As we walk in the Spirit, God tells us what to say, and He tells us what to do.
The people who walk in this way are the sons of God. *Romans 8:14.*

It is in this way that the authority of God rests upon us, and His miraculous works flow through us. *John 14:12*