

# Today's Message



## **“Faithful”**

*Part one of the series: “Ignite: Activating the Power to Believe”*

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*“When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>‘Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.’ <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, ‘I will come and heal him.’ <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, “Go,” and he goes, and to another, “Come,” and he comes, and to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.’ <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, ‘Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, ‘Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.’ And the servant was healed at that very moment.” (Matthew 8:5-13 ESV)*

## **We often come to God and find faith in the face of crisis.**

*“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly... only say the word, and my servant will be healed.” (Matthew 8:6, 8 ESV)*

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**When we recognize who Jesus truly is, faith is unleashed in our lives.**

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(Matthew 8:8-9 ESV)

*"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17)*

**The exercise of faith moves the heart of God.**

*"When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, 'Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.'" (Matthew 8:10 ESV)*

*"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."  
(Hebrews 11:6 ESV)*

**When we are faithful, God will move in our lives.**

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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

